



Return

Obligation to leave the country Section 50 of the Residence Act

People who do not have the required residence permit have to leave Germany.

As a rule, a period of **7 to 30 days** is set for departure.

In case of temporary suspension of removal, **Sections 60a-60d of the Residence Act**, the removal is temporarily suspended.

Return counselling

Neutral and individual return counselling at non-state (e.g. welfare associations and NGOs) and state counselling centres (e.g. Federal Office for Migration and Refugees, social welfare and foreigners authorities).



Coordination of
Federal Government
and Länder



Centre
for Return
Assistance

Preparation
for return



Länder
BAMF

Procurement of the
passport substitute
document



Länder
BAMF

Federal Police

Forced return
itself



Federal Police
Frontex

Voluntary return

Voluntary return has priority over forced return. People decide to return to their country of origin or a third country for personal reasons or because they are obliged to leave the country.



Independent return
Independently financed

Assisted return
Within the framework
of return programmes



Return programmes

The **REAG/GARP** programme of the Federal Government and the Länder in cooperation with **IOM** as well as various Länder programmes



Forced return

If people do not voluntarily comply with the obligation to leave the country, the competent authorities have coercive means at their disposal. A temporary ban on entry and residence of up to five years is imposed on people who are removed following unauthorised entry or removal. In certain cases, longer bans are imposed.



Detention to prepare removal Section 62 of the Residence Act

Detention to prepare removal is possible as a last option (e.g. if there is a risk of absconding or impending return).

Custody to secure departure Section 62b of the Residence Act

Ensuring the enforceability of the removal

Removal Section 58 of the Residence Act

Implementation of the obligation to leave the country with enforcement



Reintegration programmes



StarthilfePlus
Reintegration support within the framework of **REAG/GARP** in over 40 destination countries

Implementation: **IOM**

ERRIN
European programme in about 30 destination countries after voluntary departure or also expulsion

Implementation: **Frontex**

Perspektive Heimat / Startfinder
Counselling centres for jobs, migration and reintegration

Responsibility: **Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development / GIZ**

Further programmes in individual Länder and municipalities

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