

Good to know! Information on absences from residence



Persons who are entitled to benefits under Book II of the German Social Code (SGB II) must be available for integration and other measures. For example, you must be able to present yourself at appointments when invited and receive placement proposals punctually. Remaining in your place of residence ensures that this is the case.

What are absences from residence?

You are absent from residence if you stay outside of your place of residence for more than one day. Examples include visiting friends outside of Oldenburg for a weekend or going on holiday. For this period of time, you are therefore not available to the Jobcenter.



What do I need to know?

Absences from residence are permitted by the Jobcenter under certain circumstances. Unapproved or unreported absences from residence can lead to your benefits being stopped or to you being asked to pay them back.

The rules on absences from residence apply to all persons over the age of 15 in your benefit community. Therefore, if you are planning a holiday with your family, all members of the family over the age of 15 must visit the Jobcenter both to apply for the absence from residence and on their return.



If you are planning an absence from residence or are temporarily not available in your place of residence, please visit the Jobcenter in good time beforehand. After a period of absence from residence, please report back to your Jobcenter in person on the next working day.

The Jobcenter staff will be happy to advise you if you have any questions or are planning any absences from residence.