

Asylum procedure and residence permit

If you come to Germany as an asylum seeker/refugee, you must apply for asylum as soon as possible after your arrival in Germany. In Bremen, you register for this at the:

Central Reception Center for Asylum Seekers and Refugees in the State of Bremen (ZASt), Lindenstraße 110, 28755 Bremen.

There it will be decided whether you can stay in Bremen or have to be distributed to another federal state.

Once you have been admitted, you can file your asylum application with the BAMF, which will then be responsible for you. From the BAMF you will also receive a Aufenthaltsgestattung, which serves as proof that you are allowed to stay in Germany for the duration of the asylum procedure. You must carry this Aufenthaltsgestattung with you at all times. The Aufenthaltsgestattung contains the requirement where you must take up residence and whether you are allowed to work. You can find more information about the asylum procedure on the BAMF website (see under "i Where can I find out more?").

If you have been assigned to Bremen for the duration of the asylum procedure, the Migration Office is responsible for extending the residence permit for the duration of the asylum procedure and for changing the requirement if you are allowed to work.

Competent Department

- [Aufenthalt](#)
- [Migrationsamt](#)
- [Zentrale Aufnahmestelle für Asylbewerber und Flüchtlinge im Lande Bremen \(ZASt\)](#)

Basic information

For the duration of the asylum procedure, the asylum seeker receives a residence permit. This is issued for the first time by the BAMF with a validity of three months and is extended continuously by the migration office until the asylum procedure is completed. (The residence permit does not have the legal character of a residence title. It only certifies a temporary residence during the asylum procedure).

The Aufenthaltsgestattung contains conditions for taking up residence and for permission to work and study; these conditions are binding.

Travel abroad is not possible with the residence permit.

Procedure

To extend your Aufenthaltsgestattung, if you are still living in the initial reception center in Lindenstraße or in a temporary residence, hand it in to the management of the residence before it expires. The residence hall will forward the Aufenthaltsgestattung to the Migration Office for renewal and you will receive it back within 1-2 days after renewal.

If the Aufenthaltsgestattung has been extended by the Migration Office, you will receive a new Aufenthaltsgestattung from the Migration Office when the old one expires or an appointment to receive a residence permit if your asylum application has been approved by the BAMF.

If you are no longer living in a residence and your Aufenthaltsgestattung expires in a week and you have not yet received any mail from the Migration Office, please send us an e-mail to <mailto:ref30@migrationsamt.bremen.de>.

Legal bases

- [Asylgesetz \(AsylG\)](#)

What are the costs?

There are no costs for the asylum application and the residence permit. If your Aufenthaltsgestattung expires, the asylum procedure has not yet been completed and you have not been given an appointment to extend it, please contact your dormitory management or send an e-mail to ref30@migrationsamt.bremen.de.