

## **Information regarding the new Prostitute Protection Act**

You can exercise your rights only if you know them. On 1 July 2017, Germany introduced new rules for prostitutes and prostitution establishments. The aim of the new regulations is to provide people who work as prostitutes with information about their rights and obligations, and to encourage them to exercise their rights and seek help if they need it.

### **What new responsibilities can I expect?**

Since 1 July 2017, it has been mandatory for prostitutes to personally register their work.

- ➔ Anyone just starting out may only start work once they have registered.
- ➔ Anyone who worked as a prostitute in Germany before 1 July 2017 must register no later than 31 December 2017. This obligation to register applies to all persons providing sexual services.

### **I'd like to register. Who is responsible?**

The public authority in the place you wish to work most of the time is responsible for registration. If you wish to work as a prostitute in several cities or federal states, then this must be declared when you register. The places will be entered into the registration certificate.

### **What is the registration procedure?**

Before you can register, you have to attend a health consultation. The consultation is carried out by the health office (Gesundheitsamt). The health advice mainly concerns such topics as protection against diseases, pregnancy, and contraception as well as the risks of alcohol and drug abuse. This consultation is confidential. After the health advice consultation, you will receive a certificate issued in your first and last name. You need this certificate to register.

- ➔ The health consultation must be attended every twelve months.
- ➔ Prostitutes who are younger than 21 have to attend every six months.

When they register, prostitutes are provided with information about their rights and obligations, advisory services, and how to access help in an emergency.

When you register, you will receive a certificate. Prostitutes must always have this certificate on them when they are working.

- ➔ The registration certificate is valid for two years for persons over 21,
- ➔ for persons under 21 the validity just one year.

In addition to the registration certificate issued in your real name, the public authority can issue you with what is called an "alias certificate" (Alias-Bescheinigung) on request. Instead of your real name, the alias certificate will be issued in a name of your choosing, i.e. an alias (e.g. work name, pseudonym). It also does not have your address on it.

Please bring the following to your registration: the certificate from the health office (Gesundheitsamt), your identity documents and a recent photo.

Further information is available at the following addresses:

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