

## Tax office

A tax office is an authority that deals with taxes.

Here are the most important tasks of the tax office:

### Collecting taxes

The tax office collects money from citizens and businesses in the form of taxes. This money is used for public spending such as roads, schools and hospitals.

### Checking tax returns

Every year, many people and companies have to submit a tax return. The tax office checks these returns to ensure that they are all correct and that the right taxes are paid.

### Advice and help

If you have any questions about tax or need help with a tax return, you can contact the tax office. The tax office offers support and information.

**Tax brackets** Germany has six tax brackets that determine how much income tax is deducted from your salary.

#### Tax class 1:

For single, divorced or permanently separated people. Widows and widowers are also included from the second year after the death of their partner.

#### Tax class 2:

For single parents who are entitled to the relief amount for single parents.

#### Tax class 3:

For married persons if the partner has no or a lower income.

#### Tax class 4:

For married persons if both partners earn approximately the same amount.

#### Tax class 5:

For married persons if the partner is in tax bracket 3 and earns significantly more.


#### Tax bracket 6:

For people with a second or additional job.

The tax bracket affects how much income tax you pay each month. It is important to choose the right tax bracket to avoid paying too much or too little tax.

You can find more information about taxes on the  [website of the tax authorities](#).

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