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## Housing benefit

### What is housing benefit?

Housing benefit is money from the state for people who earn little. It helps them to pay the rent or the costs of their home.


### Who can get housing benefit?

People who live in a flat or house and have little money.

- Tenants get money for the rent.
- Owners get money for the costs of their home.


#### Important:

You must live in the accommodation yourself and pay the costs yourself.

 [Here](#) you can find out whether you can get housing benefit.


### How do I apply for housing benefit?

You can apply for Wohngeld at your city or municipal administration.

[Enter](#) your place of residence at  under "neu eingeben". Below you will find which documents you need to submit at "Welche Unterlagen werden benötigt".

If your housing benefit application is approved, you will receive the money from the month in which your application is received by the office.

### More information

You can use the  [housing benefit calculator](#) to check how much housing benefit you are likely to receive.