

(Persons who have applied for asylum on grounds of political persecution or as refugees under the Geneva Convention relating to the Status of Refugees - CSR)

Labour-market access	Cost of living assistance	Benefits for integration Assistance through programmes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No labour-market access during the first 3 months stay and during stay in an initial reception centre • Labour-market access after 3 months stay with the approval of the Federal Employment Agency • Vocational training and employment that meet the conditions for a EU Blue Card do not require approval. • No priority review for highly qualified professionals and skilled personnel in shortage occupations • No priority review after 15 months stay • Temporary work permitted, where no priority review is conducted • Approval not required after 4 years stay 	<p>Asylum Seekers Benefits Act: Benefits under the Asylum Seekers Benefits Act (two-stage benefits system):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only basic benefits during the first 15 months • Possible reduction of benefits for asylum applicants who enter Germany, although another state is responsible for their asylum procedure under EU allocation • Subsequent cost of living assistance and assistance in the case of illness and care under Social Code XII • Possible reduction of basic benefits in the case of extended stay in abuse of rights <p>Training Assistance Act, vocational training grant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Generally no entitlement 	<p>Integration courses and occupational language skills development:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation for those persons permitted to stay with good prospects of remaining in the country, depending on available places • As of mid-2016: participation in language skills development solely financed from federal government funds <p>ESF programmes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Federal Government ESF Integration Guidelines</u> – priority area, Integration of Asylum Seekers and Refugees: phased and sustainable integration into work and training and assistance in taking up (resuming) school education leading to a qualification • <u>Language courses run by the Federal Office for Migration and Refugees</u>: possible as part of participation in measures under the priority area, Integration of Asylum Seekers and Refugees • <u>Funding programme, Integration through Qualification</u>: advice on recognition of occupational qualifications, conducting qualification measures under the Federal Recognition Act <p>Benefits under Social Code III:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entitlement to counselling; also placement services and placement support measures after three months stay; possible earlier access to these benefits for persons with good prospects of remaining in the country • Other benefits of pro-active employment promotion provided the respective requirements have been met in the individual case • Initial language guidance until the end of 2015 for up to eight weeks for persons with good prospects for remaining in the country • No assistance for pre-vocational training measures, assisted training, training-related assistance or extra-company vocational training

Tolerated persons

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(Persons who cannot be deported for legal or factual reasons, although they are enforceably required to leave the country)

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Direct labour-market access not requiring approval for vocational training or employment that meet the conditions for a EU Blue Card• For all other forms of employment, labour-market access after 3 months stay under the same conditions as for asylum applicants• No labour-market access in the case of entry for the purpose of obtaining benefits or obstructing measures to terminate stay	<p>Asylum Seekers Benefits Act:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Benefit as for asylum applicants• In part greater scope for reduction of benefit than with asylum applicants, e.g. if obligations to cooperate are infringed under the law on foreigners• Possible stricter reduction of benefits (usually only benefits for food, housing, heating and personal care and health) <p>Training Assistance Act, vocational training grant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• After 4 years of uninterrupted stay (as of 1 Aug. 2016: after 15 months stay; draft amendment of Social Code XII provides for predating to 1 Jan. 2016)	<p>Integration courses and occupational language skills development:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• As with asylum applicants, tolerated persons in vocational training, depending on available places <p>ESF programmes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• As with asylum applicants <p>Benefits under Social Code III:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• As with asylum applicants• Assisted training: minimum prior length of stay as with the Training Assistance Act, vocational training grant• Draft amendment of Social Code XII provides for access to training-related assistance as of 1 Jan. 2016 with minimum 15 months prior stay

Persons entitled to asylum

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Recognised refugees (persons who have been incontestably recognised as persecuted persons on political grounds under Article 16a of the Basic Law or as CSR refugees), quota refugees

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unlimited labour-market access 	<p>Social Code II:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As with nationals <p>Social Code XII:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As with nationals <p>Training Assistance Act, vocational training grant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In normal cases - yes 	<p>Integration courses and occupational language skills development:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal right to participation for persons entitled to asylum, recognised refugees under Section 25(1 and 2) of the Residence Act and quota refugees from the Federal Admission Programme with a residence permit under Section 23(2) of the Residence Act • Participation depending on available course places for all other holders of residence permits on humanitarian grounds • Obligatory attendance, if there is entitlement to benefit under Social Code II and this is included in the integration agreement, provided the requirements have been met for permanent residence under Section 44(1), second sentence of the Residence Act • As of mid-2016, occupational language skills development (obligatory attendance in the case of entitlement to benefit under Social Code II and integration agreement) <p>ESF programmes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Language courses run by the Federal Office for Migration and Refugees: participation possible for benefit recipients under Social Code II or Social Code III or persons registered as seeking work • Federal Government ESF Integration Guidelines/Integration of Asylum Seekers and Refugees: as with asylum applicants • Funding programme, Integration through Qualification: as with asylum applicants <p>Benefits under Social Code II:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Benefits for integration into employment as with nationals