
Social Welfare Office (Sozialamt)

The purpose of the Sozialamt (Social Welfare Office) is to **provide social support**. This includes the following services:

- Guaranteed minimum pension for the elderly or those with reduced earning capacity
- Help with care
- Help with living costs
- Integration assistance for disabled people
- Help in overcoming particular social difficulties
- Health support
- Help in other life situations

The Social Welfare Office can **give advice and support** if you have any questions about these issues.

At the Social Welfare Office, you will be asked about your financial situation. So you will have to show if you have any valuables such as jewellery or money. You will sign some documents and statements. Please bring all your papers with you. Everyone who is registered on the residence permit (Aufenthaltsgestattung) must come to the appointment.

You will also receive a cheque for your living costs here. You can exchange the cheque for cash (euros) at a bank. Please note that this money must last until your next appointment at the Social Welfare Office (for about 1 month). You will not get any more money until your next appointment at the Social Welfare Office.

The Social Welfare Office is also your point of contact for the following topics:

- Vouchers for Baby Starter Kits and for your child's school supplies
- Money for train tickets to interview appointments
- Medical certificates, approval for operations and other medical procedures
- Educational and participation package (BuT)
- Activities and employment programme
- Applications for relocation, waiving of the residence requirement

[Einfügen: Sozialamt in der Region, Adresse, Tel, Mail, Link, Öffnungszeiten...]