ALLOWANCE FOR ASYLUM SEEKERS

WHO IS ENTITLED TO RECEIVE ADA?

Any person who has an asylum application certificate is entitled to receive the Allowance for Asylum Seekers (ADA). Individuals admitted for residence on grounds of being a victim of human trafficking or who are beneficiaries of temporary protection may also apply for ADA (Article L. 316-1 of the Code for Entry and Residence of Foreign Persons and the Right of Asylum - CESEDA).

WHAT ARE THE CONDITIONS FOR OBTAINING ADA?

To obtain ADA, you must meet the following conditions:

- possess an asylum application certificate or a residence permit granted on the basis of Article L. 316-1 of CESEDA;
- must have accepted the material reception conditions offered by OFII (French Office for Immigration and Integration);
- must be at least 18 years old;
- you or together with your spouse, civil partner (PACS) or common-law partner have a monthly income whose amount is less than the amount of the Active Solidarity Income (RSA);
- must have presented an asylum application to the French Office for the Protection of Refugees and Stateless People (OFPRA) within 21 days of receiving your first asylum application certificate.

You may be denied ADA if you submit your asylum application over 90 days after arriving in France or if you submit an application for re-assessment after a definitive rejection of a first asylum application.

HOW DO YOU SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR ADA?

You are required to apply for ADA when you go to the general counter (guichet unique). You will then be given a payment card allowing you to benefit from the allowance.

To support your ADA application you must present an asylum application certificate or a valid receipt, as well as all elements certifying your resources and your family composition.

FOR HOW LONG WILL THE ADA BE PAID?

You will receive the payment until:

- the end of the month following the one which the notification of the positive decision was issued by the French Office for the Protection of Refugees and Stateless People (OFPRA) or the National Court for Asylum Rights (CNDA);
• the end of the month of the negative decision from the CNDA or expiry of the period for filing an appeal against the negative decision of OFPRA (1 month);
• the end of the month in which your right to remain on French territory ended after an OFPRA rejection, if you were under an expedited procedure because you come from a country that is considered as safe, if you presented an inadmissible re-assessment request or if you represent a threat to public order and safety (Article L. 743-2 of CESEDA);
• the date of your effective transfer to the state responsible for assessing your asylum application, if you are under the Dublin procedure;
• expiry or withdrawal of your residence permit delivered on the basis of Article L. 316-1 or temporary protection.

You may lose the benefit of the material reception conditions and thus of the ADA if you refuse an accommodation or referral offer, if you abandon your accommodation without justification, or if you do not comply with the requirements of the asylum authorities.

The lack of validity of the asylum application certificate leads to suspension of allowance rights.

The benefit of the material reception conditions and therefore the payment of the ADA may also be terminated if you have concealed financial resources, provided false information relating to your family situation, submitted several asylum applications under different identities, if you behave violently or seriously breach the regulations of your place of accommodation.

WHAT IS THE ALLOWANCE AMOUNT?

ADA is paid monthly based on a scale that accounts for your household’s resources, your needs and type of accommodation as well as your family composition.

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An additional daily sum of €7.40 (in 2019) is given to each adult asylum seeker without any accommodation solutions, and who has not been offered any place of accommodation.

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO IF YOUR SITUATION CHANGES?

You must inform the territorial directorate of the OFII to which you are attached about any changes in your personal and family situation that may affect the ADA amount: birth, separation, resources, accommodation or housing conditions, etc.
HOW WILL YOU RECEIVE THE ADA?

ADA is paid at the beginning of the month, on your personal payment card. The card can be used in any shop equipped with an electronic payment terminal.

You will receive an SMS on your mobile phone informing you that the ADA has been credited to your card. You should only use your card at a shop if it has credit, in order to avoid any risk of blocking the card and not being able to pay for your purchases. The number of payments is not limited, so you can use your card as many times as you like during the month, provided the amount available on it is sufficient.

For any questions about using your personal payment card, available balance or cancelling it, you may contact 0811.041.041 (the number is on the back of the card). Further details are included in the letter issued with the card.

In general, a period of 30 to 45 days is required between the delivery and loading of the card.