

## Information for refugees: When am I allowed to work?

As long as you live in the AnkER centre, you are not allowed to work at all for 6 months.

💡 As a rule, you can live in the AnkER centre for a maximum of 18 months. An extension of up to 24 months is possible. Families with children may live in the AnkER centre for a maximum of 6 months.

After 6 months, you are usually entitled to a work permit. The foreigners authority decides whether you are allowed to work. You must therefore submit an application for a work permit to the foreigners authority. There are certain rules that you must observe.

## What applies to asylum seekers with proof of arrival or permission to stay in AnkER?

- You are not allowed to work for 6 months (work ban).
- After 6 months, you are entitled to a work permit if you fulfil the following criteria:
  - You do not come from [safe countries of origin](#) (except if asylum application until 31/08/2015 (for Georgia and Republic of Moldova asylum application until 30/08/2023).
  - Your asylum application has not been rejected by the BAMF as manifestly unfounded.
- The priority check does not apply. The Federal Employment Agency checks the working conditions during the first four years of residence.

## What applies to asylum seekers with proof of arrival or permission to stay outside AnkER?

- You are not allowed to work for 3 months (work ban).
- After 3 months, the foreigners authority will decide whether you can obtain a work permit. Exception: work ban if you come from a [safe country of origin](#) and have applied for asylum after 31 August 2015 (after 30 August 2023 for Georgia and the Republic of Moldova).
- After 6 months, you are entitled to a work permit if you fulfil the following criteria
  - You do not come from [safe countries of origin](#) (except if asylum application until 31/08/2015 (for Georgia and Republic of Moldova asylum application until 30/08/2023).
  - Your asylum application has not been rejected by the BAMF as manifestly unfounded.
- The priority check does not apply. The Federal Employment Agency checks the working conditions during the first four years of residence.

## What applies to tolerated persons in AnkER?

- After 6 months of toleration, the foreigners authority "should" issue a work permit. Exception: work ban if you come from [safe countries of origin](#) and have applied for asylum after 31 August 2015 (for Georgia and the Republic of Moldova after 30 August 2023). There is one exception: In the case of specific measures to end your stay, the immigration authority "may" issue a work permit.
- Persons with a tolerated stay due to unclear identity (Section 60b AufenthG) are always prohibited from working

- The priority check does not apply. The Federal Employment Agency checks the working conditions during the first four years of residence.

### **What applies to tolerated persons outside AnKER?**

- You are not allowed to work for 3 months (work ban).
- After 3 months, the foreigners authority "should" issue a work permit. Exception: work ban if you come from a [safe country of origin](#) and have applied for asylum after 31 August 2015 (for Georgia and the Republic of Moldova after 30 August 2023).  
There is one exception: In the case of specific measures to end your stay, the immigration authority "may" issue a work permit.
- Persons with a tolerated stay due to unclear identity (§ 60b AufenthG) are always prohibited from working.
- The priority check does not apply. The Federal Employment Agency checks the working conditions during the first four years of residence.

### **What applies to refugees with a residence permit?**

- If you have a residence permit, you have full access to the labour market. You therefore have no restrictions. Exceptions: If you have a residence permit in accordance with § 23 Para. 1 or § 25 Para. 4 Sentence 1, you need permission from the immigration authority

### **Do you have any questions?**

The counsellors from the ["WIR" project BAVF Plus](#) will be happy to help you.  
Contact one of these institutions:

#### **Tür an Tür - Integrationsprojekte gGmbH**

- You will receive counselling on the subject of work, training and internships,
- The counsellors will help you with applications and finding a job.
- The staff organise training courses and information events for refugees

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### **Volkshochschule Augsburg - Augsburger Akademie e.V.**

- Here you can get advice on the topics of work, training and internships,
- The counsellor will help you with applications and finding a job.
- You will receive information on qualifications.
- You will receive information on where you can learn German for your job.

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### **Agentur für Arbeit Augsburg**

- You will receive counselling on the subject of work, training and internships,
- The counsellor will discuss your career options with you.
- They will help you to find a job.
- They will talk to you about support options and job-related measures in accordance with SGB III.
- They can refer you to integration courses and job-related German courses.

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🔗 Further information on the "WIR" project BAVF Plus can be found [here](#)

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