

## Leaflet for recognised refugees on living in Dresden once a residence permit/residence permit extension has been issued

### Information on the State Capital Dresden's accommodation by-laws

When refugees obtain a residence permit/residence permit extension, they need to leave the accommodation provided by the State Capital Dresden (*placement in a residence or home*) and rent their own home.

The Social Security Office (Sozialamt) issues recognised refugees with a termination notice stating a deadline until which they can temporarily stay in the accommodation provided by the State Capital Dresden.

Recognised refugees must, however, pay a usage fee during this time, just like every citizen who leases their own home must pay rent.

Until refugees obtain a residence permit/residence permit extension, they live in accommodation provided by the State Capital Dresden at no charge, *unless* they are earning their own income.

Once officially recognised as a refugee, the *State Capital Dresden's Accommodation By-laws* stipulate that these people must pay fees for their accommodation. The fee amount is based on the latest version of these by-laws. Recognised refugees receive a fee notice for this. If receiving benefits under Vol. II of the German Social Code (SGB II), the job centre will recognise these fees and pay them directly to the City of Dresden.

If recognised refugees *first* rent their own home *and then* apply to the job centre for rent assistance and initial fit-out for absolutely essential items, but have not yet moved into their home, the job centre generally only bears the *double costs*, i.e. the simultaneous fees payable for this time frame, as well as for the State Capital Dresden's accommodation facilities and the rent for their own home, for a brief transition period.

*It is therefore imperative to note that*

I. Recognised refugees must move into their own homes swiftly if the most important fit-out items are available.

II. Recognised refugees previously accommodated in a home must de-register with the Social Security Office (Sozialamt) and return the key for this accommodation to the centre listed in the termination notice.

III. Recognised refugees who previously lived in the residence must de-register with the residence's operator.

*If recognised refugees fail to move quickly into their own home, double costs will be incurred. These costs will only be borne by the job centre for a brief period. Once the deadline has elapsed, recognised refugees will incur debt, which would not be a good start.*

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