



**FROM THE OPPORTUNITY
RIGHT OF RESIDENCE TO
THE RIGHT TO REMAIN.**

*Information for people who
will apply for the Opportunity
Residence Act "Chancen-Aufent-
halt" (§ 104c) or who already
have it.*



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ARE YOU PLANNING TO APPLY FOR THE OPPORTUNITY RESIDENCE ACT (§ 104C)?

Have you already applied for the Opportunity Residence Title? Or have you already received the Opportunity Residence Permit?

Here you will find out step by step what you need to take care of after the immigration authorities have issued you with an Opportunity Residence Permit.

If you are considering applying for the Opportunity Residence Permit or you already have the Opportunity Residence Permit, it is important to read this brochure carefully. After you have received the Opportunity Residence Permit, you must meet certain conditions within 18 months in order to receive a long-term residence permit according to §25a or §25b Residence Act.

If you fail to do this, you will fall back into toleration (Duldung) and will not be able to apply for the Opportunity Stay (Chancen-Aufenthalt) again.

At a glance

- » After a successful application, you will have the Opportunity Residence Permit for 18 months (Section 104c of the Residence Act).
- » If you do not apply for and receive another residence permit (according to § 25a or § 25b) before the end of these 18 months, you will then only receive a toleration permit (Duldung).
- » During the 18 months if you are not a pupil, trainee or student, you must:
 1. Learn German (level A2)
 2. Find a job
 3. Prove your integration
 4. Clarify your identity (especially via passport)



First of all: brief information about the Opportunity Permit according to 104c Residence Act (Chancen-Aufenthalt)

Who can apply for an Opportunity Residence Permit?

People who entered Germany before October 31, 2017 and had been tolerated or permitted for at least 5 years without interruption on the deadline date, October 31, 2022, or had another residence permit.

What do I not need to get the Opportunity Residence Permit?

You do not need to have your identity clarified in order to get the Opportunity Residence Permit and you must not have had a job yet.

What can I do with the Opportunity Residence Permit?

For example, you can work and attend German and integration courses and claim benefits for participation in working life (Jobcenter).

Until when can I apply for the Opportunity Residence Permit?

You can apply for the Opportunity Residence Permit until December 31, 2025.

How long is the Opportunity Residence Permit valid?

The opportunity residence permit is valid for 18 months. Before the end of the 18 months it is essential that you apply for a new residence permit at your immigration authority, as the residence permit in accordance with Section 104c of the Residence Act is only issued once and cannot be extended.

Who can I contact if I have questions about the Opportunity Residence Act „Chancen-Aufenthalt“?

You can contact us if you have any questions about the Opportunity Residence Act. Email: cast@fluechtlingsrat-lsa.de

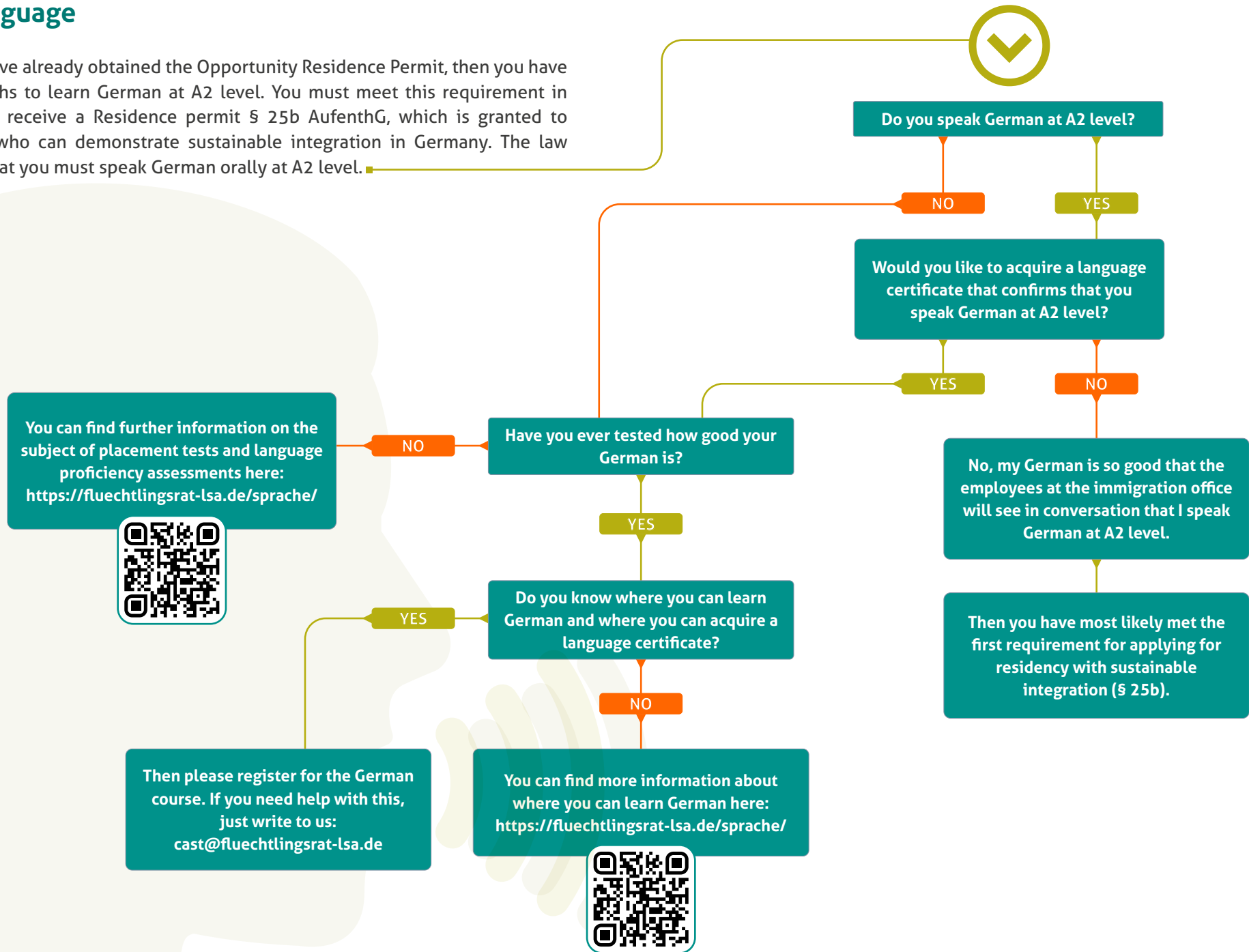


Further information at:

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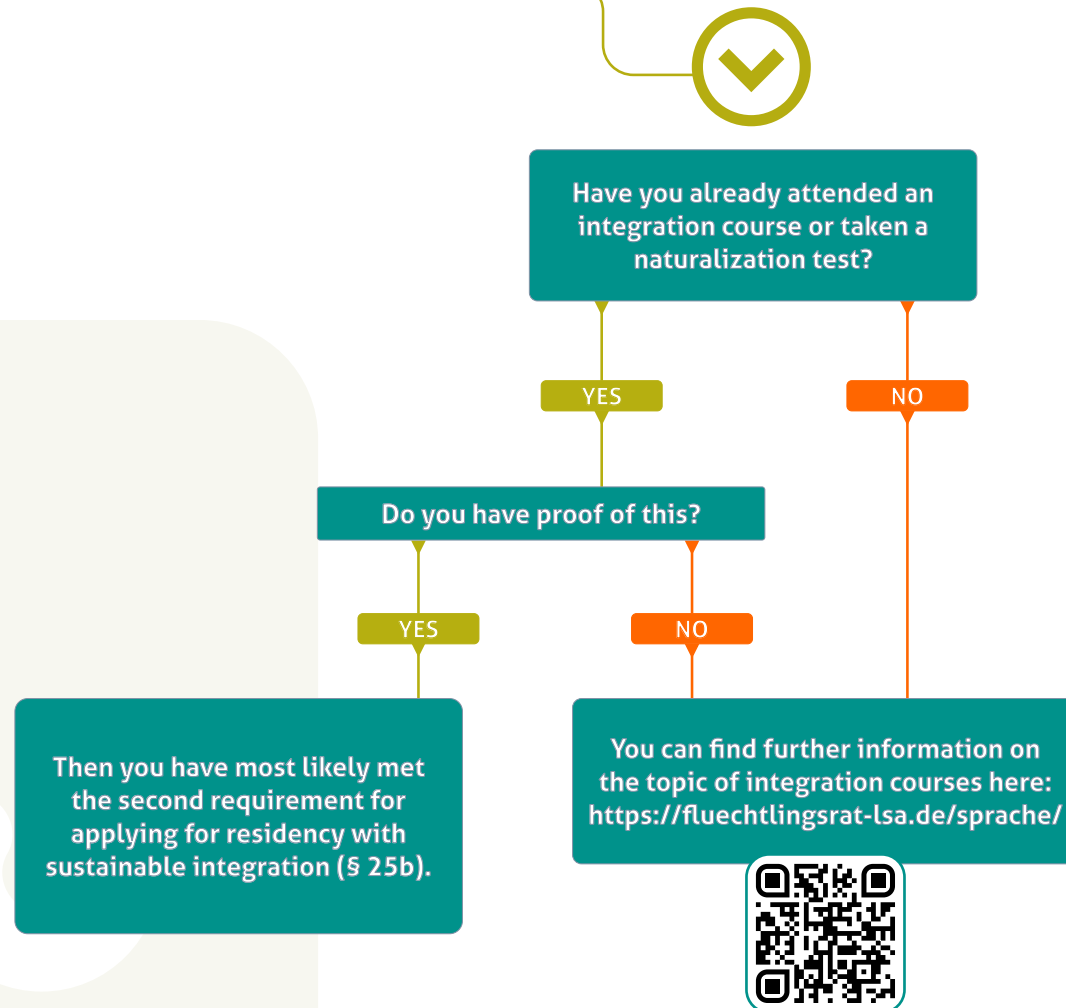
1. Language

If you have already obtained the Opportunity Residence Permit, then you have 18 months to learn German at A2 level. You must meet this requirement in order to receive a Residence permit § 25b AufenthG, which is granted to people who can demonstrate sustainable integration in Germany. The law states that you must speak German orally at A2 level.



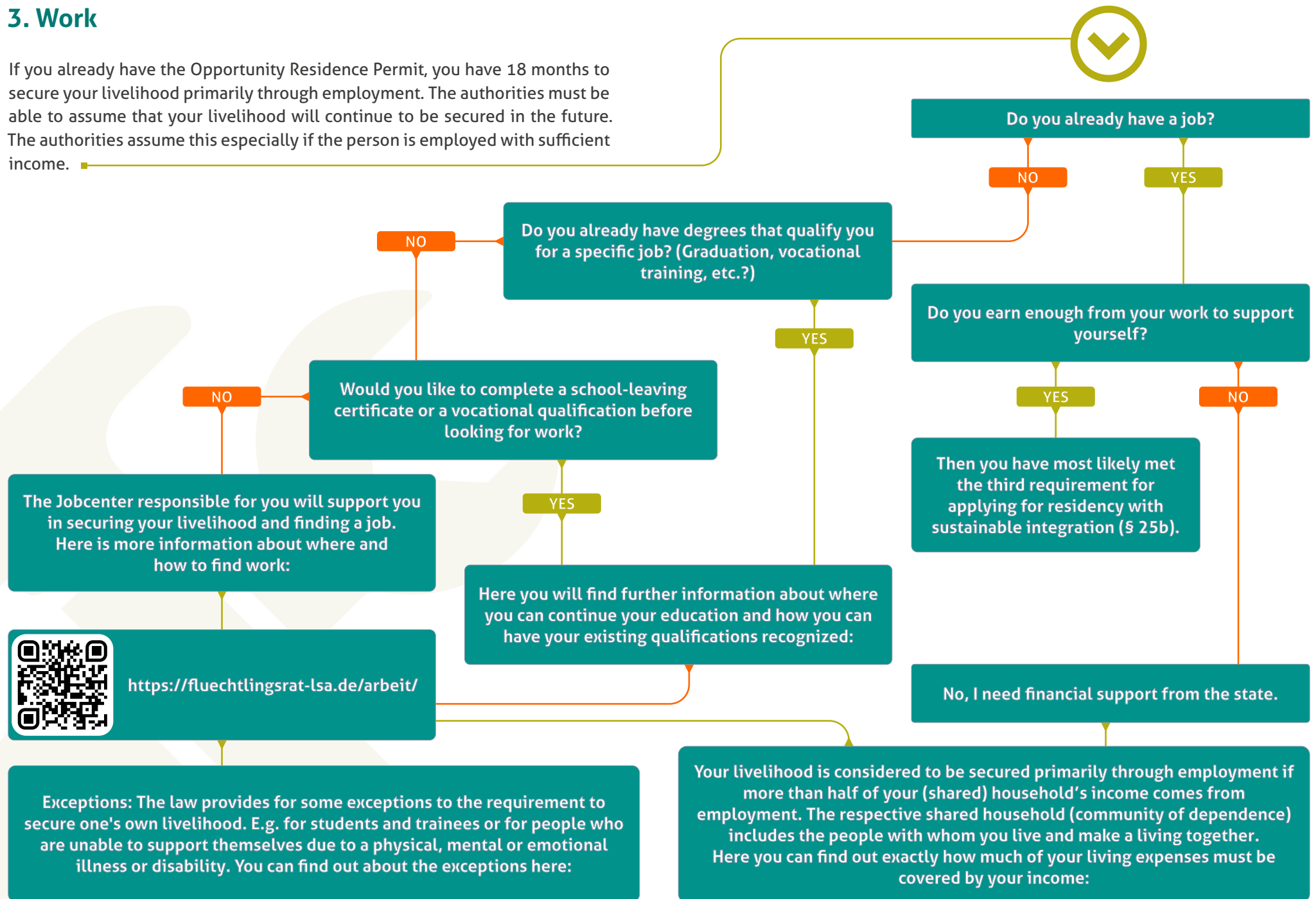
2. Integration

If you already have the Opportunity Residence Permit, you have 18 months to prove your integration. You must meet this requirement in order to receive a residence permit with sustainable integration (§ 25b).



3. Work

If you already have the Opportunity Residence Permit, you have 18 months to secure your livelihood primarily through employment. The authorities must be able to assume that your livelihood will continue to be secured in the future. The authorities assume this especially if the person is employed with sufficient income.



The Jobcenter responsible for you will support you in securing your livelihood and finding a job. Here is more information about where and how to find work:



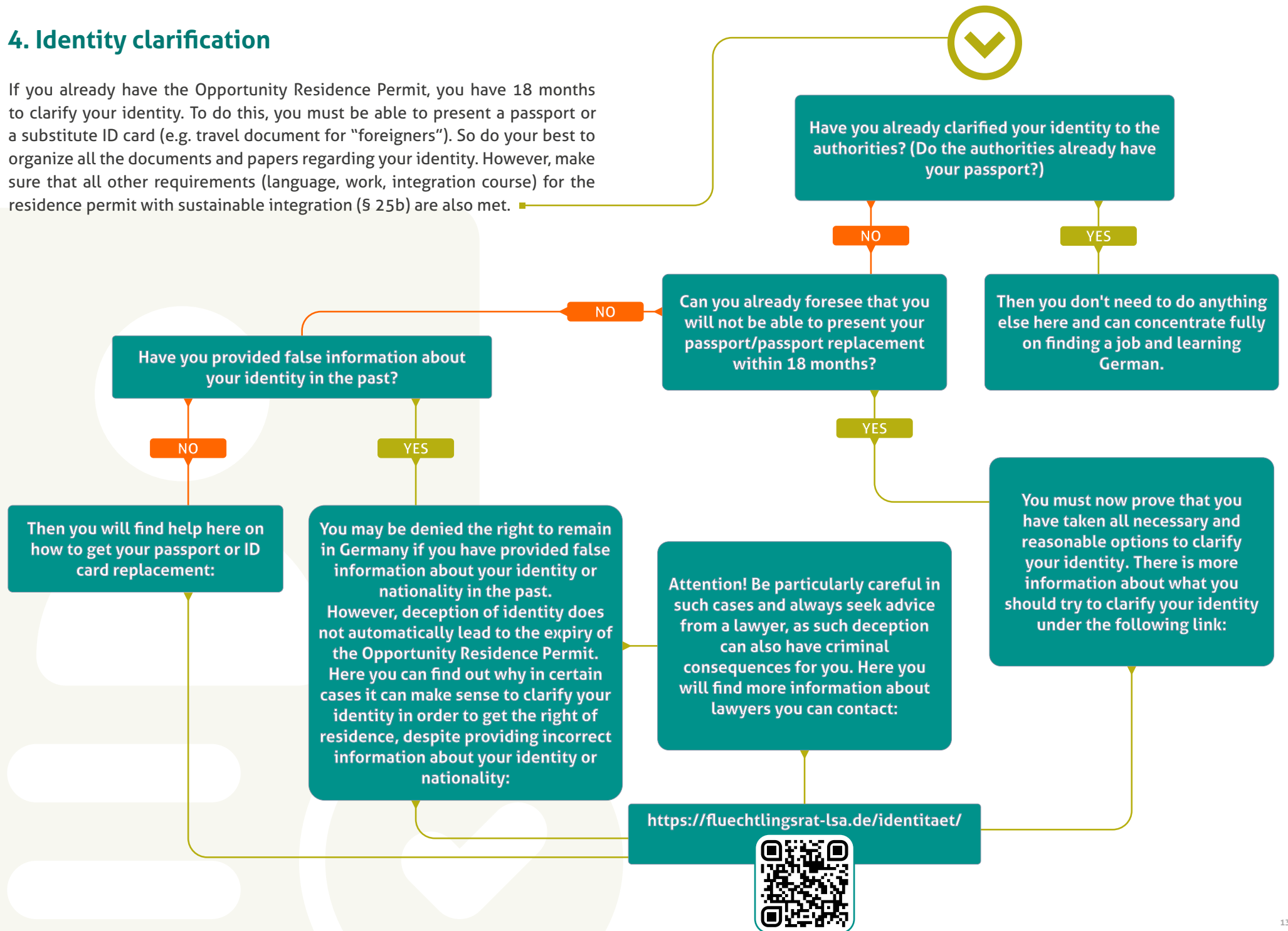
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Exceptions: The law provides for some exceptions to the requirement to secure one's own livelihood. E.g. for students and trainees or for people who are unable to support themselves due to a physical, mental or emotional illness or disability. You can find out about the exceptions here:

Your livelihood is considered to be secured primarily through employment if more than half of your (shared) household's income comes from employment. The respective shared household (community of dependence) includes the people with whom you live and make a living together. Here you can find out exactly how much of your living expenses must be covered by your income:

4. Identity clarification

If you already have the Opportunity Residence Permit, you have 18 months to clarify your identity. To do this, you must be able to present a passport or a substitute ID card (e.g. travel document for "foreigners"). So do your best to organize all the documents and papers regarding your identity. However, make sure that all other requirements (language, work, integration course) for the residence permit with sustainable integration (§ 25b) are also met.



Contact:

What is the best way to contact us?

If you need our support, then request an appointment with us via e-mail or send us a message on Signal. We will then reply as quickly as possible and tell you where you can meet us or whether a telephone appointment will suffice. We can advise you throughout Saxony-Anhalt and are happy to come to you.

You can find our contact details here:

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Important information: The following address is only our postal address. You can send letters there. Our counselling sessions take place in other rooms. We will let you know the address as soon as we have made an appointment with you.

Postal address:

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Additional information:



OPPORTUNITY RESIDENCE PERMIT:

<https://www.fluechtlingsrat-lsa.de/104c/>



ON THE TOPICS OF LANGUAGE & INTEGRATION:

<https://www.fluechtlingsrat-lsa.de/sprache/>



ON THE TOPIC OF WORK:

<https://www.fluechtlingsrat-lsa.de/arbeit/>



ON THE TOPIC OF IDENTITY:

<https://www.fluechtlingsrat-lsa.de/identitaet/>



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