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Kindergeld — Child Allowance in Germany (€259/month)

How to apply for Kindergeld and receive €259 monthly per child in Germany.

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How much will you get?

From 2025, Kindergeld amounts to **€255 monthly per child**:

• 1 child = €255

• 2 children = €510

• 3 children = €765

Paid until **age 18** (or 25 if the child is studying).

Who can get Kindergeld?

• You live in Germany (have Anmeldung)

• You work in Germany or pay taxes there

• The child lives with you (or you support them)

Important: EU citizens receive Kindergeld even if the child lives in Poland/another EU country!

How to apply?

1. Fill out the forms

You need:

• **Antrag auf Kindergeld** (main application)

• **Anlage Kind** (attachment for each child)

Download forms: familienkasse.de

2. Prepare documents

Document	Purpose
Your passport/ID (copy)	Proof of identity
Child's birth certificate	Proof child exists
Meldebescheinigung	Proof of residence
Steuer-ID for you and child	Tax identification

3. Send to Familienkasse

Familienkasse is the office paying Kindergeld. Find yours at: familienkasse.de

You can send:

• By mail (most common)

• Online via familienkasse-digital.de

4. Wait for decision

• Processing takes 4-8 weeks

• You'll receive a decision letter (Bescheid)

• If approved — money transfers to your account monthly

⚠ Retroactive Kindergeld

You can receive Kindergeld **up to 6 months retroactively** from the application date. Don't delay!

Common mistakes

 Missing child's Steuer-ID — order it from Finanzamt first Outdated address — always update Anmeldung No birth certificate — translate and certify it

Child in Poland, you in Germany?

As an EU citizen working in Germany, you're entitled to Kindergeld even if your child lives in Poland. You fill:

- Standard application
- Attachment **Anlage Ausland** (for children abroad)
