## Fact sheet: rights and obligations



If you receive a guaranteed minimum income in Tyrol, you have a number of rights, but also a number of responsibilities. If you do not fulfill these responsibilities, you may be prosecuted! In addition, any benefits you have received to which you were not entitled will be recovered or deducted from future minimum income payments.

## So, please pay careful attention to the following information!

- 1. Persons capable of work are obliged to make every effort to find work, and you must be able to prove to the Sozialamt that you are doing so. If you are deemed not to be trying hard enough to find work, your minimum income will be reduced.
- Persons entitled to claim asylum and those with subsidiary protection status are required to learn the German language up to level A2. The Sozialamt (Social Security Office) will give you a deadline by which you must successfully complete the required examinations. If you do not pass the examinations, your minimum income will be reduced.
- 3. If you apply for the guaranteed minimum income, this application must be complete so that it can be processed. It is most important that the following documents are submitted by all members of the household:

<u>Income:</u> wages, rent allowance, child benefit, benefits from the AMS (Job Centre), maintenance, pension, sickness benefit, rehabilitation allowance, bank statements for the last 3 months with current balance

**Expenditure:** rental contract, current rental charge, service charges, heating costs, maintenance payments

<u>Assets and property:</u> car, apartment, house, bank and building society savings accounts, life insurance

Other requirements: registration certificate, photo ID, residence permit

- 4. You must report any change of circumstances to the Sozialamt within two weeks at the latest.
- 5. You must notify the Sozialamt of any intention to stay abroad before you leave. If you spend more than two weeks abroad, you are no longer entitled to receive the guaranteed minimum income. You must also report if you are admitted to any facility (to hospital as an in-patient, for example).
- 6. If you are a single parent, you must demand that the child's father/mother pay maintenance (for example, by bringing a maintenance claim to court)
- 7. To ensure that you receive letters from the Sozialamt, you have to put your name on the door and the post box.
- 8. You must comply with any contracts you enter into (such as rental agreements). For example, if you leave or give up your apartment prior to the end of the rental agreement, the Sozialamt will not rent another apartment for you.
- When leaving an apartment, you must pay back the deposit to the Sozialamt. Otherwise, this amount will be deducted from your current minimum income and/or the Sozialamt can not rent a new apartment for you.

Social Security Office		
Read and noted:		
Place and date	 Signature	