

# Your application for the living allowance

We are glad that you have arrived safely in our region. Today you met an employee of the Regional Social Service (Regionale Sociale Dienst; RSD). You have also applied for a living allowance. This leaflet explains what living allowance is and what steps you can now expect to take.

## *What is living allowance?*

Everyone who has fled from the Ukraine to the Netherlands is entitled to living allowance. You can use this money to pay for your most important expenses, such as food, clothing and personal care. The RSD transfers the living allowance to your bank account.

## *When do you receive living allowance?*

We will respond to your application within one week. You will then also receive your living allowance. After that, you will always receive the living allowance during first week of the month.

On 1 July, the rules for the living allowance will change. It is not yet clear

what this will mean for you. You will be informed at that time.

## *How much allowance will you receive?*

- You will receive €55 per person per month for clothing and personal expenses.
- Do you provide your own meals and are they not provided by the municipal reception facility or your host family? In that case, you will receive € 205.00 per person per month.
- Do you live with a host family? In that case, you will receive a monthly housing allowance of € 215.- per per adult and € 55.- per child to the age of 17.
- Children aged 18 and over receive their own living allowance.

## How can you report changes in your situation?

Your situation can change. We will then adjust your living allowance accordingly. It is important that you report the following changes to us:

- You move to another municipal reception facility or to another host family.
- You move to another municipality.
- The composition of your family changes.
- You start or stop working.

This brochure includes an **amendment form**. You can use this form to inform us of any changes. You can send the completed form to [oeukraine@rsdkrh.nl](mailto:oeukraine@rsdkrh.nl). Please note that this e-mail address is without diaeresis on the letter 'i'.

When you receive notification of your request by post, we will enclose a new amendment form. The form is also available at the reception facilities and at our office (Het Rond 6e, Zeist).

## Can I work in the Netherlands?

Yes, as of 1 April, refugees from Ukraine are allowed to work in the Netherlands. The employer does not have to apply for a special work permit anymore. You can read more about work for refugees on the website of the Dutch Government (Rijksoverheid); [www.refugeehelp.nl](http://www.refugeehelp.nl)

## I am looking for work. Can I get help with that?

Yes, you can go to 'Midden-Utrecht Werkt Door', which is an organisation that helps you find work. The advisers provide information and advice on reliable organisations that can help you on your way to employment. If you would like to know more, please go to [www.middenutrechtwerktdoor.nl](http://www.middenutrechtwerktdoor.nl)

- Send an e-mail to [work@muwd.nl](mailto:work@muwd.nl)
- Or call: +31 6 11 14 90 80.

## Do you have any questions?

On our website, you will find the answers to a number of frequently asked questions. If your question is not listed and your host family or coordinator cannot help you, you can call us at **+31 30 - 692 95 00**. We are available from Monday to Friday from 08.00 to 17.00 hrs.

