

*Welcome to Vejle Municipality*

# Mini guide for families with children



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## When you move to Vejle, you must ...

- Ensure that you have a valid residence permit (only for citizens outside the EU/EEA).
- Ensure that you have a valid certificate of registration.
- Register at the Citizen Service Centre of the Municipality.
- Remember to bring the personal papers of all family members to the meeting at the Citizen Service Centre.
- Choose a general practitioner. Children under the age of 16 often get the same general practitioner as the parents.

### | You are entitled to |

- A Danish Civ. Reg. No.
- A Health insurance card which gives all family members the right to have free treatment in the Danish health system and by the general practitioners.



## Danish lessons for children and adults

If you wish to work and live in Denmark, you and your family are expected to learn Danish and something about life in Denmark so that you can handle the most necessary daily life situations in Danish.

With a few exceptions, lessons in Danish schools and educational institutions are in Danish. The language spoken at the Danish workplaces is also Danish.

The whole family will get a chance to learn the Danish language and it is free.

### | **Children under the school age** |

Your children will learn Danish in the day-care, nursery and kindergarten by relating to other Danish children and kindergarten teachers.

### | **School children** |

Your children will learn Danish in the primary and lower secondary school. They may begin in a reception class. The school department will ensure that they are placed in the right class.



## | Children over the age of 17 |

You can learn Danish at the Continuation School. UU-Vejle will help you find the right school and Danish offer.

## | Adults (from the age of 18) |

You are entitled to receive free Danish lessons if:

- You have a Danish civ. reg. no.
- Have a national register address in Denmark.
- Have a work and/or residence permit.
- You are frontier worker from a country in the EU and the EEA and work in Denmark.



You may learn Danish at Sprogcenter Vejle (Klostergade 4) which is responsible for the teaching of all adult foreigners in Vejle Municipality. Please contact the integration department of Jobcenter Vejle (Havneparken 16C) where you must request a referral to Danish lessons. Afterwards you will be called in for an interview at Sprogcenter Vejle. Within two weeks you may start your Danish lessons. It is up to you whether you wish to participate during the daytime, the evening or on Saturdays. You may also choose online Danish lessons.



## Children under the school age - care

### | Child care in the daytime |

In Denmark it is very common that children under the school age are looked after in day care offers. Here children establish friendships and learn the language. Daycare is not free.

### | Types of day care offers |

- Family day care and nursery are for children aged 0-3.
- Kindergarten which is for children from the age of 3 until school start.
- Integrated institutions from the age of 0 until school start.

### | What should you do yourself? |

Your child can be registered for day care in two ways:

- By using the digital office assigning [www.dagtilbud.vejle.dk](http://www.dagtilbud.vejle.dk). Here you may also find information about prices, care guarantee and links to the various day care offers, etc.
- It is also possible to have your child registered by contacting the municipality in person.

### | What will the municipality do? |

Care guarantee means that your child is guaranteed a place not later than three months after you have applied for the place. You may not get the particular place you have applied for.

### | Language assessment and language stimulation |

To ensure that your child's language development is okay, a "language teacher" from Det Specialpædagogiske Hus will contact you after your child has turned 3. You will receive an offer if they find that language stimulation is required.

To make sure that your child gets the right school offer, a new language assessment will be carried out before start of school.

## Children of school age

### | 10 years of compulsory education |

The compulsory education starts in the year when the child turns 6. You may choose between the primary and lower secondary school (free), fee-paying schools or teach your child yourself. If you choose to teach your child yourself, the level has to be approved by the municipality.

### | What should you do yourself? |

If you have children of school age, you must contact the school department of the municipality to make an agreement with a so-called visitorator.

### | What will the municipality do? |

The visitorator of the municipality will help you find the right school offer for your child. Based on the child's vocational, personal and social skills it is assessed whether the child can begin in a traditional Danish school class.

Often children who have just moved to Denmark start in a reception group or in a reception class before they are passed on to an ordinary class.

### | Native language lessons |

If you come from an EU or EEA country, your child may take native language lessons in Vejle Municipality. It is free. The purpose of the lessons is for the children to maintain and develop their native language skills and knowledge about their home country conditions.

If you want your child to take native language lessons, you must contact the school department of the municipality.

## After primary and lower secondary school

### | Young people between 17 and 24 years |

When a family is registered in the National Register, this will be registered with Ungdommens Uddannelsesvejledning and you will be contacted to clarify the potential education/work possibilities.

Together with you Ungdommens Uddannelsesvejledning will identify the various education/work possibilities. This identification is based on the young person's qualifications and wishes as to the future.

You are welcome to contact Ungdommens Uddannelsesvejledning prior to the official inquiry if you wish to get this settled sooner.

Most young people need Danish lessons (approx. three years for beginners) before they can start on a post-secondary education programme.

The Danish lessons are free and may take place at Vejle's local continuation school.



## Health offer

### | Children |

Children between 0 and 5 years will be examined and vaccinated by the general practitioner. You must contact the general practitioner to make an appointment. If you need to bring an interpreter, you have to mention it when you make an appointment with the general practitioner.

It is free of charge for you to have an interpreter participate when you go to the general practitioner.

In case of emergency illness the child can be examined by the general practitioner by appointment. Outside the general practitioner's opening hours, your child may be examined by the doctor from the emergency service, tel. +45 70 11 07 07.

*Examination of your child is always free of charge.*



### | Pregnancy |

If you discover that you are pregnant, you have to contact your own general practitioner who will refer you to a hospital, a midwife, etc. The whole pregnancy programme is free.

Women are entitled to four weeks' maternity leave before the birth and 14 weeks after the birth. Men are entitled to two weeks' maternity leave after the birth.

Subsequently you are entitled to child-care leave.

*For further information please contact the maternity office of the municipality.*

## When your child is sick

One of the parents is entitled to stay home with the child if the child suddenly gets sick or injured.

You will not automatically receive pay when you are at home with a sick child.

You are only entitled to receive pay during the child's first sick day and care days if it is mentioned in the employment contract.

Often you are also entitled to care days if you have children under 7 years old - this will show from your agreement.

*For further information, please contact your employer or your trade union.*

### | Health Care |

Children under the age of 16 will be offered contact with the health visitor who is an expert in children.

When you move to Vejle, you will be contacted by the health visitor in order to establish whether you need a visit or a talk. If you need to bring an interpreter, you have to mention it when you talk with the health visitor.

When the children are under the age of 5, the health visitor pays a visit to your home where he/she guides you and your child, after having examined the child.

When the child goes to school, he/she will be offered several examinations and conversations during his/her school period. Parents will be notified about the examinations and conversations and may participate if they want to.

All contact with the health care is free of charge.

*More information on [www.vejle.dk/sundhedsplejen](http://www.vejle.dk/sundhedsplejen).*

## Leisure activities

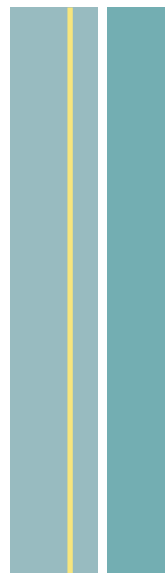
In Denmark you will find many interesting after school offers for children and young children.

Vejle Library, [www.vejlebib.dk](http://www.vejlebib.dk) is an offer which is free of charge for you and your family.

Here you may borrow books, magazines, films and different kinds of games. We have books and magazines in more than 10 different languages.

You may also choose to be inspired or participate in one of our many interesting free arrangements: e.g. baby bongo, children's theatre or author evenings.

Our opening hours are from 10am to 7pm every day, Saturday from 10am to 2pm.



## Leisure activities

In the after school hours there are many different association activities.

Perhaps you already know it from your own country that many things take place in the school. In Denmark there is a great tradition of working in associations and here you will have a really good chance of getting to know the Danes.

In Vejle Municipality you will find 203 different associations which have offers for children and young people.

Everything from scouts, dancing, sports and visual art to good music schools.

There may be other associations than the ones known by the municipality so stay updated in your church or your immediate environment.

Most associations are not free of charge but cost an annual fee which varies from association to association.

*For further information, please contact Kulturforvaltningen, the Citizen Service Centre or at Vejle Library.*



# Addresses

## **Vejle Municipality,**

**Skolegade 1, 7100 Vejle, Denmark, tel. +45 76 81 00 00**

[www.vejle.dk](http://www.vejle.dk), [post@vejle.dk](mailto:post@vejle.dk)

- Citizen Service Centre, tel. +45 76 81 01 74, [sygesikring@vejle.dk](mailto:sygesikring@vejle.dk)
- Day offer, [www.dagtilbud.vejle.dk](http://www.dagtilbud.vejle.dk)
- Primary and lower secondary school, [www.skole.vejle.dk](http://www.skole.vejle.dk)

## **Job Centre Vejle**

**Havneparken 16C, 7100 Vejle, tel. +45 76 81 61 50**

[www.jobcenter.vejle.dk](http://www.jobcenter.vejle.dk), [jobcenter@vejle.dk](mailto:jobcenter@vejle.dk)

## **Vejle Library**

**Willy Sørensens Plads 1, 7100 Vejle, tel. +45 75 82 32 00**

[www.vejlebib.dk](http://www.vejlebib.dk), [vejlebib@vejlebib.dk](mailto:vejlebib@vejlebib.dk)

## **Language Centre Vejle**

**Klostergade 4, 7100 Vejle, tel. +45 76 81 38 00**

[www.sprogcentervejle.dk](http://www.sprogcentervejle.dk), [sprogcentret@vejle.dk](mailto:sprogcentret@vejle.dk)

## **Vejle Municipality's Local Continuation School**

**Ved Sønderåen 1, 7100 Vejle, tel. +45 75 72 72 99**

[www.usk-vejle.dk](http://www.usk-vejle.dk), [ungdomsskolen@vejle.dk](mailto:ungdomsskolen@vejle.dk)

## **UU-Vejle**

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## **Health Care**

**Nyboesgade 35B, 7100 Vejle, tel. +45 76 41 56 11**

[www.vejle.dk/sundhedsplejen](http://www.vejle.dk/sundhedsplejen), [sundhedsplejen@vejle.dk](mailto:sundhedsplejen@vejle.dk)