

Information for refugees: When am I allowed to work?

💡 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 a safe country of origin.
 - 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 beforehand.

💡 What are [safe countries of origin](#)

💡 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.

What applies to asylum seekers with proof of arrival or a residence permit outside the AnkER centre?

- 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.
 - This only applies if you do not come from a safe country of origin and have applied for asylum after 31 August 2015.
 - For Georgia and the Republic of Moldova, it applies if you have applied for asylum after 30 August 2023
- You are entitled to a work permit after 6 months if you fulfil the following criteria
 - You do not come from safe countries of origin with asylum application after 31/08/2015 (Georgia and Republic of Moldova with asylum application after 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 beforehand.

What applies to tolerated persons in AnkER?

- After 6 months of toleration, the immigration authority "should" issue the work permit.
 - This only applies if you do not come from a safe country of origin and have applied for asylum after 31 August 2015.
 - It applies to Georgia and the Republic of Moldova if you submitted your asylum application after 30 August 2023
- There is one exception: In the case of specific measures to terminate residence, the immigration authority "may" issue the 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 beforehand.

What applies to tolerated persons outside AnKER?

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- After 3 months, the foreigners authority "should" issue a work permit.
 - This only applies if you do not come from a safe country of origin and have applied for asylum after 31 August 2015.
 - It applies to Georgia and the Republic of Moldova if you applied for asylum after 30 August 2023
- There is one exception: In the case of specific measures to terminate residence, the immigration authority "may" issue the 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 beforehand.

What applies to refugees with a residence permit?

- If you have a residence permit, you have full access to the labour market. This means you have no restrictions

Do you have any questions?

There are advice centres in Ingolstadt that can help you.

 [Job Centre City of Ingolstadt](#)

 [Ingolstadt Employment Agency](#)

 [Ingolstadt Immigration and Migration Office](#)