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Brief information regarding the levy of the special charge on assets

Based on Article 86 of the Regulation on Asylum, asylum seekers, provisionally admitted persons and persons in need of protection without a residence permit are subject to the special charge on assets.

The special charge is levied by confiscating assets. To this end, police, border guards and other authorities can provisionally secure the assets of persons subject to special charges. The seized assets are transferred to the State Secretariat for Migration. The State Secretariat decides by directive on the definitive acceptance of the assets for the purpose of the special charge on assets.

Persons liable to special charges must prove the origin of their assets.

If it is proven that the assets come from wages for gainful employment in Switzerland or from social or emergency assistance benefits, they will be refunded in full to the entitled person.

In case of other assets: If their legal origin is proven, only the amount exceeding CHF 1000.-- will be definitively confiscated (Article 16 paragraph 4 of the Regulation on Asylum 2).

If the legal origin of the seized assets is not proven, they are completely confiscated.

If a person subject to a special charge leaves the country in a controlled manner within seven months of the submission of his or her application for asylum or the application for temporary protection, the seized assets may be refunded (Article 87(2) of the Regulation on Asylum). The request for reimbursement must be submitted to the State Secretariat for Migration before departure.

Supporting documents on the origin of the assets found and requests for reimbursement on departure must be submitted to the following address:

Staatssekretariat für Migration,
Finanzaufsicht, Quellenweg 6,
3003 Bern-Wabern