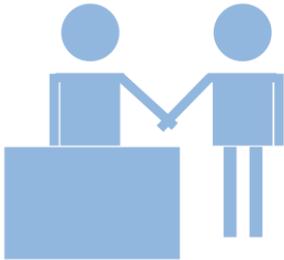




You have recently moved into the canton of Appenzell Ausserrhoden.
WE WOULD LIKE TO GIVE YOU A WARM WELCOME!



We are delighted to welcome you in the canton of Appenzell-Ausserhoden. At the **initial information meeting** we will tell you all about living here, your **rights and responsibilities** and the opportunities available to people from abroad.

This information will help you to find your feet in your new surroundings and to adapt to living in our canton.

We will also address your personal information needs around issues such as education, health, insurance, work and taxation, language courses etc. How does the education system work? What is the job situation and how do I find employment? What is a health insurance scheme? Which insurance do I need? What taxes do I need to pay? Where can I learn German? We can tell you what is available for your specific circumstances.



As part of the registration process, the residents' registration office will arrange an **appointment with you for an initial information meeting**. The meeting lasts an hour and is conducted by the information office for integration (INFI) in Herisau (see address on reverse).

The INFI will arrange for an interpreter to translate into your first language if you are unable to conduct the meeting in German. We will provide this free of charge.

If you need to postpone the meeting, please let us know in advance so that we can cancel any arrangements with interpreters in good time. We would like to avoid unnecessary costs. **You need to cancel at least 24 hours in advance for appointments without interpreters and 48 hours in advance for appointments with interpreters (by telephone 071 353 64 61 or e-mail infi@ar.ch).**



The initial information meeting only happens once and is part of the registration process. If you are employed, please inform your employer about the time of the appointment. If you fail to attend an appointment or contact us, the INFI may contact you via your workplace.



The information office for integration (INFI) remains your point of contact after the meeting and is available during office hours to answer any questions you may have. You will also find a lot of useful information on our website www.leben-in-ar.ch.