

# New regulations on applying for social benefits to the Job Centre for refugees from Ukraine

From June onwards, the payment of social benefits for refugees from Ukraine will be transferred from the Social Welfare Offices to the Job Centres.

This concerns:

- all those who have not yet reached retirement age under German law with the exception of those who receive a retirement pension under Ukrainian law. (verification is carried out by the job centre)
- unless you are permanently unable to earn your living through work for medical reasons. You have to go to the Job Centre to be examined.

These persons now receive higher benefits from the Job Centre and no longer from the Social Welfare Office. However, you will have to attend additional appointments as a result of the changeover. Depending on the conditions you fulfil, the procedure will differ slightly. However, you will not be left without benefits at any time.

You have already had an appointment at the State Office for Immigration (Landesamt für Einwanderung - LEA) and have a residence permit for Berlin?

You can apply to the Job Centre for social benefits: To do so, contact the Job Centre in the district where you have received benefits so far. You can find more information on the internet at the addresses at the bottom of this page.

If you have not yet been subjected to an identification process (fingerprinting), this must be carried out by 31 October 2022. You do not have to do anything, the appointment for this identification process will be sent to you.

You already have an appointment with the LEA. This appointment is after 31 May 2022?

You have a formal temporary residence permit (green folding card) or a substitute temporary residence permit (white stamped letter from the LEA)?

At your appointment at the LEA, they will check whether you have already been identified. If not, you will be given an appointment at the State Office for Refugee Affairs. The identification process will be carried out there.

You will receive your residence permit from the LEA.

You only have an online temporary residence permit? (own printout after digital application)

The Social Welfare Office will continue to pay your social benefits. You must continue to apply for them to the Social Welfare Office:  
<https://service.berlin.de/sozialaemter/>

At your appointment at the LEA, they will check whether you have already been identified. If not, you will be given an appointment at the State Office for Refugee Affairs. The identification process will be carried out there.

You will receive your residence permit from the LEA and can now apply to the Job Centre. Until these benefits are granted, you are entitled to benefits from the Social Welfare Office.

You have not yet applied for an appointment at the LEA for the issuance of a residence permit by 31 May 2022? You have not yet been registered in or allocated to Berlin?

You must go to the Ukraine Arrival Centre TXL. There you may possibly be allocated to Berlin and undergo an identification process.

Now you can apply for a residence permit at the LEA.

After the LEA has granted you a residence permit, you are entitled to social benefits from the Job Centre. You have to apply for these benefits. Until these benefits are granted, you are entitled to benefits from the Social Welfare Office.

further information:  
<https://www.berlin.de/ukraine>

Application for social benefits from the Job Centre:  
<https://www.arbeitsagentur.de/vor-ort/rd-bb/hilfe-fuer-gefluechtete-aus-der-ukraine>

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