



Information Bulletin issued by the Bavarian State Ministry of the Interior

Impact of foreign children leaving the country on their residence rights and entitlement to benefit

Dear parents,

You have notified the authorities that your school-age child will no longer be attending school in Bavaria. In this connection, we should like to draw your attention to the following points:

If a foreign child leaves Federal German territory on a permanent basis or stays abroad for more than six months, his or her residence or settlement permit will expire. The child may then not re-enter Germany, unless the German foreign representation in his or her home country issues a visa. In such a case, the authorities will have to re-examine whether the conditions have been met for children to follow their parents.

If you intend to de-register your child from a school in Germany for only a temporary period, please bear in mind that your child will only have a proper chance on the German labour market, if he or she can speak German, has completed a training course in Germany and obtained appropriate school-leaving qualifications and is familiar with living conditions in this country.

Please do not hesitate to contact your local Aliens' Office if you have any queries. This office will also decide whether it is possible for the right of return to be extended beyond six months.

Please also remember that you have to notify the Familienkasse (Family Fund) of the departure of your child with regard to your claim to child benefit.

Note: This information bulletin does not apply to children from Andorra, Australia, the States of the European Union, Honduras, Iceland, Israel, Japan, Canada, Republic of Korea, Liechtenstein, Monaco, New Zealand, Norway, San Marino, Switzerland and the United States of America.