

Child benefit for persons entitled to asylum and recognised refugees

Welcome to the Family Benefits Office of the Federal Employment Agency.

With this flyer, we wish to provide you with an initial overview of the entitlement to child benefit for asylum seekers and recognised refugees.

1. Who receives child benefit?

Anyone who lives in or is ordinarily resident in Germany is entitled to child benefit. For persons with foreign citizenship living in Germany, the entitlement to child benefit depends on their residence status.

Persons entitled to asylum and recognised refugees are entitled to child benefit **from the time that they are granted asylum or recognised as refugees** by the Federal Agency of Migration and Refugees.

Please note: Asylum seekers are not generally entitled to child benefit during an ongoing asylum procedure.

Therefore, please do not apply for child benefit until your application for asylum has been decided with a positive outcome.

Please note: Separated children are entitled to claim child benefit for themselves (refer to the leaflet "Child benefit for orphans or children who do not know the whereabouts of their parents").

2. For which children is child benefit available?

Child benefit is available for own and adopted children as well as the children of the spouse, if they live in or are ordinarily resident in Germany. An entitlement may also exist for grandchildren and foster children who are taken into the household.

3. What requirements are children aged over 18 also required to fulfil?

Parents are entitled to child benefit until their child reaches the age of 18.

Child benefit can continue to be paid for a child over the age of 18 until the child reaches the age of 25, if, for example, the child:

- Completes school or vocational training or a course of study,
- Seriously seeks an apprenticeship,
- Is registered as a jobseeker with an agency for employment or a job centre (up to the age of 21).

Further information about this is available in the "Child Benefit" leaflet.

4. How much is child benefit?

Child benefit is paid monthly in the following amounts:

Children	From 01.01.2026
respectively for each child	259 euros

5. What documents do you need in order to apply for child benefit?

The following documents must be submitted:

- Fully completed and signed application for child benefit,
- The Appendix: Child (*"Anlage Kind"*) form (for each child individually),
- Birth certificate / household certificate,
- For children over the age of 18: Proof of eligibility (for example, school certificate),
- Proof of incontestable recognition as a person entitled to asylum/refugee,
- Proof of the date of entry into Germany,
- Tax identification number (of the applicant and child).

Please note: Special types of personal data may be made unidentifiable. This includes information about ethnic origin, political opinions, religious or philosophical beliefs, trade union membership, health or sex life.

6. How can you contact us?

Child benefit service number: 0800 4 5555 30

Service hours: Monday to Friday, 8 am until 6 pm

Internet address: www.familienkasse.de