

Maternity allowance

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Merck BKK wishes you a beautiful pregnancy and all the best for your family

Who receives maternity allowance?

To provide financial security for pregnant women, insured women in an employment receive maternity allowance. Even if you get "Arbeitslosengeld I/ unemployment benefit I", you can receive maternity allowance.

More related info:

www.arbeitsagentur.de/en/financial-support

How long is the claim valid of maternity allowance?

Maternity allowance will be paid regularly for 6 weeks before the expected date of birth and 8 weeks after the birth (in the event of multiple, premature birth or the birth of a disabled child, the allowance will be paid for 12 weeks after the birth).

What is the amount of maternity allowance?

Within maternity leave you will receive up to **13€ every calendar day**. Your employer will pay the difference to your net salary.

When do I have to apply for maternity allowance?

As soon as you receive the certificate of the expected date of birth please send a copy to your Merck BKK and your employer. We will automatically send you the application for maternity allowance **7 weeks before the expecting date of birth**.

We will also contact your employer to calculate the maternity allowance. As soon as we have received all documents you will receive the payment for the first 6 weeks.

Please send us the certificate of birth as soon as possible after childbirth. Afterwards you will receive the payment for the 8 or 12 weeks after birth (see the explanation above). We will also send you a certificate for the "Elterngeldstelle/ parent allowance office". You need this certificate for applying to the parent allowance.

Where can I apply for "Elterngeld/parent allowance" and "Elternzeit/parental leave"?

"Parent allowance" is paid by the "Parent allowance office". Which office is responsible for you, depends on the federal state and town you are living in.

You can find the right office at the following homepage:

www.elterngeld.net/elterngeldstellen.html

You must inform your employer about the planned "parental leave". The employer must approve it.

Any Questions?
Feel free to contact us.



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