

# Child benefit and child benefit supplement

## Practical information for employees in Saxony

### Child benefit (Kindergeld)

Child benefit is one of the most important benefits for families in Germany. All families receive child benefit regardless of their income. In principle, it is paid for all children up to the age of 18. To receive child benefit for children over 18 years of age, additional requirements must be met.

Families will receive 259 euros in child benefit per month for each child from 1 January 2026. EU/EEA nationals living and/or working in Germany can also receive child benefit, that includes cross-border commuters whose children live in another EU/EEA country.

You apply for child benefit at the competent family fund ("Familienkasse") of the Federal Employment Agency. Cross-border commuters or employees whose children do not live in Germany must apply for child benefit at the family fund responsible for their country.

**Note:** Child benefit is paid retroactively only for the last six months prior to the beginning of the month in which the child benefit application was received.

Applications sent by e-mail are no longer admissible due to the lack of a signature as a

result of the amendment to § 67 sentence 1 EstG. Applications received by email will therefore no longer be processed by the Family Benefits Office. All applicants who do not have a BundID-Card (or eID-Card for foreigners) must send the forms and necessary documents for the initial application by post, otherwise the online communication service can be used - [www.familienkasse.de/mitteilungen](http://www.familienkasse.de/mitteilungen)

Country	Contact info of the competent Familienkasse
Belgium	Bundesagentur für Arbeit
Bulgaria	Familienkasse Rheinland-Pfalz –
Luxemburg	Saarland
The Netherlands	55149 Mainz
Hungary	DEUTSCHLAND
France	Fax: +49 (681) 944 910 5324
Switzerland	Bundesagentur für Arbeit
Czech Republic	Familienkasse Baden-Württemberg West
	76088 Karlsruhe
	DEUTSCHLAND
	Fax: (für Frankreich) +49 (781) 9393 697
	Fax: (für Schweiz) +49 (7621) 178 260 585
Austria	Bundesagentur für Arbeit
Croatia	Familienkasse Bayern Süd
	93013 Regensburg
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### Child benefit supplement (Kinderzuschlag)

Child supplement is a supplementary cash benefit. Parents or guardians who receive child benefit can apply for it additionally. The child supplement is paid together with the child benefit.

From 1st January 2025, the child supplement will amount to a maximum of 297 euros per child per month. Since 1 January 2020, the upper income limit has been abolished. In addition, only 45 percent of the parents' income in excess of subsistence will be credited towards the child supplement, instead of the previous 50 percent.

The child supplement offers financial support to families with low incomes.

To receive it, the following conditions must be met:

- Your child lives in your household, is under 25 years old and is not married or in a registered partnership.
- You receive child benefit (or a comparable benefit) for the child.
- Your family's gross income is at least 900 euros (parents) or 600 euros (single parents).
- You would have enough money to support your family if you received child benefit and possibly housing benefit in addition to your income.

Cross-border workers are not entitled to the child supplement. As of 1 July 2022, this benefit will only be granted to persons living in Germany.

All information on the child benefit, child benefit supplement and application forms can be found at [www.arbeitsagentur.de/familie-und-kinder/downloads-kindergeld-kinderzuschlag](http://www.arbeitsagentur.de/familie-und-kinder/downloads-kindergeld-kinderzuschlag)

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. **Our advice is free of charge.**



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