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# Wohngeld — Housing Allowance in Germany

Wohngeld is a state subsidy for housing costs available to low-income residents in Germany. The amount depends on income, household size, and rent level.

**Deutsche Begriffe:** Wohngeld | Mietzuschuss | Lastenzuschuss | Wohngeldantrag

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# Wohngeld — Housing Allowance

## What is it?

Wohngeld is a housing cost subsidy from the state for people with low incomes.

## Who can get it?

- You have legal residence in Germany
- You have low income (but some income!)
- You do NOT receive Bürgergeld, BAföG, or Asylbewerberleistungen

## How much can you get?

Depends on:

- Income
- Number of people in the household
- Rent amount
- City (different limits apply)

Approximate amounts (2025):

| People | Max Income | Wohngeld approx. |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | ~€1,400 | €100-300 |
| 2 | ~€1,900 | €150-400 |
| 3 | ~€2,400 | €200-500 |
| 4 | ~€2,900 | €250-600 |

## How to apply?

**1. Where:** Wohngeldstelle in your city (Rathaus/Bürgeramt)

**2. Form:** Wohngeldantrag (online or paper)

### Documents needed:

- ID/passport + Anmeldung
- Lease agreement (Mietvertrag)
- Income certificate (all household members)
- Latest Nebenkostenabrechnung
- Bank statements (Kontoauszüge)

## How long does it take?

- Processing: 4-8 weeks
- Approved for **12 months**
- After that, you must submit a new application

## Wohngeld and other benefits

| Benefit | Can combine? |
|---|---|
| Kindergeld | □ Yes |
| Elterngeld | □ Yes |
| Bürgergeld | □ No (housing included in Bürgergeld) |
| BAföG | □ No |

## Wohngeld Calculator

Check how much you can get:

- wohngeldrechner.de
- bmwsb.bund.de

## Important!

- Submit your application IMMEDIATELY — there is no retroactive payment
- Report changes in income/rent
- You can receive Wohngeld even while working full-time!