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## Letter to Ukrainian War Refugees

Dear Sir or Madam,

as you probably know, you can claim benefits based on the Social Security Codes as of 1st June 2022. Specifically, this means that you can receive payments from the [Job Centre that is responsible for you.](#)

You can also receive a lot of other free benefits there, too. For example, your Job Centre can help you search for a suitable job or language course. In principle, you can decide whether you want to start working directly, or if you would prefer to learn German or get some qualifications first.

Many sectors are currently looking for employees, for instance, trades and crafts, healthcare and even industrial companies. It is important to the government of North Rhine-Westphalia that you find good employment.

Unfortunately, there are some jobs that are risky because they are, e.g., only temporary, do not pay a living income or do not come with social benefits. We would therefore ask you to take this opportunity and find out about your rights as an employee.

Skilled workers have good opportunities in the labour market in North Rhine-Westphalia; however, special qualifications are required to work as a skilled worker. If you have completed a degree or apprenticeship in Ukraine, these qualifications can be recognised in Germany. Your Job Centre or counselling centres, for example [Beratungsstellen Arbeit](#) or [Faire Integration](#), will also be happy to inform you about these possibilities.



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We would therefore like to encourage you to visit the Job Centre to ask for advice about your opportunities in the labour market or about qualification possibilities. You can also receive professional advice about childcare, school internships, work placements or vocational training.

Best regards,

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