

New Federal Integration Act in Effect

On June 9, 2017, the Integration Act came into effect. The Act is aimed at the swift integration of beneficiaries of subsidiary protection and asylees as well as lawfully established third-country nationals. It is based on the principle of rights and responsibilities: On one hand, the state has to offer integration measures, and on the other hand, those affected are responsible for actively participating in the measures offered.

Do these responsibilities apply to you?

The integration responsibilities apply to all beneficiaries of subsidiary protection and asylees who were granted their protection status after 31.12.2014 and are at least 15 years old.

What are your responsibilities?

- Signing the Integration Agreement
- Participation and contribution in a Values and Orientation Course from the Austrian Integration Fund (ÖIF) as well as completion of the course
- Participation and contribution in German courses at the A1 and A2 level as well as completion of the courses

What are the next steps for you?

1. Go to an ÖIF Integration Center in your state. Please take all necessary documents with you: asylum decision, proof of identity (Convention travel document, card for asylees, card for beneficiaries of subsidiary protection), social insurance card, residence registration, as well as certificates from German exams and/or confirmation of participation in an ÖIF Values and Orientation course if available.
2. You sign the Integration Agreement at the ÖIF. The ÖIF gives you a spot in a Values and Orientation Course as well as a German course at the level A1 if necessary.
3. Go to the employment service office (AMS) and inform them that you are looking for work.

What happens if you do not fulfill your responsibilities?

If the responsibilities are not fulfilled, federal support services such as welfare or needs-based minimum income (BMS) will be cut.

Get informed!

- [HERE](#) you will find all the information about the new law.
- [HERE](#) you will find a list of all the ÖIF Integration Centers.