



NRW Welcome Payment.

For nursing staff from abroad.



What is the NRW Welcome Payment?

Have you trained in a nursing profession abroad and would now like to live and work in North Rhine-Westphalia (NRW) on a long-term basis?

We would like to extend you a warm welcome!

The NRW Welcome Payment of **€1,500** is designed to make your start in North Rhine-Westphalia easier. It helps you with various immigration and integration costs.



Who can receive this form of financial support?

In order to receive this Welcome Payment, you must fulfil the following requirements:

1. You are a citizen of a so-called third country (non-EU country).
2. You have a residence permit for the purpose of recognition of a foreign professional qualification or for the purpose of employment as a carer (in accordance with Section 16d and Section 18a of the Residence Act [AufenthG]).
3. You have completed training in one of the following nursing professions:
 - Nursing
 - Geriatric nursing
 - Paediatric nursing
 - Nursing specialist
 - Other nursing staff with specialist training in healthcare and nursing: hygiene, intensive care and anaesthesia, theatre nursing
4. You have a certificate of recognition in one of the above-mentioned occupational groups, issued by an authority situated in North Rhine-Westphalia.
5. You have received a certificate of authorisation to use the professional/vocational title in one of the above-mentioned professional groups issued by an authority situated in North Rhine-Westphalia within the last six months prior to the date of application.
6. You are currently resident in NRW.

What is required?

You will need the following documents, in order to apply for the Welcome Payment:

1. Notification of recognition in one of the occupational groups listed on page 1 (see also point 3 under “Who can receive this form of financial support?”)
2. Certificate of authorisation to use the professional/ vocational title in one of the professional groups listed on page 1
3. Special residence permit (see also point 2 under “Who can receive this form of financial support?”)

How is funding provided?

The application for this form of financial support can be submitted to the district government of Arnsberg from 01.03.2024. You can find the application documents under point 2.9 here:

<https://mags.nrw/esf-2021-2027-antrag>

The district governments of Arnsberg and Detmold will then review your application.

Following a positive review, the Welcome Payment can be granted as a lump sum of €1,500, provided that the corresponding budget funds are available.

If you have any questions, please submit these to the following address:

willkommensgeld@bra.nrw.de

(the dedicated inbox for the district government)

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You can find more information about the Welcome Payment here:

www.mags.nrw/willkommensgeld