



Information for foreigners-useful websites

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Fjölmeningarsetur

Multicultural and information centre

www.mcc.is tel.no: 450 3090

There is a very good information website in Icelandic, English, Polish, Croatian and in Thai. On the website is accessible information on many areas concerning Icelandic society and the labour market. What is unique about Fjölmeningarsetur (Multicultural and information centre) that on the website is the information with telephone numbers which are answered in the following languages:

- Polish tel.no: 470 4708
- Croatian tel.no: 470 4709
- Thai tel.no: 470 4702

Alþýðusamband Íslands

Icelandic Confederation of Labour (ASÍ)

www.asi.is Tel.no: 535 5600

On the website for ASÍ are the main points concerning wage agreements in English and Polish.

Alþjóðahúsið

Intercultural Centre

www.ahus.is Tel.no: 530 9300

The information on the website is in the following languages: English, Danish, German, Spanish, Polish, Serbian, Arabic, Russian, Thai, Vietnamese and Portuguese. Advice and help is especially intended for foreigners who call the Intercultural Centre or come to the centre. Legal advice and interpretation is offered at a charge. The legal advice service is free every Wednesday from 17:00 – 21:00. It is necessary to book an appointment in advance with a lawyer .

Lífeyrissjóðir

The Icelandic Pension Funds Association (IPFA)

On the website for the Icelandic Pension Funds Association (Landssamband Lífeyrissjóða) www.ll.is (tel. no: 563 6450) are links to the information web page www.gottadvita.is. Accessible information in the form of "questions and answers" is in Icelandic, Danish, English and Polish. One common question is: " What happens to the payments contributed into the fund by foreign citizens when they return to their homeland?"

Most Pension Funds have links to the website.

Ríkisskattstjóri

Internal Revenue Directorate

www.rsk.is Tel.no: 563 1100

<http://rsk.is/international/en>

Information and forms are in many languages. The forms are accessible in pdf form.

It is important to complete tax forms before leaving the country or at the latest in February each year.

Vinnumálastofnun

Directorate of Labour

<http://www.vinnumalastofnun.is/svmvf/thydingar-a-polsku/> Tel.no: 515 4850

Information in Polish about work possibilities and unemployment insurance. Also there is information and appropriate forms for searching for work abroad or movement of foreign workers from Iceland.

<http://www.eures.is>

On the website of European Job Mobility Portal, EURES, is an information booklet "To live and Work in Iceland" in English and Polish. In the booklet is discussed many different aspects which are important for foreigners in Iceland to know.

Félags- og tryggingamálaráðuneytið

The Ministry of Social Affairs

<http://eng.felagsmalaraduneyti.is/> Tel.no:545 8100

<http://www.felagsmalaraduneyti.is/upplysingar>

There are two websites one with general information about the rights and obligations of immigrants and the other is a special website related to the situation of the financial market. The links to these websites are for example www.mcc.is and www.ahus.is

Ræðisskrifstofa Póllands

Polish Consulate

Consul: Michal Sikorski,
Skúlatún 2, 105 Reykjavík

<http://www.reykjavik.polemb.net/>

A special website intended for Polish people.

Radio/Teletext

Information on teletext in Polish- page 138

<http://www.textavarp.is/138/06.html/>

Information on teletext in Serbian/Croatian –page 139

<http://www.textavarp.is/139/02.html/>

Education and information radio programmes for foreigners.

FM 97,2 – Radio Hafnarfjörður

The broadcast is in 10 languages

<http://bhsp.hafnarfjordur.is/Utvarp/>

Weekdays (except Tuesdays) 18:00 to 19:00

Sundays 11:00 to 14:00.

Languages

Mondays: Polish, German, Albanian

Wednesdays: Russian, French, Italian

Thursdays: Thai, Arabic, Catalanian

Fridays: English, Lithuanian, Spanish

Sundays: Broadcasts are repeated