



## Office of Economy and Labour of the Canton of Basel-Stadt

### Welcome to the Office of Economy and Labour

The Office of Economy and Labour (AWA) of the Canton of Basel-Stadt is committed to ensuring attractive framework conditions. It promotes Basel as an economic location and strengthens the competitiveness of the entire region.

The AWA Basel-Stadt is your point of contact for all questions concerning your employment relationship and is responsible for the fair implementation of the legal requirements pertaining to the labour market.

If you happen to lose your job, our qualified staff will be at your disposal from the very beginning. Together with you, we are committed to achiev-

ing your quick and long-term reintegration in the labour market.

I am pleased to introduce you to our services on the following pages.

**Nicole Hostettler**  
Head of Office



### Departments

**Public Unemployment Fund**  
The Public Unemployment Fund of the Canton of Basel-Stadt is responsible for assessing the entitlement to and the payment of unemployment insurance benefits.

**RAV – Regional Employment Centre**  
The RAV is the expert point of contact that acts as an intermediary and advisor for employers and job seekers.

**Cantonal Office for Unemployment Insurance**  
This office ensures the consistent implementation of the Federal Act on Unemployment Insurance and Insolvency Compensation at a cantonal level.

**Logistics for Labour Market Measures**  
This department provides high-quality and wide-ranging courses and programmes for job seekers.

**Central Services**  
The Central Services are responsible for internal finances, IT coordination and property maintenance. With their cross-divisional function, they ensure smooth processes within the office.

**Labour Relations and Arbitration Office**  
The department Labour Relations and Arbitration Office answers questions relating to employment contracts or employment relationships, checks permits for the admission to the labour market and implements the accompanying measures to the Agreement on the Free Movement of Persons between Switzerland and the EU.

**Labour Inspectorate**  
The Labour Inspectorate handles issues concerning the protection of employees, occupational safety and health.

**Economic Development**  
The Economic Development unit is responsible for maintaining relationships between companies and the respective cantonal administration and is also the contact in matters concerning international market development, innovation promotion and economic zones.

**Specialist Department Economic Fundamentals**  
This unit prepares the economic fundamentals of the canton and focuses furthermore on the issues of tourism promotion and the New Regional Policy (NRP).

### Functions and Services

#### Economic Development

Basel is a successful economic location. The AWA is actively committed to the positive development of companies in Basel. May we advise you personally?

**Some of our services:**

- Programmes tailor-made to specific industries such as the initiative «**Logistics Cluster Basel Region**». [www.logistikcluster-regionbasel.ch](http://www.logistikcluster-regionbasel.ch)
- Targeted consulting and intermediation through our «**Contact point for companies**». [www.awa.bs.ch/en/economic-development/contact-point-for-companies](http://www.awa.bs.ch/en/economic-development/contact-point-for-companies)
- **Technologiepark Basel:** Since 2011, we have been providing innovative start-up companies with tailor-made, modern office and lab premises as well as shared infrastructure for flexible rental conditions under the motto

«Where science meets business». The Technologiepark Basel covers an area of 6400 m<sup>2</sup> and is part of the Stücki Park with attractive shopping, health and leisure opportunities in Basel North. [www.technologiepark.ch](http://www.technologiepark.ch)

- Access to economic zones and real estate in the Canton of Basel-Stadt. Get valuable information – visit the interactive **digital economic zones portfolio**. [www.wirtschaftsflaechen-basel-stadt.ch](http://www.wirtschaftsflaechen-basel-stadt.ch)
- Further services can be found at [www.awa.bs.ch/en/economic-development](http://www.awa.bs.ch/en/economic-development)



#### Employers and Companies

The AWA provides advice on questions concerning the legal framework conditions. This includes labour law issues, applications for work permits and ensuring compliance with the regulations in the area of occupational safety and health, especially for building conversions and new constructions.

**We gladly advise you on the following topics:**

- Labour law
- Work permits
- Activities requiring a licence
- Financial support
- Occupational health and safety
- RAV – Regional Employment Centre services



#### Job Search and Unemployment

The AWA supports you in your job search, advises you on suitable work integration measures as well as on legal issues. Furthermore, it checks the entitlement to financial benefit in the event of loss of income or temporary financial emergencies during unemployment.

**Are you searching for a job?**

**We gladly advise you on the following topics:**

- Unemployed – what should you do?
- Financial support
- Working in Europe
- Applying for unemployment benefits in an EU/EFTA state (PD U1/E 301)

#### Employees

The AWA is committed to ensuring that the provisions of occupational health and safety are implemented and adhered to.

**We provide you with assistance for questions relating to:**

- Labour law
- Occupational health and safety
- Insolvency compensation
- Illegal employment



### Further Services and Products

**Technologiepark Basel**  
The Technologiepark Basel provides offices and lab premises and a shared infrastructure for innovative technology companies at flexible conditions. It offers innovative start-up companies the opportunity to conduct research in an entrepreneurial environment and to exchange ideas. [www.technologiepark-basel.ch](http://www.technologiepark-basel.ch)

**Basler Sozialpreis**  
Each year, the Canton of Basel-Stadt honours one company that has been particularly involved in the integration of people with limited work capacity. A selected jury evaluates the applications received and hands over the prize endowed with CHF 10 000 at an official award ceremony. [www.baslersozialpreis.ch](http://www.baslersozialpreis.ch)

**EURES and EURES-T Upper Rhine**  
The labour market and the economy in Basel-Stadt are closely linked to Europe and the world.

The AWA Basel-Stadt's involvement in the EURES (European Employment Services) cooperation network allows obstacle-free advice on all matters relating to work, job opportunities and working conditions in Europe.

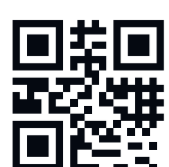
The trinational cooperation EURES-T Upper Rhine is specialised in the concerns of the cross-border labour market in the three countries corner Switzerland/Germany/France. The AWA Basel-Stadt represents the employment offices of the five cantons of north-western Switzerland (AG, SO, JU, BL and BS). [www.eures-t-oberrhein.eu](http://www.eures-t-oberrhein.eu)

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