

Parental allowance 2023 – Application – Calculation – Parental Allowance Plus

For many new parents, parental allowance is a fixed part of their income for the period after the birth of their child. It serves as a wage replacement benefit and is paid in addition to child benefit.

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Parental allowance is used to reward the child's career exit in favour of the child. In this way, the divided idea of "profession or child" is to be abolished, because parents must not be disadvantaged compared to childless people. Thanks to the parental allowance, working parents can take more care of raising their offspring without having to suffer "noticeable" financial losses.

Parental allowance can be applied for by both parents. Therefore, it also offers fathers the opportunity to take more care of their offspring. At the same time, it enables mothers to start their careers better.

Entitlement to parental allowance

In principle, all parents in Germany who look after their child themselves in the first months of life are entitled to parental allowance. However, some requirements must be met.

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Parental allowance amount and calculation

The amount of parental allowance is individual and depends on the net income of the applicants. Contrary to what many people think, however, the calculation of parental allowance does not take into account the regular net salary on the payslip – rather, it is important to determine the so-called net parental allowance.

• Parental allowance calculation



Apply for parental allowance

The application for parental allowance can be submitted in writing to the competent authority from the day of the child's birth. In the guide, we explain which documents are required to apply for parental allowance and what needs to be considered.

Parental allowance application

Partner months for (basic) parental allowance

The basic parental allowance is paid for up to 12 months. If the partner also takes over the childcare for at least two months, the parents are even entitled to a total of 14 months of parental allowance.

Parental allowance partner months

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Parents can choose between the "normal" parental allowance (basic parental allowance) and the parental allowance plus. The Parental Allowance Plus is aimed primarily at parents who want to return to part-time work shortly after the birth of their child. It is paid in total up to 32 months after the birth of the child.

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Parental allowance as income – income crediting

Parental allowance is considered income. Therefore, it has an impact on other state services. In addition, parental allowance increases the personal tax rate. The extent to which parental allowance is credited and the effects of the payment of parental allowance on subsidies and social benefits varies.

Income crediting for parental allowance

Parental Allowance Forms

Each state has its own application forms. We have summarized all parental allowance forms of the respective federal states for you.

Parental allowance application Download

Parental allowance abroad



Parents with German citizenship and residence in Germany are usually entitled to parental allowance. But what about cross-border commuters or expatriates? Are Germans entitled to parental allowance abroad?

Parental allowance abroad



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