

Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs



## OUR STEP FORWARD CITIZENS' BENEFIT

SHORT AND TO THE POINT



In a first step, the Job Centre covers basic needs. The objective is to cover the basic cost of living and housing costs.

#### **THE WAY TO THE** *CITIZENS' BENEFIT*

## **1** APPLYING FOR THE CITIZENS' BENEFIT

Vulnerable people who are able to work can apply for the Citizens' benefit for themselves and their families at the Job Centre or online.



# **3** MAKING A PLAN

The focus is then on their future in the labour market: what kind of job is suitable for the long term? The cooperation plan lists the most important steps towards a job.



#### **4** STRENGTHENING SKILLS

People entitled to the Citizens' benefit can undergo training or further education, strengthen their skills and receive additional financial support for this.



On their way to a suitable permanent job they are given advice, support and coaching.

## **OPENING UP OPPORTUNITIES**

The Citizens' benefit helps vulnerable people who are able to work to find a good job. Anyone who gains a qualification or undergoes training or continuing education for this purpose receives financial support for up to three years.





#### **PROVIDING PROTECTION**

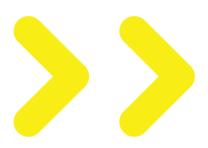
The Citizens' benefit covers the cost of living and, in the first 12 months, protects housing and savings in particular. This creates the necessary mental space to look for a job.



WITHOUT FINANCIAL WORRIES, THE FOCUS CAN BE ON FINDING A JOB.

## **PLANNING TOGETHER**

The Citizens' benefit comes with extensive advice and integrated support. Because people need a job that suits them.





#### THE JOB CENTRE HELPS PEOPLE ACHIEVE THEIR PROFESSIONAL GOALS.

#### **REMOVING HURDLES**

The Citizens' benefit means more digitalisation and less paper. This makes the services more accessible to all – and makes it easier to find a job.



THE CITIZENS' BENEFIT MEANS SHORT DISTANCES AND LESS RED TAPE.

# CITIZENS' BENEFIT AT A GLANCE

The Citizens' benefit meets the needs of vulnerable people who are able to work as well as their families. It creates new opportunities for a future in the labour market and enables their participation in our society: financially, socially and culturally.



"The Citizens' benefit strengthens social cohesion and is a step forward for all of us as a society."

Hubertus Heil, Federal Minister of Labour and Social Affairs

For information, addresses and services related to the Citizens' benefit, go to: www.bmas.de/EN

