Child Benefit no.	Kindergeld-Nr.
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# **Familienkasse**

Please refer to the enclosed guidelines and the "Child Benefit" leaflet. Beachten Sie bitte die anhängenden Hinweise und das Merkblatt Kindergeld. **Application for Child Benefit** For each child in respect of whom an application for Child Benefit is being made, please enclose an "Appendix: Child" form. Number of "Appendix: Child" forms submitted: ..... Daytime telephone number for queries arising: Antrag auf Kindergeld telefonische Rückfrage tagsüber unter Nr.: Bitte fügen Sie für jedes Kind, für das Kindergeld beantragt wird, eine "Anlage Kind" bei. Anzahl der beigefügten "Anlage Kind": ... Details of person making application Angaben zur antragstellenden Person Name Title Name Titel If applicable, maiden name or name from former marriage First name Vorname Date of birth Place of birth Sex Nationality \* Geburtsdatum Geburtsort Geschlecht Staatsangehörigkeit \* (in the case of **non-**EU/EEA nationals please provide evidence of residence permit!) \* (bei **nicht** EU-/EWR-Staatsangehörigkeit bitte Nachweis Aufenthaltstitel beifügen!) Address (Street/square, house number, postcode, town/city, country of residence) Anschrift (Straße/Platz, Hausnr., PLZ, Wohnort, Wohnland) Family status: married living in a registered civil partnership single since Familienstand: verheiratet in Lebenspartnerschaft lebend permanently separated dauernd getrennt lebend widowed divorced 2 Details of spouse/civil partner of person making application

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# Guidelines on "Application for Child Benefit" and "Appendix: Child"

Please fill out the application form and "Appendix: Child" form carefully and in a legible manner. Please mark relevant sections with a X. Do not forget your <u>signature!</u> If you are under-age, your legal representative must sign for you on your behalf.

The application must <u>also</u> be signed by your spouse or civil partner living together with you/the other parent if he/she has agreed that you receive Child Benefit. If no agreement has been reached, please inform the Family Benefits Office accordingly. If the person entitled to payment has been determined by a court of law, please enclose the decision of the court. Please note that your application can only be processed when it has been <u>fully completed</u>.

Since 1 January 2016 the requirement for an entitlement to Child Benefit is that the person entitled to the benefit and the child be identified by means of the tax identification number allocated to them (Section 139b of the German Fiscal Code). Since 2008 every person whose main place of residence or sole place of residence is recorded in a register of residents in Germany is allocated a tax identification number. Persons who are not required to register but who are liable for tax in Germany also receive a tax identification number.

Your tax identification number and that of your child can be found in the relevant notification from the Federal Central Tax Office (Bundeszentralamt für Steuern). Your number is also located on your electronic wage and tax statement (Lohnsteuerbescheinigung) from your employer or in your income tax assessment (Einkommensteuerbescheid). If you cannot find your tax identification number in these documents, you can ask for it to be sent again by using the online entry form on the Federal Central Tax Office's website at www.bzst.de. The tax identification number will be notified to you in writing by the Federal Central Tax Office. For data protection reasons it cannot be provided over the telephone or by email.

If you have moved to Germany from abroad, you will automatically receive your tax identification number in the post from the Federal Central Tax Office when you have registered with the residents' registration office (*Einwohnermeldeamt*). Your child's tax identification number will be sent immediately after his/her birth to the registered address. For children who in the meantime have lived abroad but have already received a tax identification number in Germany, please give the tax identification number received in Germany. If a tax identification number in Germany does not exist for the child because e.g. he/she lives abroad, then the child must be identified by other appropriate means such as standard personal identification processes and documents used in the respective countries. Your Family Benefits Office will advise you about which specific documents are required.

Answers to more questions on the tax identification number as a requirement for entitlements can be found online at www.bzst.de

# **Application for Child Benefit**

## 1 and 2: Details of person making application und spouse/civil partner

If both parents of a child fulfil the requirements for the receipt of Child Benefit, the person making the application should be the parent who with the agreement of both parents is to receive the Child Benefit. The family status "permanently separated" is only to be chosen if in the case of married couples one spouse has the intention of permanently maintaining the separation. If you are not married or your spouse or civil partner is not at the same time the other biological parent of at least one of the children listed in the "Appendix: Child" form, please provide details of the other biological parent in the "Appendix: Child" form (in the case of foster children or grandchildren, please provide details of both biological parents).

If you do **not** hold German nationality or the nationality of an EU/EEA Member State or Switzerland, please provide evidence of **your resident permit**. (e.g. copy of passport).

#### 4: Notification should not be sent to me but to the following person

Here you can provide details of an authorised receiving agent (e.g. tax advisor, tax advice and support association, (Lohnsteuerhilfeverein), etc.) who should receive the notification concerning Child Benefit.

#### 6: Following reckonable children to be taken into consideration

Children in respect of whom Child Benefit is received by another person can be included as part of your application for the purpose of increasing the Child Benefit ('reckonable children'). If you wish for reckonable children to be included as part of this consideration, in the case of each child please provide details of the person in receipt of Child Benefit for the reckonable child and which Family Benefits Office pays the Child Benefit.

## "Appendix: Child"

#### General

Please fully complete the "Appendix: Child" form. When making an application following the birth of a child, a copy of the confirmation of birth for Child Benefit or the birth certificate is required and is sufficient once as long as there is no doubt that the child resides in the parents' household. If the child was born in another country, the birth certificate is sufficient as proof. For children over the age of 18 the appendix is only to be completed if they meet the particular requirements as set out in the leaflet on Child Benefit. Appropriate proof (e.g. relating to schooling or vocational training) must be enclosed. In the case of adopted children please enclose the adoption order from the Family Court.

"Other persons" who form part of a child/parent relationship are parents, step-parents, adoptive parents, foster parents, grandparents.

## 1 : Details of child

If the children are not living in your household, state the reason for this (e.g. living with grandparents, living in a foster home or other home, for schooling or vocational training).

2: Child/parent relationship with person making the application, with spouse or civil partner and with other persons

Entering the information requested here is required **in every case**. If the other parent or parents of the child are deceased, then this is to be specified with the insertion of the word "deceased". If the paternity of the child has not been legally determined, then "unknown" or "paternity not determined" is to be entered.

#### 3: Details of child of full age

#### Particular requirements for entitlement to benefit

It is possible for a child of full age to be taken into consideration, if he/she

- 1. has not yet reached his/her 21st birthday, is not in employment and is registered as a job-seeker with an Employment Agency in Germany, or
- 2. has not yet reached his/her 25th birthday and
  - a) is being trained in an occupation or
  - b) is in a transitional period of a maximum of 4 months or
  - c) cannot begin or continue vocational training due to a shortage of vocational training places or
  - d) is participating in a regulated volunteer service or
- because of physical disability, mental disability or psychological impairment is not in a position to support himself or herself provided that the disability occurred before the age of 25 (no age limit).

### Legal position with effect from 2012

Following completion of a first-time vocational training programme or first-time higher education programme a child will only be considered in the cases described under 2 (a to d) if the child is not pursuing any employment that may be detrimental the claim to the Child Benefit

In principle training (vocational training or higher education) is considered completed if it enables the child to practise an occupation. This also applies if the child later starts a different training course. However if the child does not achieve the desired occupation with the qualification concerned, further training can still form part of the initial training once the training stages are closely related to each other in terms of content and are also completed close in time to each other.

A child is considered in gainful employment, if he/she pursues employment aimed at generating income, which requires the use of his/her personal labour. It follows that the term "gainful employment" can refer to an employed activity, an agricultural or forestry-related activity, a commercial or self-employed activity. The management of one's own assets, however, is not considered as gainful employment.

Please include evidence of the number of weekly working hours by means of suitable documentation (e.g. employment contract, Employer Statement (*Arbeitgeberbescheinigung*)). If there is a deviation from the contractually agreed working hours, evidence for this can be provided by submitting pay slips, an extract from the time sheet or a statement from the employer. Absenteeism due to holidays, illness or the like does not reduce the contractually agreed working hours.

## Legal position up to 2011

A child over the age of 18 cannot be considered for payment of Child Benefit if he/she has income and earnings of more than € 8,004 that are used or intended for defraying accommodation costs or costs associated with doing vocational training. For this reason an application for Child Benefit in respect of a child of full age must always be accompanied by a "Declaration of income and earnings" and if necessary, a "Declaration of income-related expenses".

5 : Entitlement to cash benefit from an agency outside Germany/from an inter-country or supranational agency

For example, entitlements to child-related family benefits that are paid from another country or entitlements to child-related benefits from an employment authority (e.g. the European Union) should be entered here.

6: In the last five years prior to the making of the application, are or were you or another person who forms part of a child/parent relationship with the child: (...)

"employed in the public service" refers to employment as a civil servant/a person retired from the public service and in receipt of retirement benefits/an employee of the Federal Government, a German state (*Land*) government, a local authority, a local authority association or other public body, institute or foundation or a judge, professional soldier or soldier serving for a limited period.

For this purpose, this also includes activity carried out for an employer in the private sector if a member of the public service has been granted a leave of absence to do so. The definition of "public service" does not include religious denominations established by law (churches including religious orders, church-run hospitals, schools or nursery schools, amongst others) as well as head or member associations involved in voluntary welfare work and organisations or facilities associated with them.

Questions 6b and 6c are to be answered with "yes" as well if you, your spouse or civil partner or other persons who form part of a child/parent relationship with the child are or were in the diplomatic or consular service.

You can find detailed information on Child Benefit online at www.bzst.de or www.familienkasse.de.