

# §25a AufenthG

## Are you young and well integrated?

Then you have the right to remain in Germany if certain conditions are met. You also have this right even if your application for asylum has been rejected or if you have not applied for asylum at all.

### What are the requirements?

- You have lived in Germany for at least 3 years
- You have had a Duldung (temporary suspension of deportation) for (at least) 12 months or a residence permit according to § 104c AufenthG
- You are between 14 and 26 years old (that means you must submit your application before your 27th birthday)
- You have been successfully attending school for at least 3 years
- **or** you already have a school-leaving certificate or vocational qualification and earn the majority of your own money
- **or** you are likely to earn your own money soon ("positive prognosis")
- **or** you are still going to school, doing an apprenticeship, studying or you have a minor child - in these cases you are allowed to receive money ("benefits") from the state. Also if you cannot work because you are ill.
- You have a passport
- **or** you have applied for a passport and can prove it
- You know and accept the rules of living in German society
- You do not actively prevent your deportation by making false statements or deception about your identity or nationality.

! 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.

### 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!

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## 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](http://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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