



Five good reasons to take up employment:

Work brings one's own income and supports a self-determined life.

A job or apprenticeship improves the prospects of staying, and can make regular and, if desired, permanent residence possible.

German language skills are improved by working. This promotes integration in all areas of life.

Starting at a lower qualification level will enable you to gain initial experience quickly and open up opportunities for career advancement. This will allow you to increasingly make use of the knowledge and qualifications you have acquired in your home country.

Your start of work motivates others. You become a role model and make social contacts that help you and others to integrate.

The following false information are distributed:

In particular, information is spread on social media that is incorrect. This is corrected here:

✗ Misinformation: Work is not worth it for people with children because they get more money with the citizen's benefit.

✓ Fact: Earned income is supplemented by citizen's allowance. Benefits make work worthwhile, including mini-jobs. In addition, professional experience is gained.

✗ Misinformation: Work leads to over 50 % tax deductions from wages.

✓ Fact: Taxes vary depending on life situation and income, but are usually well below 50 %.

✗ Misinformation: Work leads to loss health insurance.

✓ Fact: In the case of social insurance you automatically remain insured while you are employed. The employer pays half of the contributions.

✗ Misinformation: After starting work, there is no longer any entitlement to citizen's benefit.

✓ Fact: If you lose your job, you can receive unemployment benefit or citizen's allowance again. If your income is insufficient, you can receive supplementary citizen's benefit.

✗ Misinformation: Without perfect German there is no job opportunity.

✓ Fact: Many employers employ refugees despite their limited knowledge of German. Language skills improve by work. Part-time language courses are supported by employment agencies/jobcenters.

✗ Misinformation: Unapprenticed work prevents career advancement:

✓ Fact: Work experience in Germany are valuable. With recognition of qualifications and improved language skills, the chances of getting more demanding jobs increase. Employment agencies/Jobcenters support continuing education courses alongside work.

✗ Misinformation: Without citizen's benefit there is no more information or support.

✓ Fact: No one is left alone. Help and information are available from advice center, associations, communities, jobcenters, employment agencies and local authorities.