

WELCOME TO THE DISTRICT OF HEILBRONN FIRST STEPS FOR UKRAINIAN REFUGEES

5 September 2022

Your First Steps after Arrival in the Heilbronn District (Landkreis Heilbronn)

- **Registration at your place of residence:**
Please register at the town hall of your place of residence (Residents' Registration Office - Einwohnermeldeamt). This is important for both the later registration with the Immigration Authority (Ausländerbehörde) and the application for benefits, as well as the admission to school for children/youth in the Heilbronn district (Landkreis Heilbronn).
- **Ensure that you can be reached by post:**
Please put your complete name and the name of all family members on the letterbox so that mail from authorities and other institutions can be delivered to you. Alternatively, please indicate another delivery addressee upon registration.
- **Registration with the Immigration Authority:**
After having registered with the Residents' Registration Office, the Immigration Authority will contact you, stating an individual appointment for you. This appointment is necessary in order to register, to apply for a residence permit and to enter the work permit in your papers. Due to our current busy schedule, we kindly ask you not to make own appointments.
- **Open a bank account at a local bank**
- **Check your insurance cover:** Some insurances are compulsory in Germany, such as health insurance. Employed persons with an income of more than 520 euros (as of 1 October) must register with a health insurance company of their choice. Further information: <https://www.germany4ukraine.de/hilfeportal-de/gesundheitsversorgung>
In addition to compulsory insurance, there are also voluntary insurances that can be very useful, such as private liability insurance (Privathaftpflichtversicherung). Further information: <https://handbookgermany.de/de/supplementary-insurance>

Financial Support & Medical Care

From 1 June 2022, refugees from the Ukraine are generally entitled to benefits according to

- SGB II (basic benefits for job-seekers / Grundsicherung für Arbeitssuchende) or
- SGB XII (basic benefits for old age and reduced earning capacity / Grundsicherung im Alter und bei Erwerbsminderung).

Beneficiaries also have access to statutory health insurance (GKV) and social long-term care insurance.

In order to get these benefits, please submit an application. More information on which benefits you are eligible for as well as the application form are available at www.landkreis-heilbronn.de/hilfe-ukraine.

Please also find more information on benefits according to SGB II at www.jobcenter-landkreis-heilbronn.de/thema/ukraine/. In case of urgent financial support before your application for benefits according to SGB II has been finalised, please contact the Job Centre.

If necessary, your local integration manager/social worker in your community accommodation or the staff at the Service Point Ukraine in the Heilbronn District Office (Landratsamt Heilbronn) can help you with your application.

Mobility in the Heilbronn District

Citizens of the Heilbronn district who receive benefits according to SGB II and XII, as well as asylum seekers, can purchase a mobility ticket for the HNV. This is a subsidised "Sahne-

Ticket II" (cost without subsidy: 53.50 euros). The ticket is valid throughout the network and can be used from 8 a.m. on weekdays (Monday to Friday) and all day on weekends. The personal contribution is currently 20 euros per month. The rest is paid by the district of Heilbronn. Further information: <https://www.h3nv.de/fahrscheine/fahrkarten-preise/mobilitaetsticket>

Childcare & School Attendance

Childcare is available in Germany from the age of one year. Please enquire at the town hall of your place of residence about childcare options and, if necessary, have your child placed on the waiting list of one or more daycare centres (if you move, please have your name removed from the list).

Children and young people from abroad are obliged to attend school at the latest six months after moving to Germany. However, they have the right to education immediately after moving in.

- **Children from 6 - 9 years (primary school):** Immigrant pupils from 6 to 9 years of age normally attend the local primary school, sometimes along with a language preparation class (VKL class). Please register your child yourself at the local primary school, information about this is available at the town hall.
Please note: Families who live in a shared accommodation run by the district administration usually move to a follow-up accommodation after a few weeks, possibly in a different municipality. In this case, we therefore recommend that you first register your child in the primary school of your new place of residence.
- **Children/young people aged 10 - 14 (secondary school):** After registration in the registration office, newly arrived pupils from Ukraine aged 10 to 14 are automatically registered with the district administration. They will receive a letter inviting them to take a placement test. Upon this, they will be allocated to a suitable school with a language preparation class near your place of residence/follow-up accommodation. Please wait for this letter and do not contact any schools yourself. Regardless of the placement, all school-leaving qualifications can still be achieved. If you have any questions, please contact Ms Elzbieta Jaworska, Tel. 07131 994-8465, E-Mail: Elzbieta.Jaworska@landratsamt-heilbronn.de
- **Young people aged 15 - 18 (vocational school system):** Young people aged 15 to 18 from Ukraine are also subject to compulsory schooling. The management of the vocational schools will contact them by letter offering them to be placed in a suitable type of school with the opportunity to learn German. All school-leaving qualifications can be achieved in the case of good results. For more information, please contact Ms. Hettler, Andreas-Schneider-Schule Heilbronn, Tel. 07131 928-110, E-mail alexandra.hettler@ass-hn.de

Multilingual Information (selection)

- **Handbook Germany:**
www.handbookgermany.de (Ukrainian, Russian, English)
- **Germany4Ukraine:**
www.germany4ukraine.de (Ukrainian, Russian, English)
- **Federal Government Commissioner for Migration, Refugees and Integration:** www.integrationsbeauftragte.de/ukraine (Ukrainian, Russian, English)