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The rights of aliens to participate in volunteer work in Denmark

Volunteer work is defined as work performed voluntary and unpaid for a formally organized association, union or similar. The unpaid work must not replace paid work and it is a requirement that the work in question is performed without pay and voluntary.

Basis for residence	Right to perform unpaid, voluntary work?	Remarks
Aliens Act § 4 concerning visa	No	Aliens, who have taken up residence in Denmark on a visa, do not have the right to partake in paid or unpaid employment. This requires a work permit.
Aliens Act § 7, paragraph 1-3, concerning convention status, protection status and temporary protection status.	Yes	No restrictions.
Aliens Act § 8 concerning mandate refugees	Yes	No restrictions.
Aliens Act § 9 concerning family reunification	Yes	No restrictions.
Aliens Act § 9 a, paragraph 2 concerning e	Yes	No restrictions.
Aliens Act § 9 a, paragraph 3 concerning participation in European Spallation Source in Sweden.	No	No right to work in Denmark, neither paid or unpaid and voluntary.
Aliens Act § 9 b concerning humanitarian residence permit	yes	No restrictions.
Aliens Act § 9 c, paragraph 1, concerning fairly special grounds	Yes	Only applies when the residence permit is issued in immediate extension of a residence permit on the basis of a humanitarian residence permit (§ 9 b), or when the permit has been granted as a result of a family connection to a person with Danish residency.

Aliens Act § 9 d concerning residence permit to aliens who previously have had the right to Danish naturalization	Yes	No restrictions.
Aliens Act § 9 e concerning residence permit to certain Bosnian citizens and citizens of Kosovo	Yes	No restrictions.
Aliens Act § 9 f concerning religious preachers	No	Religious preachers only have the right to work in Denmark in the position and at the work place where to the right to residence is attached.
Aliens Act § 9 i, paragraph 1, concerning students	Limited	Alien students at higher education institutions have the right to work up to 20 hours a week. However, they have the right to full time employment in the months of June, July and August. Within the 20 hour-limit there are no limitations on how many respective hours they spend on paid and unpaid employment.
Aliens Act § 9 i, paragraph 2, concerning PhD students	Yes	No restrictions.
Aliens Act § 9 j concerning au pair persons	Yes	The limits are wide for the unpaid, voluntary work an au pair individual can perform as long as the unpaid, voluntary work does not replace paid labour, and as long as the unpaid, voluntary work in question is usually performed in an unpaid and voluntary manner
Aliens Act § 9 k concerning trainees, interns and voluntary workers	No	Trainees, interns and voluntary workers only have the right to work in certain labour relations which have served as the basis for the residence permit.
Aliens Act § 9 l concerning residence on the basis of a working holiday agreement	Yes	Aliens who are eligible for a long-term holiday stay in Denmark are also entitled to work on a closer defined scale, which is defined through the working holiday agreement between Denmark and the country in question.

Aliens Act § 9 m and § 9 n concerning accompanying family of employees and respective students.	Yes	No restrictions.
Aliens Act § 9 p concerning aliens who according to Denmark's international obligations are entitled to work in this country	No	As a rule, aliens who according to Denmark's international obligations are entitled to work in this country only have the right to work in Denmark in the position and at the work place to which the work permit is attached. It is possible to apply for a work permit for a sideline occupation if the alien wish to perform work, including voluntary/unpaid work, at another employer. It is a prerequisite that the sideline occupation is connected to the work which is the main basis for the alien's residence permit.
Aliens Act § 9 q, paragraph 1, concerning residence permit for earlier persons employed at international organisations present in this country when they reach retirement	Yes	No restrictions.
Aliens Act § 9 q, paragraph 2 concerning spouses and life partners to persons covered by § 9 q, paragraph 1.	Yes	No restrictions.
Aliens Act § 9 q, paragraph 3 concerning children of persons covered by § 9 q, paragraph 1.	Yes	No restrictions.
European Union Law (EU-retten)	Yes	No restrictions.
Tolerated stay (Tålt ophold)	No	Aliens on tolerated stay do not have residence and work permits, therefore, they do not have the right to work, neither paid, nor unpaid or voluntary.
Process-based stay amidst submission of first time application	No	Aliens with process-based stay do not have residence and work permits, therefore, they do not have the right to work, neither paid, nor unpaid or voluntary.

Process-based stay in connection to a complaint regarding a refusal to extend or a complaint about a withdrawal of a residence permit	Yes	It is a prerequisite that the complaint is lodged within 7 days after the verdict on refusal to extend or withdrawal of residence permit.
Residence after informed deadline to leave the country after final ratification of refusal to extend or withdrawal of residence permit.	No	No right to work in Denmark, neither paid, nor unpaid or voluntary.