Voluntary return with REAG/GARP

Federal/state programme for the organisational and financial support of voluntary departure

As an asylum seeker without funds from a third country, you can receive the following assistance:

• Your **travel expenses** can be covered and your **departure** can be **organised**.

• You can receive **travel assistance**: adults and unaccompanied minors at EUR 200, children under 18 years of age EUR 100.

Note: Citizens from Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Georgia, Kosovo, North Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, Moldova and Ukraine can only receive a travel assistance of 50 EUR as adults and EUR 25 as children under 18 years of age.

• If you have one of the following nationalities, you can also receive **start-up assistance**. The amount is EUR 1,000 for adults or unaccompanied minors, and EUR 500 for children under 18 years. This is EUR 1,000 for adults or unaccompanied minors, EUR 500 for children under 18 years of age. You can receive a maximum of EUR 3,500 per family. The start-up assistance is usually paid at the airport on your departure.

Afghanistan, Egypt, Algeria, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Ethiopia, Bangladesh, Benin, Burkina Faso, China, Ivory Coast, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Eritrea, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, India, Iraq, Iran, Cameroon, Kenya, Lebanon, Libya, Mali, Morocco, Mongolia, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, autonomous Palestinian territories, Russian Federation, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Zimbabwe, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Syria, Tajikistan, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey and Vietnam.
Protected persons can receive start-up assistance regardless of their nationality.

If you make your application for a voluntary assisted departure no later than two months after your asylum application has been decided, an **additional one-off amount of EUR 500** per family or individual departure can be granted.

**How can you apply for REAG/GARP?**

If you have decided to undertake voluntary departure, you can apply for **support through the REAG/GARP programme** at a return counselling centre. Given voluntary departure, you have to sign that you withdraw your asylum application and refrain from legal action. You can find the nearest return counselling centre under: **www.ReturningfromGermany.de/en/centres**

**Where can you get further information?**

Get individual advice in a return advice office close to you. You can find more information at **www.ReturningfromGermany.de/en/programmes**

There is no legal entitlemen to assistance in case of voluntary return.

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