



# Information on Voluntary Return

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## What happens if your asylum application is rejected?

Together with the **rejection of your asylum application**, you will be given a **date** by which you must leave the country. This period is usually from **one week to 30 days**. **If you do not leave voluntarily within this period, you may be forcibly returned to your country of origin** (removal). You will have to pay the costs of your forced return yourself and will not have the possibility to enter Germany or another EU country legally for many years (entry ban). You cannot stay in Germany without a valid residence permit. You must expect arrest by the police and removal to your country of origin at any time. **Use the option of voluntary return before measures terminating your residence are initiated.**

## Voluntary return to your country of origin is supported by the German State

The return and reintegration programmes offer a wide range of assistance, for example, if you have no money to pay for your own departure. For voluntary returnees to certain countries of origin, further support is also available to facilitate a new start in your country of origin. This support enables you to leave independently and to prepare your departure with care.

## What support can you receive?

The **return programme** offers you organisational and financial support for your voluntary departure.

- Payment of travel costs



- Payment of substantial financial support



- Payment of medical costs



Various **reintegration programmes** can help you make a new start in your country of origin.



- Professional qualification measures

- Help in finding a job



- Support in setting up a small business

- Support in the area of housing



- Counselling and support in social and medical matters



## Where can you get more information?

On the information portal on voluntary return [www.ReturningfromGermany.de](http://www.ReturningfromGermany.de) you can get information on countries of origin as well as on return and reintegration programmes and use the central search function to find the nearest return counselling centre. You can also contact the BAMF return hotline: **+49 911 943 – 0**



## The return counselling centre will help you

If you are interested in voluntary return to your country of origin, you can contact the return counselling centre with all your questions.

- ➔ Return counselling is free of charge, confidential and individual.
- ➔ You receive support in organising and preparing your departure, in submitting applications for support and, if necessary, in applying for further assistance.
- ➔ You will also receive support in obtaining an emergency travel document if you do not have a valid travel document.
- ➔ An interpreter is provided to ensure that you understand everything during the counselling session. However, you can also bring a person to the return counselling centre yourself who will translate for you.



## Is voluntary return possible at any time?

For asylum seekers whose asylum procedure has not yet been completed and people who have already been granted residence, too, voluntary return opens new opportunities and prospects in their country of origin.

**You can already seek return counselling during your ongoing asylum procedure.**  
**This has no effect on the outcome of the procedure.**



**Interested in voluntary return? Make an appointment at your nearest return counselling centre:**