



Right to remain for humanitarian reasons

You feel rooted in Germany and cannot leave?

You have a "Duldung" (temporary suspension of deportation) and are supposed to leave soon, but that is not possible for various reasons. At the same time, you feel rooted in Germany. Then you can apply for a right to remain on humanitarian grounds.

What are the requirements?

- You have had a "Duldung" for (at least) 18 months.
- You cannot be deported
 - and you are not to blame for this
 - and the reasons for this will not change soon.

Examples of such reasons are:

- Illness
 - Family in Germany
 - You have lived in Germany for years and are therefore "rooted" here
 - The Transport to your country of origin is not possible
 - You do not have a passport and cannot get one
 - You are a minor
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- You have a **passport**
 - **or** you have applied for a passport and can prove it.



If it is **not possible** ("unreasonable") for you to get a passport - for example because your country's embassy does not issue passports - you have to prove that you have done everything possible to clarify your identity.

- You earn the majority of your own money.
- **or** you are likely to earn your own money soon ("positive prognosis")
- **or** you are still at school, doing an apprenticeship, studying or have a minor child - then you may get money ("benefits") from the state. Also if you cannot work because of illness.
- You speak German (A2 level)
- If you have underage children, they go to school.
- You have not committed any serious criminal offences.
- You know and accept the rules of living in German society.



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What does the obligation to cooperate mean?

The Immigration Office expects you to **actively** try to prove your identity. This usually means that you have to obtain an **identity card or passport from your country of origin**. You fulfil your obligation to cooperate if your behaviour does not actively prevent your deportation. Active prevention can be, for example, identity deception or "going into hiding".

Only if you **currently** do not cooperate is this a "violation of the obligation to cooperate". It is not about your behaviour in the past. It is also **only your own behaviour** that counts and not the behaviour of your parents and siblings!

What else is important?

There are always exceptions to the requirements. Get advice if you have questions. **People are different and therefore good integration looks different for everyone**. What is important is that you make an effort and that your efforts are clear to others

Where can I find support?

It makes sense to go to a counselling centre close to you. There are refugee councils in every state and in many large cities. If you do not live in Lower Saxony, you can go to www.fluechtlingsrat.de to contact the refugee council in your federal state.

They can help you or tell you which counselling centre you can turn to.



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