

Notes on the Social Top-Ups

1. Social Top-Up for students with child(ren)

Criteria:

- At least one child is taken along during the entire stay abroad.
- Application also possible if the partner is travelling with the child; double sponsorship of the child is excluded

Proof:

- Birth certificate/ID of the child
- Travel documents of the child

2. Social Top-Up for students with a disability

Criteria:

- Degree of disability of 20 or more

Proof:

- Copy of the severely disabled person's identity card
- Decision of the Land Social Welfare Office

3. Social Top-Up for students with a chronic illness

Criteria:

- Chronic illness with additional financial needs abroad.

Evidence:

- Medical certificate confirming that there is an additional financial burden abroad due to the chronic illness.
- The type of illness and the amount/scope of the additional need do not have to be noted or quantified.

4. Social Top-Ups for working students

Criteria:

- The gainful employment must have been pursued **continuously for at least six months with a time reference to the mobility**.
- The activity in the sending country is not continued during the stay abroad. Termination is not a prerequisite; the employment contract can also be paused.
- During the minimum period of exercise before application, the monthly earnings must be **above 450 EUR and below 850 EUR** (net earnings of all activities per month added up).
- This is employment subject to **social security contributions**. As a rule, activities carried out in self-employment and dual/part-time study programmes with a fixed salary are excluded.

Proof:

- Employment contract

5. Social Top-Ups for first-time academics

Criteria:

- Both parents or caregiver(s) do not hold a degree from a university or university of applied sciences.
- A degree from a university of cooperative education leading to a qualification comparable to a university degree is to be regarded as an academic degree. A master craftsman's diploma is not to be equated with an academic degree in this context.
- Courses of study completed abroad by a parent which are not recognised as such in Germany (e.g. physiotherapy) are deemed to be an academic degree within the eligibility criteria for receiving the supplementary grant, so that there is no entitlement to the supplementary grant.

Proof:

- Declaration on honour by the parents (in the case of single parents, one parent is sufficient, do not forget the name of the child, submit the original!)