



Unemployment benefit (Employment Agency)

Unemployment benefit ("Arbeitslosengeld") is a  [social insurance benefit](#). To qualify, you must have worked under compulsory insurance for at least 12 months in the 30 months prior to becoming unemployed. This means that you have paid unemployment insurance contributions during this period. Several jobs can be added together. In some cases, other conditions apply.


You can find more information here:  [Employment Agency: Unemployment benefit](#) (in German)

How much money will I receive?

Unemployment benefit is 60 per cent of your average net salary for the last 12 months. If you have at least one child, this increases to 67 per cent. You can calculate your unemployment benefit without obligation using the  [Federal Employment Agency's unemployment benefit calculator](#). While you are receiving unemployment benefits, you are also covered by health, care and accident insurance through the Federal Employment Agency. Usually, you are also covered by pension insurance.

How long will I receive unemployment benefits?

If you are under the age of 50 and have worked for at least 24 months with compulsory insurance, you can receive benefits for up to 12 months. If you have only worked for 12 months with compulsory insurance, you will receive benefits for 6 months.

 You can earn up to 165€ a month from a part-time job. Any amount you earn above this will be deducted from your unemployment benefit.




How do I apply for unemployment benefits?

There are three steps to apply for unemployment benefits.

Step 1: Register as a jobseeker.

Important: Register as a jobseeker at least three months before your employment relationship ends. If you only find out later, register as a jobseeker within 3 days. Registering too late may result in financial disadvantages.

How do I register as a jobseeker?




- Online:  [Jobseeker registration](#)
- By telephone:  +49 (0) 8004555500 (free of charge)
- In person:  [Munich Employment Agency](#)

The Employment Agency will help you to find a new job, ensuring that you do not become unemployed. If you are unable to do this in time or if you are already unemployed, it is important that you also register as **unemployed** with your local employment agency.

Step 2: Register as unemployed.

Please note: Even if you have already registered as a jobseeker, you must also register as unemployed on the first day without work at the latest in order to receive unemployment benefits.



How do I register as unemployed?

- Online:  [Unemployment registration](#) (the  [online function on your ID card](#) must be activated for this).
- In person:  [Munich Employment Agency](#)

Step 3: Fill in the application form for unemployment benefits.

You can send the application about 2 weeks before you become unemployed. You will receive unemployment benefit retroactively from the end of the month. Even if you submit the application after becoming unemployed, you will not be disadvantaged as long as you register as unemployed in good time.

How do I submit the application?

- Online:  [Application form for unemployment benefits](#)
- In writing: You can obtain an application form from your local  [employment agency](#).