

Child allowance "Kindergeldzuschlag" (Kinderzuschlag)

Child allowance (KiZ) is an child benefit supplement for families with an income that is not enough or only just enough to cover the living costs of the whole family. The child allowance can generally be applied for in addition to child benefit (= Kindergeld) or a comparable benefit from the family benefits office.

Child allowance can be applied for by married couples or single parents.

Attention! The application is only valid for 6 months. Afterwards, you need to apply again.

If there are no changes in your costs, you can use this application [Kurzantrag auf Kinderzuschlag \(KiZ1-K\)](#)

Pre-requisites

- Your child lives in your household and is under 25 years old.
- You receive child benefit (= Kindergeld) or a comparable benefit.
- The gross monthly income of your family is at least 900 euros (married couples) or 600 euros (single parents)
- You would have enough money to support your family if you received child allowance and possibly housing benefit in addition to your income.
- You are an EU citizen, have a settlement permit or a residence title in accordance with §§ 18a, 18b, 18c, 18d, 19c, 21, 25(1), (2), 28, 29 or 30.

If you have a residence permit in accordance with § 16b (study), you are only entitled to apply for child benefit supplement if you also have an employment contract in Germany.

Amount and payment

- KiZ is calculated individually for each child → monthly maximum of 292 euros **per** child.
- If there are several eligible children, a total amount is paid out.
- Child benefit and KiZ are paid on the same day.

Necessary documents & data

- [Online](#) application form
- Proof of income for the last six months prior to application; alternatively, you can submit the following documents:
 - Copy of employment contract or written confirmation from employer, of start date of employment and expected income
 - Hosting Agreement

- A written statement that you have not yet been employed for six months, but will start receiving a salary in the near future based on the existing employment contract
- Scholarship letter
- Unemployment benefit I
- Parental allowance
- Declaration of your assets (Annex 6 KiZ) if your current family assets amount to more than 70,000 euros; for single parents, if the current assets amount to more than 55,000 euros
- Proof of your housing costs (e.g. copy of the rental agreement)
- If applicable, proof of childcare costs (e.g. fees for daycare, KiTa, Hort)
- If applicable, proof of costs for insurances (e.g. liability insurance, *private* health insurance)

Application

- [Online](#) or in person at the family benefits office responsible for your place of residence

Potsdam & Brandenburg an der Havel

- **Postal address (for sending the application by post)**

[Familienkasse Berlin-Brandenburg](#)

14465 Potsdam

- **Address (for personal visits)**

Familienkasse Potsdam

Schlaatzweg 1

14473 Potsdam

Phone: 0800.455.55.30

Familienkasse-Potsdam@arbeitsagentur.de

Opening hours:

Tue 9.00-12.00 am

Thu 9.00-12.00 am & 2.00-6.00 pm

Berlin

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[Please see here for your local Family Office](#)

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Additional Information

[Services for families and children](#)

[Child allowance \(=KiZ\)](#)

[Child benefit calculator \(= Kindergeld\) \(in German only\)](#)

[Payment dates for child benefit and child allowance](#)

[Housing benefit Potsdam](#)

[Housing benefit Berlin](#)

