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Children, Youth, Family

General information

Children, teenagers and families are under special protection in Germany. This protection begins during pregnancy and lasts until the child is 18 years old (of age).

Abortion is generally prohibited in Germany and only permitted under very specific, narrow conditions (§ 218a StGB, German Penal Code).

In Germany, for example, it is forbidden to hit children (§ 223 StGB). Education in Germany has to be carried out without the use of violence. It is forbidden to expose children to danger, to leave them alone without protection (§ 221 StGB) or to abuse them (§ 225 StGB).

Every child has to go to school (Art. 35 BayEUG). More information here: My education (Mein Bildungsweg)

Special authorities make sure that children are not harmed by their environment (or by their family). Besides the police, the Youth Welfare Office is primarily responsible.

Pregnancy and childbirth

Pregnancy and birth

Pregnant women are under special protection in Germany and are entitled to counselling, medical care and support with new acquisitions for the child. If you are pregnant, you first need to see a gynaecologist (Frauenarzt). There, you should have the preventive medical examinations carried out. Then you will receive a maternity passport. The maternity passport is a document with important information about your pregnancy, your health and the health of your child. Always take your maternity passport with you in case of emergencies.

If you have questions on the topic, you can contact one of the counselling centres:

State-approved counseling center for pregnancy issues.

District Office

- Health Department -

Dr.-Grundler-Str. 1

92318 Neumarkt i. d. OPf.

Opening hours:

Monday and Tuesday 08:00 - 16:00

Wednesday and Friday 8.00 - 12.00

Thursday 8.00 - 18.00

Please make an appointment for a consultation at: 09181/470-512

You can find more information at: <https://schwanger-in-neumarkt.de/download/CY44491...> NO

Donum Vitae Neumarkt Branch

Kastengasse 14

92318 Neumarkt

Tel: 09181/26 46 60

Please register by phone in Regensburg under 0941/ 5 95 64 90

Opening hours:

Monday 13:00 - 16:00

Wednesday 09:00 - 12:00

Donum Vitae is the point of contact for:

- Women and couples in pregnancy conflict
- Pregnant women and expectant fathers
- Single parents and families with children up to the age of 3
- Women and men in questions of family planning and sexuality
- Young people with their questions about love, friendship, sexuality, contraception, etc.

A detailed description of the Donum Vitae programme can be found here:

<http://regensburg.donum-vitae-bayern.de/index.php?id=592>

The counselling sessions are free of charge, confidential and anonymous upon request.

Delivery and aftercare

Your gynaecologist will refer you to a maternity hospital. After delivery, ask for a midwife for follow-up post-maternity care at your accommodation. You will receive a birth certificate from the clinic.

Information for young parents

If you need help, you can contact the KoKi at the district office.

KoKi Office in the Neumarkt i.d.OPf. District Office

Nürnbergger Straße 1

92318 Neumarkt i.d.OPf.

Building A, 1. Floor; room A130 and A131.

Phone: 09181/470-111

Notification to the registry office

Newborn children must be reported to the Register Office (Standesamt) and the accommodation management. The maternity clinic reports the birth to the Registry Office. There you will receive the (possibly provisional) birth certificate for your child together with your ID, the birth certificate from the clinic and, if available, your marriage certificate. Please give your accommodation manager a copy of the birth certificate so that your child can be registered. Note: Please submit only original documents. In the case of foreign language documents, an officially certified German translation is required .

Parents' guide

There is a parents' guide "Auf dem Weg zum Vorschulkind". The parents' guide is given in the kindergartens of the district of Neumarkt as part of a parents' meeting to families whose children will be preschoolers the following year, i.e. are about 4 years old. In this parent guidebook, parents will find concrete tips and suggestions to support their child on the way to becoming a preschooler.

On the homepage of the Family Education Coordination Office (Koordinierungsstelle Familienbildung) you can find the Parents' Guide in the following languages:

[German](#)

[Arabic](#)

[Russian](#)

[Turkish](#)

Childcare

What is a Kita?

Kita is a term for children's daycare facility. Before your child starts school and between the ages of 1 and 12 years old, they can attend a day-care centre. Your child will be supervised by nursery school teachers and will learn a lot of important things.

Why is the Kita good for my child?

Here your child can learn German and discover new things. There they also make contact with other children and get to know friends and the German culture. Take advantage of this opportunity, it is important for your child's future. Attending a children's daycare centre also helps to prepare your child for school. Unfortunately, there are not always enough places close to your home or accommodation. To find a place, ask your accommodation service or the youth welfare office.

How do I find a daycare place for my child?

To find a place, ask your accommodation service or the youth welfare office.

Click here for the KiTa place search on the Internet:

www.kita-bayern.de

Financial support

The fees for the day care centre or day care may be covered by the district under certain circumstances. To do this, you must submit an application to the Youth Welfare Office. For questions regarding the assumption of participation fees, please contact:

Youth Welfare Office Neumarkt, Room L 227 and L 228

Nuremberg Str. 1

92318 Neumarkt

Tel: 09181 470201

or: 09181 470471

School, training, study

General information

Children and youths must go to school from the age of six years old. First, all 4 years go to primary school. After that, you can choose between secondary school (Mittelschule), Realschule and highschool. These general education schools are attended before starting an apprenticeship or a university course.

If you have already completed school or vocational education abroad, you should make sure that these qualifications are recognised. You can find more details at [»»Anerkennung ausländischer Abschlüsse.](#)

There are around 400 apprenticeship occupations in Germany. If you are interested in vocational training, you can find further information and contacts at [»»Berufsausbildung.](#)

If you would like to study, you can find suitable information and contact persons at [»»Studium.](#)

General schools

In Germany, school attendance is compulsory by law. This means that in Germany all children between the ages of 6 and 15 inclusive must attend school. The parents or guardians of the children have the duty to ensure that the children attend school regularly. School attendance at state and municipal schools does not cost anything. Please contact the Neumarkt i.d. OPf. school office (Schulamt Neumarkt i.d.OPf.) They will tell you which school your child has to attend.

Staatliches Schulamt (primary and secondary schools) (Staatliches Schulamt (Grund- und Mittelschulen))

Mühlstraße 3

92318 Neumarkt i.d.OPf.

☎ [09181/47520](tel:09181/47520)

@sekretariat.schulamt@landkreis-neumarkt.de

Mon-Thu 08:00 - 12:00 14:00 - 16:00

Friday 08:00 - 12:00

School registration (Schulanmeldung)

Please appear in person at the school to register your child.

If your child is ill and cannot come to school, please report this to the school office by at 8 a.m. at the latest, preferably by telephone.

Parents often receive written information from the school that their children bring home with them . It is important that you read this information.

A distinction is made between different types of school:

Primary school (Grundschule)

First of all, all children from the age of 6 attend elementary school. During grades 1-4, they learn reading and writing as well as basic mathematics. Based on the grade point average and the teachers' recommendation in the interim report of the fourth grade, the children then go on to a secondary school, i.e. to a middle school, a Realschule or a Gymnasium.

There are primary schools in every municipality. As a rule, one cannot choose the primary school, but the child goes to the school that is closest to the place of residence.

Secondary school (Mittelschule)

The secondary school is for students who want to do an apprenticeship after finishing school. This school prepares students for their working life. In addition to theoretical knowledge, practical knowledge and skills are particularly encouraged. Basic secondary school lasts 5 years. After passing the final examination, one has achieved the qualifying lower secondary school leaving certificate (also called Quali).

The following secondary schools are located in the district of Neumarkt:

(Dropdown menu as in Nuremberg for public holidays)

Berching:

Mittelschule Berching

Schulstr. 17
92334 Berching

☎ [08462/478](tel:08462478)

www.gm-berching.de

Berg:

Schwarzachtalschule Berg bei Neumarkt in der Oberpfalz

Rosenbergstrasse 15
92348 Berg near Neumarkt i.d.OPf.

☎ [09189/44160](tel:0918944160)

www.schwarzachtal-schule-berg.de

Berggau:

Mittelschule Berggau

Schulstraße 21
92361 Berggau

☎ [09181/29710](tel:0918129710)

www.schuleberggau.de

Deining:

Mittelschule Deining

Schulstraße 5
92364 Deining

☎ [09184/1692](tel:091841692)

www.vs-deining.de

Dietfurt:

Mittelschule Dietfurt an der Altmühl

Mallerstetter Straße 25
92345 Dietfurt a.d.Altmühl

☎ [08464/381](tel:08464381)

www.gs-ms-dietfurt.de

Freystadt:

Martini-Mittelschule Freystadt

Allersberger Straße 11
92342 Freystadt

☎ [09179/940990](tel:09179940990)

<https://martini-schule.de>

Lauterhofen:

Mittelschule Lauterhofen

Schulstraße 9
92283 Lauterhofen

☎ [09186/93040](tel:0918693040)

www.schule-lauterhofen.de

Mühlhausen:

Mittelschule Mühlhausen

Espanstrasse 1
92360 Mühlhausen

☎ [09185/370](tel:09185/370)

www.gmsmuehlhausen.de

Neumarkt:

Mittelschule an der Weinberger Straße Neumarkt

Weinberger Str. 41
92318 Neumarkt i.d.OPf.

☎ [09181/29290](tel:09181/29290)

www.weinbergerschule.de

Mittelschule an der Woffenbacher Straße Neumarkt

Woffenbacher Straße 36-38
92318 Neumarkt i.d.OPf.

☎ [09181/48420](tel:09181/48420)

<https://www.ms-west.de>

Parsberg:

Mittelschule Parsberg

Aschenbrennerstr. 8
92331 Parsberg

☎ [09492/901040](tel:09492/901040)

www.mittelschule-parsberg.de

Postbauer-Heng:

Erich-Kästner-Mittelschule Postbauer-Heng

Centrum 5
92353 Postbauer-Heng

☎ [09188/94100](tel:09188/94100)

www.eks-postbauer-heng.de

Seubersdorf:

Mittelschule Seubersdorf in der Oberpfalz

Schulstr. 6
92358 Seubersdorf i.d.OPf.

☎ [09497/345](tel:09497/345)

www.vs-seubersdorf.de

Velburg:

Mittelschule Velburg

Alte Seubersdorfer Str. 15
92355 Velburg

☎ [09182/9313530](tel:09182/9313530)

www.gms-velburg.de

Realschule

The second type of middle school is the Realschule. Here, students can learn a second foreign language, for example. More independent learning is expected than in secondary school and one receives an extended general education. Compared to the highschool (Gymnasium), students in a Realschule have a more work-related education. The Realschule certificate (referred to as the “Realschulabschluss”) generally provides the basis for more advancement in professions of all kinds.

The following secondary schools (Realschulen) are located in the district of Neumarkt:

Berching:

Staatliche Realschule Berching

Uferpromenade 14
92334 Berching

☎ [08462/905517](tel:08462/905517)

www.realschule-berching.de

Neumarkt:

Staatliche Realschule für Mädchen Neumarkt in der Oberpfalz

Mühlstr. 30
92318 Neumarkt i.d.OPf.

☎ [09181/6984980](tel:09181/6984980)

www.maedchenrealschule-neumarkt.de

Staatliche Realschule für Knaben Neumarkt in der Oberpfalz

Mühlstr. 44
92318 Neumarkt i.d.OPf.

☎ [09181/320720](tel:09181/320720)

<https://www.knabenrealschule-neumarkt.de>

Parsberg:

Edith-Stein-Realschule Parsberg

Aschenbrennerstr. 6
92331 Parsberg

☎ [09492/9530](tel:09492/9530)

www.realschule-parsberg.de

Highschool

Highschool lasts 8 years finishing with a final exam, the university entrance certificate (also called the "Abitur"). Compared to a Realschule and Mittelschule, students are expected to take more responsibility for themselves and are not prepared for professional life but primarily for university studies.

The following grammar schools are located in the district of Neumarkt:

Neumarkt:

Ostendorfer Gymnasium Neumarkt

Dr.-Grundler-Str. 5
92318 Neumarkt i.d.OPf.

☎ [09181/298400](tel:09181298400)

www.ostendorfer.de

Willibald-Gluck-Gymnasium Neumarkt

Woffenbacher Str. 33
92318 Neumarkt i.d.OPf.

☎ [09181/4720](tel:091814720)

www.wgg-neumarkt.de

Parsberg:

Gymnasium Parsberg

Aschenbrennerstr. 10
92331 Parsberg

☎ [09492/6010050](tel:094926010050)

www.gymnasium-parsberg.de

The school system in Germany is very complicated. You can get an overview here. Information on school career guidance and general school guidance can be found here.

In addition, every school has information events. You can find the dates on the respective homepages of the schools. The new school year begins for all schools in mid-September.

School transport

If you have to travel to school by bus or train, you will be reimbursed for the cost of the tickets (for most schools) if you apply for it in advance.

This applies to children who live more than 2 km (1st-4th grade) or more than 3 km (5th-10th grade) from their school .

Further information is available on the following leaflet:

Merkblatt_Schuelerbefoerderung_LRA_2015.pdf (landkreis-neumarkt.de)

The form for the application (until 10th grade) is available here:

Application for exemption from costs created with Schulantrag-Online, available at Schulantrag.de (landkreis-neumarkt.de)

The form from the 11th grade onwards is available here:

Application for exemption from costs created with Schulantrag-Online, available at Schulantrag.de (landkreis-neumarkt.de)

The application for all is here:

22_AntragFahrtkostenerstattung_Schulweg.pdf (landkreis-neumarkt.de)

The order form for the VGN-Verbundpass is available here:

Order_Schueler_Web (landkreis-neumarkt.de)

For primary and secondary school: Please contact your local municipality!

Contact:

Ehrensberger Reinhard and Maliqi Erblina respectively

Landkreis Neumarkt i.d.OPf.

Nürnbergger Straße 1

92318 Neumarkt i.d.OPf.

Room no. B 396

☎09181/470214 or -173

@ehrensberger.reinhard@landkreis-neumarkt.de resp.

@maliqi.erblina@landkreis-neumarkt.de

Education and participation package

It is possible for your child to receive financial support through the education and participation package.

The following offices in the district office can provide you more information:

Asylum seekers and tolerated persons submit the application to the social welfare office (Sozialamt):

Mr. Lang, Mr. Lell

Phone: 09181 470454, Phone: 09181 470455

Recognised refugees please contact

Mrs. Thürmer

Phone: 09181 470224

For recipients of housing financial support(Wohngeld) and/or child support (Kinderzuschlag), the competent authorities are:

Ms. Weigl, Ms. Glas

Phone: 09181 470153 Phone: 09181 470153

The following can be funded from the education package

- Additional expenses for shared lunches in daycare centres, schools and after-school care centres (parents' own contribution € 1 per meal).
- Learning support if this is the only way to achieve the essential learning objective.
- Participation in social and cultural life e.g. games week, tent camp etc. (max. up to the age of 18) : € 10 per month.
- School supplies (e.g. school bag, writing materials), at the beginning of each school year 70 € and in February 30 €
- Trips: Costs of one-day and multi-day excursions by schools, daycare centres and after-school care centres (e.g. for school trips).

- School transport: Expenses for student transport to a secondary school (from the 11th grade - previously free walking to school). Should the student ticket also be used privately, a personal contribution of 5 euros per month has to be paid as a rule. You can find more information on travel costs [here](#).

Young adults up to age 25 may also be eligible for most of these benefits (e.g., to attend vocational school).

Important: You need to make the request always before you pay something yourself. If you have already paid something, you will not get the money back!

Vocational School (Berufsschule)

Young asylum seekers and refugees and other young people who are required to attend vocational school and who have a comparable need for language support (e.g. newly arrived EU foreigners) can attend a vocational integration class at vocational schools. Within two years, the young people are to learn the German language and be prepared for vocational training.

Mandatory vocational schooling follows the nine-year period of compulsory full-time schooling. Young people aged 16 - 21 in Bavaria are therefore required to attend vocational school and must register at the relevant vocational school. For young migrants, compulsory vocational schooling starts 3 months after moving from abroad.

The Staatl. Berufsschule in Neumarkt is responsible for the education of young asylum seekers and refugees and other persons with language support needs, who live or are accommodated in the city or district of Neumarkt:

State Vocational Training Centre (Staatliches Berufliches Schulzentrum)

Deininger Way 82

92318 Neumarkt i.d. OPf.

Phone: 09181 48030

E-mail neumarkt@berufsschule.com

Vocational Integration Classes (Berufsintegrationsklassen (BIK))

Eligible for the vocational integration classes are young new immigrants primarily between the ages of 16 and 21 (in individual cases, older students may also be admitted). There is, however, no entitlement to admission to the classes.

The BIK class lasts two school years. The first year (10th grade) is the so-called vocational integration preliminary class (BIK/V) with a focus on language learning. In the second year (11th grade) the students attend the vocational integration class with targeted vocational preparation.

Successful attendance of the vocational integration class includes the eligibility to successfully complete secondary school.

The aim of the vocational integration classes is to prepare students for vocational training. The students can then start an apprenticeship in a training company or at a vocational school. Students who want to pass the high school examination (Abitur) can go to the Fachoberschule (FOS) or to the Berufsoberschule (BOS) after completing their training. FOS and BOS are united in Neumarkt at the Berufliche Oberschule Neumarkt.

Neumarkt Vocational High School (Berufliche Oberschule Neumarkt)

Maximilian Kolbe School

Kerschensteinerstr. 7

92318 Neumarkt

Phone: 09181 406 179 - 0

E-mail info@fosbos.net

Training

In Germany, it is a great advantage to have a professional qualification before going to work. People with professional qualifications earn more money on average over the course of their lives and are less likely to become unemployed than people who look for work without a professional qualification.

Dual education (Duale Ausbildung)

A special feature in Germany is the dual education system. Dual education takes place about one third of the time in vocational school and about two thirds in a training company. In this way, you learn theory and practice at the same time and already earn money in a company during your training. Depending on the type of occupation you want to learn in a dual education programme, contact the appropriate office:

Chamber of Crafts (Handwerkskammer (HWK))

The Chamber of Crafts of Niederbayern-Oberpfalz (HWK) is responsible for professions in the handicrafts sector. There are more than 130 apprenticeship occupations in the handicrafts sector, such as baker, bricklayer, painter, electronics technician. You can find more information about training for the handicrafts in this video: [Ausbildung im Handwerk - wie läuft das ab?](#)

Handwerkskammer Niederbayern-Oberpfalz

Charlottenhof 1

92421 Schwandorf

☎ [09431/885319](tel:09431885319)

☎ [015121935756](tel:015121935756)

@laura.fischer@hwkno.de

Internet www.hwk-schwandorf.de

Chamber of Industry and Commerce (Industrie- und Handelskammer (IHK))

The Chamber of Industry and Commerce (IHK) is responsible for professions in industrial manufacturing, trade and services. Here, for example, we are talking about plant mechanics or wholesale and foreign trade clerks.

IHK Neumarkt Office (IHK-Geschäftsstelle Neumarkt)

Ms Silke Auer

Ringstr. 7

92318 Neumarkt

☎ [09181/3207810](tel:091813207810)

@silke.auer@regensburg.ihk.de

Opening hours: Mon. to Fri. 8 a.m. to 12 p.m

Full-school training at a specialized vocational school (Berufsfachschule)

In Germany, however, there is not only dual education, but also full-time school-based training at a vocational school. The vocational school provides completed vocational training outside the dual education system (without an apprenticeship in the company) in theory and practice. It usually lasts two to three and a half years. Classes are held full-time and include general education subjects in addition to vocational subjects. Since the vocational schools differ greatly with regard to their training directions, admission requirements, training duration and further education opportunities, it is recommended to contact the respective school for information in each case.

Vocational schools for nursing professions and household management:

Berufsfachschule für Altenpflege und Altenpflegehilfe Neumarkt

Holzgartenstraße 8

92318 Neumarkt i.d.OPf.

☎ [09181/265060](tel:09181/265060)

@ aps.nm@r.bfz.de

Vocational Schools Haus St. Marien gGmbH (Berufliche Schulen Haus St. Marien gGmbH)

Badstr. 88

92318 Neumarkt

Private Vocational School for Social Care/Nutrition and Supply of Schwestern vom Göttlichen
(Private Berufsfachschule für Sozialpflege/Ernährung und Versorgung der Schwestern vom
Göttlichen)

Erlöser (Niederbronner Schwestern)

Badstraße 88

92318 Neumarkt i.d.OPf.

☎ [09181/4730](tel:09181/4730)

@ losch@stmarien.com

Private Vocational School for Geriatric Care Neumarkt of the Vocational Training Centres
of Bavarian Business (bfz) gGmbH

Kerschensteiner Straße 2

92318 Neumarkt i.d.OPf.

☎ [09181/268117](tel:09181/268117)

@ info@r.bfz.de

Vocational School for Nursing at Neumarkt Hospital (Berufsfachschule für Krankenpflege am
Klinikum Neumarkt)

Klägerweg 1

92318 Neumarkt i.d.OPf.

☎ [09181/4203850](tel:09181/4203850)

@ peter.bernsdorf@klinikum.neumarkt.de

Studies

Refugees also have the opportunity to study at universities in Germany. However, they must fulfil the same prerequisites as other foreign students. They also need to speak and write in German very well (usually C1 level or at least B2 level). Below you can find special offers for refugees in the region:

Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg

Offers for refugees ' FAU INTEGRA

Contact person: Ms Elzbieta Kocur

@refugees@fau.de

[☎09131/8565156](tel:09131/8565156)

Universität Regensburg

Offers for refugees

Contact person: Ms Jhoana Palacio-Pineda

@studierende.fluechtlinge@ur.de

[☎0941/9435863](tel:0941/9435863)

Counselling for foreign applicants and students

Contact person: Mrs Elli Wunderlich

@elli.wunderlich@ur.de

[☎0941/9432382](tel:0941/9432382)

Technische Hochschule Nürnberg

Interested parties and students with a refugee background - Nuremberg University of Applied Sciences Georg Simon Ohm (th-nuernberg.de)

Contact:

Technische Hochschule Nürnberg Georg Simon Ohm

Keßlerplatz 12

90489 Nuremberg

[☎0911/58800](tel:0911/58800)

@info@th-nuernberg.de

Internet www.th-nuernberg.de

Technische Hochschule Ingolstadt

Contact:

Technische Hochschule Ingolstadt

Institut für Akademische Weiterbildung - Integrationscampus

Esplanade 10

85049 Ingolstadt

Contact person:

Ms Verena Sennefelder

☎ [0841/93481505](tel:0841/93481505)

@ integrationscampus@thi.de

THIntegrated

Funding with BAföG

As a student in Germany, it is possible to receive financial support through the Bundesausbildungsförderungsgesetz, a federal act for promoting higher education referred to as “BAföG” for short. BAföG payments are paid monthly and at best for the duration of your studies. Half of the BAföG total must be paid back after the studies have been completed. The exact information on the BAföG changes regularly and thus can be accessed via the following link:

BAföG even without a German passport - BAföG (xn--bafg-7qa.de)

Scholarship

Organisations that award scholarships are often described as foundations that offer scholarships. The following foundations offer programmes, among other things, especially for refugees. Please refer to the respective websites for application guidelines and requirements.

- [Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung \(FES\) - Scholarships for Refugees](#)
- [Böckler Action Education of the Hans Böckler Foundation](#)
- [Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung \(KAS\) - Scholarships for Refugees](#)
- [Villigst - Our scholarship for refugees](#)

- [Bread for the World - Refugee Scholarship Programme](#) (especially for women)
- [Guarantee fund of the Otto Benecke Foundation](#) (support also for preparation for studies)
- [Federal Ministry of Education and Research - Deutschlandstipendium](#)

Further information can be found on the website of the Hochschulaktion für Geflüchtete and in the database of the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF).

[Webseite Hochschulaktion für Geflüchtete](#)

[Datenbank Stipendienangebote des DAAD](#)

Kiron Higher Education

Refugees and asylum seekers often face difficulties when trying to gain access to higher level education. Kiron Higher Education offers the possibility without tuition fees and without the otherwise required legal documents. The problem of limited course places is also solved. The first two years of study are completed on the internet with online courses. All courses are offered in English. However, it is possible to add subtitles in any language. The third year of study takes place on campus at one of Kiron's partner universities. There is also the possibility to learn German during the studies. Furthermore, various assistance and counseling are offered: [Website Kiron](#)

Financial support

Child financial support

Under certain conditions, parents can receive child benefit from the state for their children. It is currently €219 per month for the first and second child, €225 for the third child and €250 for each additional child.

You can get child benefit

- if you have a fictitious certificate / residence permit / settlement permit
- if you come from an EU country
- if the children live e.g. in Germany and are registered there

You do not get child benefit automatically. You have to apply for it. Discuss this with a counseling center.

Education and participation package (BuT) - see [here](#).

School transport

Expenses for student transport to a secondary school (from the 11th grade - previously free to go to school as a pedestrian). Should the student ticket also be used privately, a personal contribution of 5 euros per month is usually to be paid.

Further information on travel costs can be found [here](#).

Young adults up to the age of 25 may also be entitled to most of these benefits (e.g. to attend a vocational school).

Important: They must always make the application before paying anything themselves. If you have already paid something, you will not get the money back!

Minor refugees without parents

Refugees under the age of 18 who have entered Germany without an adult escort, are called unaccompanied minor refugees (ungleitete minderjährige Ausländer= umA).

These young people are reported to the Youth Welfare Office. The Youth Welfare Office talks to the young people and establishes their age. After the age assessment will be decided whether the Youth Welfare Office will take care of the minor (younger than 18 years) and take them to a shelter designed especially for young people ("Inobhutnahme"). If the Youth Welfare Office says that the person is "of age" (18 years or older), the person receives a rejection notice and is treated as an adult. The Youth Welfare Office brings an interpreter to the interview.

Some minors (persons under 18 years of age) travel without their parents, but with relatives (for example, with uncles or aunts, with cousins or with older siblings). This will be reported by the accommodation service to the Youth Welfare Office after your arrival. The youth welfare office talks to the minor and the adult relatives and checks whether the minor can stay there. In addition, the Youth Welfare Office decides whether to give the young person a guardian. The youth welfare office itself brings an interpreter to the interview. The adult relatives can also apply for guardianship themselves at the family court. With guardianship, the relative is given full responsibility for the minor in place of the parents.