What is financial relief?

Welcome to the Drechtsteden. You are going to live in Alblasserdam, Dordrecht, Hardinxveld-Giessendam, Hendrik-Ido-Ambacht, Papendrecht, Sliedrecht or Zwijndrecht. For all these municipalities, Sociale Dienst Drechtsteden (SDD) will work together with you towards your integration. Below we will explain what you have to do on regulation day and how we can help you financially.



Regulation day

During regulation day, you and your social worker make the following applications so that you have enough money to live off:



Application for welfare:

With this benefit, you receive a monthly amount with which you can pay for necessary expenses such as groceries, telephone bills, and household goods. We call this living allowance.



Application for special welfare for initial rent and furnishing costs:

With this benefit, you can pay the first month's rent for your new home. You will also receive an amount to furnish your home with the necessary furniture and appliances.



Application for health care-rent allowance:

To pay your rent and health care insurance you can apply for allowances. These are allowances provided by the government. Each month, you receive an amount to pay for your rent and health care.



Financial Relief meeting confirmation:

On the regulation day, we discuss once again what financial relief means. We explain which expenses we pay for you and which money we use for this. We record it in the meeting confirmation.



Financial Relief all your fixed costs are paid by the SDD

During the first months of your integration programme, you will encounter many new things. We will gladly support you with this.

That is why we make sure that your fixed costs are paid during the first six months. By doing this, we aim to prevent you from ending up in debt.

Fixed costs that the SDD pays for you are:







Electricity/gas/water

Health insurance

Rent

Money that remains after all your fixed costs have been paid is deposited into your bank account. This is the living allowance that youreceive to pay your other bills and save each month.







Financial independence

During the first six months of the integration programme, you and your social worker will work together to ensure that in the future you will be able to handle your finances correctly and pay your bills.

