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You can apply for child support for your children when you receive the BAMF notification.

If you have a residence permit in line with Section 25, Paragraph 3 of the German Law on Residence (AufenthG), you will not receive any child support at first.

One exception this may be if you have been in Germany for three years or more and are already employed.

In principle, foreigners who have not been granted freedom of movement only have a claim to child support if they are also in possession of a permanent residence permit or a residence permit that authorises them to pursue professional activities.

All children in Germany are entitled to child benefits from their birth until their 18th birthday (or even later, in exceptional cases). In some cases, children living in a foreign country are also entitled to child benefits.

All applications for child benefits are processed by the **Family Benefits Office (Familienkasse)** of the Federal Employment Agency (Bundesagentur für Arbeit).

#### **Family Benefits Office service number:**

 [0800 4 5555 30](tel:0800455530) (free of charge)

 <https://www.arbeitsagentur.de/familie-und-kinder>