

How will which protection I receive be decided?

What you say at your application hearing during the asylum procedure is important. Afterwards, the Federal Office for Migration and Refugees (BAMF) [Bundesamt für Migration und Flüchtlinge] will examine all the possibilities for protection. That is why it is important for you to be very well prepared for your application hearing. If you believe that the decision of the Federal Office is not correct, you should make use of your right to a court action.



It is very important to obtain information early on about the asylum process and your possibilities for protection.

Please do seek advice at a counselling centre.



More information can be found at:
www.einfachmeinrecht.awo.org

My right to protection

People have a right to protection in Germany. But what exactly does this mean?



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Can I find protection in Germany?

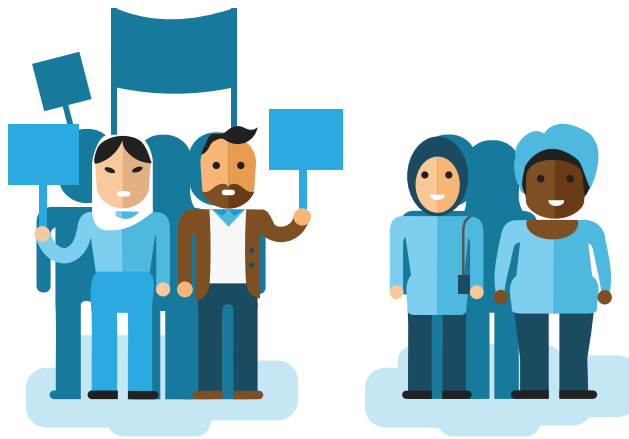
If you are in danger of persecution, torture or death in your country of origin, you have the right to receive protection in Germany and are allowed to live here. If you entered from another European country, this country may be responsible for your protection.

What does this protection mean?

As long as the need for protection exists, you may live, work, study and go to school in Germany. Social rights, such as the right to medical care and support for certain life situations, are part of this.

Do I have a right to asylum or recognised status as a refugee?

If you are personally being persecuted, for example due to your nationality, religion, political beliefs or membership of a particular social group, you can be recognised as being entitled to political asylum or to a refugee status.



Do I have a right to subsidiary protection?

If you are not being persecuted due to the elements listed, yet are still in danger of serious harm, you can get subsidiary protection. Serious harm exists where there is a threat of the death penalty or torture or if there is a risk to life and limb because war, civil war or armed conflict is prevalent in your country of origin.



Do I have the right to a nationwide ban on deportation?

If the above conditions do not apply to you, a ban on being deported can nevertheless come into effect. In this case, your life, your physical integrity or your freedom must be in specific danger.



Another reason could be if being deported would lead to a violation of your basic human rights.

Why are these differences important for me?

Your social rights and the duration of your residence permit depend very much on which rights to protection you receive. For example, they could make a difference to your right to family reunion, participation rights or being granted a permanent residence permit in Germany.

