

The Integration Year

You are entitled to asylum, subsidiary protection or are a Syrian asylum-seeker and would like to improve your German and integrate into the Austrian labour market? Then benefit from the opportunities offered by the integration year.

For whom?

You are entitled to asylum or subsidiary protection and have been awarded **this status after 31st of December 2014** and have not found any job yet, then you are even obliged to participate in the integration year.

Or you are a Syrian asylum-seeker with high probability of being granted a residence permit then you may participate in the integration year, subject to certain prerequisites. A rejection of your asylum application will however end your participation with immediate effect.

Other prerequisites are German skills at the A1 level, completed compulsory schooling and ability to work.

What?

The integration year offers you the chance of participating in social life in Austria, enhances your prospects of success on the labour market by extending and acquiring skills in various professions and occupations, and assists you in learning German. It is comprised of the following modules:

- Determination of professional competencies
- German skills
- Career orientation
- Application training
- On-the-job training
- Courses for obtaining professional qualifications, etc.

For how long?

The integration year ends at the latest after one year, whereby any programs started before the lapse of this year can still be completed.

How much?

- Persons eligible for asylum and subsidiary protection will be granted aid from the Public Employment Service Austria (AMS) when participating in the program (aid for covering the costs of living, subsidy for auxiliary course costs)
- Syrian asylum-seekers continue receiving basic subsidy benefits.

Where?

Your competent adviser at the local office of the Public Employment Service Austria (AMS) will inform you in more detail on the prerequisites and draft a schedule with you for your integration year.