

What happens if I do not consent to financial relief?

If you do not fill in the form, you do not give your consent. In that case the RSD cannot provide financial relief. Because this is a mandatory part of your integration programme, this might have consequences for your welfare benefit. It is important that you contact us to find out how this will affect you. Call or email your contact at the RSD.

I am earning money myself too. How does this affect financial relief?

If you work or earn money in another way, we cannot pay all your fixed costs from your welfare benefit. Your contact at the RSD will talk to you about what you can pay from your own earnings.

My partner is coming to the Netherlands. How will financial relief be arranged then?

The RSD helps you with your money matters for six months. If your partner comes to live with you, this will not change the situation at all. Will you still receive financial relief? We will complete the six months period. Has your period of financial relief finished? Then you will continue to arrange your own money matters, together with your partner. Your partner can, however, follow the course on financial administration.

My welfare benefit will come to an end. Will I still receive financial relief?

No, in that case the RSD will stop providing financial relief. You no longer receive a welfare benefit. So we can no longer pay your fixed costs.

Any questions?

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You are starting an integration programme. The Regional Social Services (RSD) will help you. During your integration programme you receive a welfare benefit from the RSD. During the first six months you will not receive the money directly. First the RSD pays your essential costs from your welfare benefit. That is called 'financial relief'. In this flyer we explain what financial relief is and why we provide it.

What is a welfare benefit?

A welfare benefit is money you get if you do not earn enough money to live on yourself. A welfare benefit is temporary, until you find work. You get a welfare benefit from your local authority. The RSD pays the welfare benefit to you on behalf of the local authority.

What is financial relief?

Financial Relief is a mandatory part of your integration programme. During the first six months of your integration, the RSD helps you with your money matters. We use the money from your welfare benefit to pay for essential expenses such as rent, energy bills and insurance. You will also receive

personal assistance with your finances and administration and will follow a course to learn how to manage your finances and administration on your own. This will help you learn to become financially independent.

Why financial relief?

When you begin your integration programme, there is a lot to arrange. It is a busy time. This is why we help you with your money matters during this period. We are legally required to do this. We make sure your essential expenses are paid from your welfare benefit. So you don't have to do this yourself.

What bills does the RSD pay with the money from the welfare benefit?

1. the rent for your home;
2. your healthcare insurance;
3. your home contents and liability insurance;
4. gas, water and electricity.

How long does financial relief last?

Financial relief starts as soon as you receive your welfare benefit and lasts for six months. After five months, we will talk about how you will manage your money matters yourself. If it is better for you, then we can help for a longer time. Step by step, you will then start paying more and more bills yourself.

How do I give my consent for financial relief?

The RSD is not allowed to simply give you financial relief. You have to consent to this. You can do so by filling in the authorisation form. With this form, you give us permission to manage your money matters. You will receive the form when you apply for a welfare benefit from the RSD. Your social worker from Vluchtelingenwerk will help you fill in the form.

