

## **FAQ Version englisch**

### **What is the RLC?**

The Refugee Law Clinic Konstanz e.V. is a university group founded in 2016 with the main activity of providing voluntary legal advice to refugees. Since 2016 we are a registered non-profit association in Konstanz. Refugee Law Clinics can be found all over Germany. Currently, there are RLCs in 35 cities, connected by an umbrella organization. More information about the umbrella organization can be found here: <https://rlc-deutschland.de/>.

### **What kind of assistance does the RLC offer to refugees?**

We advise on all asylum and migration law issues, from filing an application for asylum to the prospects of staying after a negative asylum decision. We do not offer advice on criminal or civil law matters, i.e. e.g. violations of the Narcotics Act or rent disputes.

As a student legal advisor, we cannot represent clients in court. If our consulting competence is exceeded, we keep in contact with our supervising attorneys, who can accept a mandate in that matter. This is where our free legal advice ends.

### **How can I participate?**

The RLC is always looking for new members. Since our main activity is legal counseling, we are especially interested in new counselors.

Furthermore, we are always looking for interpreters for Arabic, Syrian, Afghan, and West African languages such as Wolof, Maninka etc.

In addition to legal advice, we are also happy to have helpers in the organizational work. The RLC offers regular trainings, not only for its advisors, but also for external interested people. We are looking forward to your support in organizing the association and such events.

If you are interested, please send us an e-mail to [rlc@uni-konstanz.de](mailto:rlc@uni-konstanz.de).

### **How do I become a consultant?**

To become an advisor, you do not need any previous knowledge of asylum law. However basic legal knowledge is very helpful, but not mandatory.

Every semester we offer courses on asylum law, in which the basics of asylum and migration law are taught. There are also regular training sessions in which experts present current developments or legal issues relevant to counseling.

The knowledge is deepened by participating in a counseling session, which is led by at least one experienced counselor.

### **How is the RLC financed?**

As a voluntary association, the RLC is mainly financed by donations. Currently, the main funding comes from the DAAD's "Welcome Initiative" project. In addition to the DAAD funds, we receive irregular support from local aid organizations. The work of the RLC requires a minimum of financial means, since for a competent consultation the asylum-legal literature must be kept up to date as well as the fees for the changing advanced training advisers must be paid.

### **How can I support the RLC without becoming an active member?**

If you are not able to actively support the RLC as a consultant or otherwise, you can do so efficiently by making a small donation. Under the following link you will find our donation account:

Owner: Refugee Law Clinic Konstanz e.V.

Account number: 7926808400

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Institute: GLS Bank

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We will gladly issue a donation receipt if required. Please send an e-mail to [rlc@uni-konstanz.de](mailto:rlc@uni-konstanz.de).

### **Does the RLC also organize training courses?**

The RLC offers free trainings on selected migration law topics to interested groups from outside the field. To arrange a date and topic, please send an e-mail to [rlc@uni-konstanz.de](mailto:rlc@uni-konstanz.de).