

Niederlassungserlaubnis [settlement permit]⁹

NIEDERLASSUNGSERLAUBNIS [SETTLEMENT PERMIT] AFTER 5 YEARS¹⁰:

- Niederlassungserlaubnis [settlement permit] after [five years](#) (including the processing time for the previous asylum application)
- Foreigner's file does not contain any indication from the BAMF that there are grounds for revocation or withdrawal (in the case of such indications dated between 2015 – 2017, the foreigner's file must contain a statement from the BAMF that there are no grounds for revocation or withdrawal)
- Costs of basic subsistence largely assured** (more than 50% of the needs of the communal household must be covered by non-public means – exceptions in the case of incapacity to work due to illness or disability and when reaching the statutory retirement age)
- Sufficient language skills ([A2 level](#)) (exceptions in the case of incapacity for language acquisition due to illness or disability)
- Basic knowledge of the legal and social order and living conditions in Germany (proof provided by successful completion of integration course – exceptions in the case of incapacity due to illness or disability)
- Sufficient living space for the applicant and members of their family living in the same household**
- No opposing arguments related to public safety or order
- Identity has been established** (passport requirement met – possible exception as per Section 5(3)(2) of the AufenthG [German Residence Act])

NIEDERLASSUNGSERLAUBNIS [SETTLEMENT PERMIT] AFTER 3 YEARS¹¹:

- Niederlassungserlaubnis [settlement permit] after [three years](#) (including the processing time for the previous asylum application)
- Foreigner's file does not contain any indication from the BAMF that there are grounds for revocation or withdrawal (in the case of such indications dated between 2015 – 2017, the foreigner's file must contain a statement from the BAMF that there are no grounds for revocation or withdrawal)
- Costs of basic subsistence largely assured** (approx. 70 – 80% of the needs of the communal household must be covered by non-public means)
- Fluency in the German language ([C1 level](#))
- Basic knowledge of the legal and social order and living conditions in Germany
- Sufficient living space for the applicant and members of their family living in the same household**
- No opposing arguments related to public safety or order
- Identity has been established** (passport requirement met – possible exception as per Section 5(3)(2) of the AufenthG [German Residence Act])

Please note:

- Persons who entered the country as minors and have held an Aufenthaltserlaubnis [residence permit] for 5 years can obtain a Niederlassungserlaubnis [settlement permit] under simplified conditions, if applicable
- After five years with an Aufenthaltserlaubnis [residence permit], there may also be the possibility of being granted a Daueraufenthaltserteilung-EU [permanent EU residence permit] (Section 9a of the AufenthG [German Residence Act]).

NIEDERLASSUNGSERLAUBNIS [SETTLEMENT PERMIT] AFTER 5 YEARS¹²:

- Niederlassungserlaubnis [settlement permit] after [five years](#) (including the processing time for the previous asylum application)
- Costs of basic subsistence assured** (100% of the needs of the communal household must be covered by non-public means – exceptions in the case of incapacity to work due to illness or disability)
- at least **60 months of compulsory or voluntary contributions to the statutory pension insurance scheme** or entitlement to comparable benefits (it is sufficient for a spouse to fulfil this requirement)
- Sufficient language skills ([B1 level](#)) (exceptions in the case of incapacity for language acquisition due to illness or disability)
- Basic knowledge of the legal and social order and living conditions in Germany (proof provided by successful completion of integration course – exceptions in the case of incapacity due to illness or disability)
- Sufficient living space for the applicant and members of their family living in the same household**
- No opposing arguments related to public safety or order
- Identity has been established** (passport requirement met – possible exception as per Section 5(3)(2) of the AufenthG [German Residence Act])

Please note:

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Persons entitled to asylum / refugees (Section 25(1)/(2) of the AufenthG [German Residence Act])

Other persons with residence permits as per Sections 22 – 25b of the AufenthG [German Residence Act] (e.g. persons entitled to subsidiary protection, persons with a deportation ban)

OFFICIAL AND VOLUNTEER-RUN ADVICE CENTRES IN THE DISTRICT OF KONSTANZ

Immigration advice centres and youth immigration advice centres

www.konstanz.de/migrationsberatung

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BROCHURE FOR REFUGEES

An overview of options and opportunities for integration

INTRODUCTION

This brochure is mainly intended for refugees, volunteers, teachers and employers.

This brochure answers questions on these topics:

- Residence regulations
- Schools and language courses
- Vocational training and university studies
- Work
- Wohnsitzauflage [residence requirement]
- Travel
- Bringing family members to join you
- Social benefits
- Niederlassungserlaubnis [settlement permit]

This brochure describes the various options for refugees. There are many ways for refugees to integrate into German society.

The intention of this chart is to answer basic questions. Differences in the refugees' statuses can be derived from the official documents. For more detailed advice, please refer to the advice centres in the district, voluntary agencies and other resources – found on the back of the brochure.

This brochure will be updated with relevant changes.

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¹ For information on temporary suspension of deportation for the purpose of training or employment (Sections 60c and 60d of the AufenthG [German Residence Act]), please refer to the free brochures provided by the Baden-Württemberg Refugee Council (<https://fluechtlingsrat-bw.de/material-bestellen/>)

² Compulsory school attendance until the age of 16 (Baden-Württemberg) and/or compulsory vocational school attendance until the age of 18 after 6 months of residency in Germany. If funding is not available for adults for the pre-qualification year for work and occupation, funding can be provided in individual cases by the Office for Immigration and Integration of the Konstanz District Office. You can find detailed information on education and funding opportunities here: https://www.asyl.net/fileadmin/user_upload/publikationen/Arbeitsstellen/BroschuerBildung2016fin.pdf.

³ Language courses possible after distribution to urban or rural districts (state funding) (https://www.lrakn.de/site/lrakn-microsite/get/params_E52341060/2760584/%C3%9Cbersicht%20Sprachkurse%20Landkreis%20Konstanz.pdf). Funding can otherwise be provided in individual cases by the Office for Immigration and Integration of the Konstanz District Office after distribution to an urban or rural district. Job-related language courses are possible for immigrants from countries with good prospects of staying (currently: Syria and Eritrea).

⁴ A detailed list of admission requirements can be found here: https://www.lrakn.de/site/lrakn-microsite/get/params_E52341060/2760584/%C3%9Cbersicht%20Sprachkurse%20Landkreis%20Konstanz.pdf

⁵ For detailed information, see: https://www.asyl.net/fileadmin/user_upload/publikationen/Arbeitsstellen/BroschuerBildung2016fin.pdf.

⁶ For detailed information, see: https://www.studentenwerke.de/sites/default/files/hochschulzugang_studium_fluechtlinge_einseitig.pdf.

⁷ An overview of admission to internships can be found here: https://www.einwanderer.net/fileadmin/downloads/tabellen_und_uebersichten/Erfordernis_einer_Arbeiterlaubnis_bzw.pdf.

⁸ For information on the residence requirement, please refer to the free brochures provided by the Baden-Württemberg Refugee Council (<https://fluechtlingsrat-bw.de/material-bestellen/>).

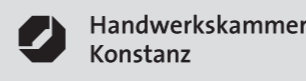
⁹ Unlike the Aufenthaltserlaubnis [residence permit], the Niederlassungserlaubnis [settlement permit] represents an unlimited right of residence. For a detailed description of the Niederlassungserlaubnis for holders of Aufenthaltstiteln [residence permits] as defined by Sections 22 – 25b of the AufenthG, please see <https://fluechtlingsrat-bw.de/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/2019-12-Arbeitshilfe-Aufenthaltsverfestigung-1.pdf>. For information on the Niederlassungserlaubnis for holders of other types of residence permits, please see <https://www.bamf.de/DE/Themen/Migration/Aufenthalt/Zuwanderer/Drittstaaten/Migrathek/Niederlassen/niederlassen-node.html>.

Exceptions and special provisions possible (in particular, facilitated issuance of titles for family members).

¹⁰ Section 26(3)(1) and (2) of the AufenthG [German Residence Act].

¹¹ Section 26(3)(3) of the AufenthG [German Residence Act].

¹² Section 26(4) in conjunction with Section 9(2) of the AufenthG [German Residence Act].



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