

Child allowance. For low-income families.

With this flyer, we would like to provide you with an overview of entitlement to the child allowance (KiZ) for refugees with a residence permit.

What is the child allowance?

The KiZ is for parents who earn enough to support themselves, but whose income is insufficient or barely covers the whole family.

The KiZ amounts to **up to EUR 229 monthly per child**. The immediate supplement of EUR 20 per child is included in this calculation. The KiZ is paid out together with the child benefit. The higher the parental income, the lower the KiZ is, eventually decreasing to zero.

Even in cases where the KiZ is limited, you have a claim to **benefits for education and participation** (e.g. school supplies package of EUR 156 per school year and free lunches at the school or nursery), and you can be **exempted from nursery fees**.

The child allowance may be applied for at the Family Benefits Office.

Apply on time!

The KiZ is granted **from the month of application** for six months. The following section explains which documents you require for it.

We help families.

We would like to provide you with compact information and assistance in obtaining financial support.

An application for KiZ at your Family Benefits Office may make sense to you **if you fulfil the following prerequisites**:

- your **child** lives in your household, and is unmarried and under 25,
- you receive **child benefit** for the child and
- your **minimum income** is
 - at least EUR 600 if you are a single parent or
 - at least EUR 900 as a couple.

To apply, you require:

- an application for child allowance
- proof of income for the last six months before application
- evidence of the level of rent, ancillary and operational costs
 - In case of rent: for the month of application
 - In case of property: for the months of the last calendar year leading up to application

Examples

These examples show whether families are eligible for the KiZ:

Single parent with one child

If a single parent pays **EUR 490** rent including heating, the KiZ can be claimed if one's gross income is around **EUR 1,300** to around **EUR 2,100** (six-year-old child).

Single parent with two children

If your rent including heating is **EUR 790**, your gross income may amount to around **EUR 950** to around **EUR 2,750**. Alimony or advances on alimony payments may be added to this sum (children aged 6 and 8).

Two-parent families with two children

A two-parent family with two children paying rent including heating of **EUR 690** may earn a gross income of around **EUR 1,400** to around **EUR 3,600 Euro** (children aged 6 and 8).

If your rent including heating is **EUR 990**, you may earn a gross income of around **EUR 1,800** to around **EUR 3,950** (children aged 6 and 8).

Two-parent families with three children

If a two-parent family with three children pays rent including heating of **EUR 990**, they may earn a gross income of around **EUR 1,200** to around **EUR 4,700** (children aged 6, 8 and 10).

Further advantages of the child allowance

If you receive KiZ, you can be exempted from nursery fees. You would also be eligible for benefits for child education and participation:

- cost of single-day trips organised by the school, nursery or day care
- cost of class trips lasting several days as well as nursery or day care trips lasting several days
- EUR 156 per school year for provision of personal school supplies
- cost of school transport/tickets to school
- cost of reasonable learning support, regardless of risk of repeating a school year
- participation in joint school (including after-school cooperation), nursery or day care centre lunches
- lump sum of EUR 15 monthly for participation in social and cultural community activities (e.g. sport club or music school)

For education and participation benefits, please apply to the local authority responsible for you. The website of the Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs provides details of the authorities responsible for you (www.bmas.de/bildungspaket). Information on exemption from payment of nursery fees are available from the relevant youth welfare office.

A further tip: you may also be eligible for a **housing allowance**. For further information, please consult the relevant **Housing Benefit Authority**.

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