

CHILD ALLOWANCE / KINDERGELD

Child allowance is usually paid when you and your child are domiciled or normally resident in Germany. It is paid up to a minimum age of 18 or, alternatively, up to the age of 25 if the dependent is undergoing schooling or training or higher education.

For the first and second child, child allowance is 219 EUR per month; for the third child it is 225 EUR and for additional children the sum is 250 EUR.

Eligibility

EU/EEA citizens, Switzerland, Serbia, Montenegro, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Morocco, Tunisia, Turkey

- Members of the above mentioned states may receive child allowance on the basis of the respective bilateral agreements if they are liable to pay contributions for unemployment benefit under the terms of their employment in Germany or, for example, if they draw unemployment or sickness benefit, irrespective of whether they have a settlement permit or a residence permit.
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Non-EU citizens

- Foreigners permanently resident in Germany are entitled to receive child allowance if they have a valid settlement permit or a residence permit for the purpose of §§18b, 18c, 18d, 28, 30 (but not §§16b, 16c).

Necessary documents & data

- [Information Leaflet](#)
- [Application form](#) and [annex](#) (both in English)
- Copy of the applicant's passport
- Copy of the child's passport and, if applicable, copy of birth certificate for new born children
- Copy of residence permits (for non-EU nationals only)
- German bank account data
- Tax identification number of applicant and child

Application forms

[Full Online Application](#) (in German only)

OR

Application form (in [English](#) / [Spanish](#) / [French](#) / [Polish](#) / [Turkish](#))

+ Annex (in [English](#) / [Spanish](#) / [French](#) / [Polish](#) / [Turkish](#))

Contact

The local Family Office of your living place is in charge of your child allowance application and the monthly payments. The application can be made by post or online as well as on-site at your local family office.

Potsdam

- **Postal address**
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 14465 Potsdam

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 Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri 7.30am-12.30pm & 1-6.pm
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Berlin

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- **Address for personal visits**
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