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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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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	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
Elterngeld	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
Bürgergeld	<input type="checkbox"/> No (housing included in Bürgergeld)
BAföG	<input type="checkbox"/> 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!

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