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Financial Benefits

For single parents in Vienna

Information Video



Note:

The social security systems in Vienna undergo constant change. Crucially, the exact values and income limits are regularly adjusted. The figures presented here should therefore be understood as guideline amounts. Up-to-date figures are available online. Not every form of financial support is listed here: some information is not publicly available, but emerge through individual applications; and some is not typically relevant to single parents. We are happy to receive “inside information” which complements and completes to the information presented here. Juno accepts no liability for factual and typographic errors in this text.

Benefits and Allowances

Family Allowance (Familienbeihilfe)

- Application via the Viennese tax office (FinanzAmt)
- Amounts paid out depend on the age and number of children

Supplementary Family Allowance (Erhöhte Familienbeihilfe)

- Application via the Viennese tax office
- An increased amount (€155.90) is paid in addition to Family Allowance
- Parents of children with significant disabilities or the child is permanently incapable of providing for themselves

Childcare Allowance (Kinderbetreuungsgeld)

- Application via the responsible health insurance company
- There is a choice between flat rate and income-based Childcare Allowance
- The prerequisite for parents living separately is proof of parental responsibility (Obsorge) and the receipt of Family Allowance by parent applying

Supplementary Childcare Allowance (Beihilfe zum Kinderbetreuungsgeld)

- Application via the responsible health insurance company
- Only possible with the flat-rate variant and when there is a low income



- Can be applied for retrospectively for up to 6 months and drawn for a maximum of 1 year, until the end of the Childcare Allowance

Vienna Family Grant (Wiener Familienzuschuss)

- Application via MA11 (the Viennese youth services) in the district of residence
- Applications can be submitted 1 month before the child's 1st birthday
- For children in the 2nd and 3rd year of life
- Austrian citizens or equivalent (e.g. EU citizens) needs to be registered in an address in Vienna for at least 1 year before the child's birth. For other citizens, this needs to be 3 years.
- Income limit for eligibility: 1 adult and 1 child: approx. 940 €

Child maintenance/Alimony (Kindesunterhalt)

- It is not possible for either of the parents to waive Child Maintenance
- If the parents, with whom the child does not usually live, cares for the child above and beyond the the scope of typical contact, then a reduction in Child Maintenance payments can be justified
- In the case of a double residence ("Gleichgestellter Kinderbetreuung"), the financial support can be completely canceled if both parents earn effectively the same amount
- The amount of maintenance is based on the age of the child and the income of the person liable to pay maintenance
- If the parent, responsible for maintenance, does not pay maintenance, the parent with legal custody can appoint a legal representative (Rechtsvertretung) via the Youth Services (MA11) to represent the child in maintenance matters. They then take the legal steps necessary to ensure Child Maintenance, e.g. through execution or the Child Maintenance Advance.

Maintenance advance (Unterhaltsvorschuss)

- Children are eligible who are under the age of 18 and for whom the legally stipulated maintenance is not being paid
- Generally, paid out when Child Maintenance payments are being pursued by the MA11
- Restrictions on eligibility exist relating to the citizenship and and residence permit of the child, or the situation of the non-resident parent etc.

Housing Allowance from MA 50 (Wohnbeihilfe)

- Application via MA 50
- Minimum income: 1 adult and 1 child: approx. € 1,364
 - If this is not amount is not reached: a continuous monthly proof of income from the last 10 years



Unemployment Benefits (Arbeitslosengeld)

- Application via the AMS (in the district offices or via an e-AMS account)
- Prerequisites are unemployment and the ability and willingness to work. The recipient must be available for employment.
 - Exceptions exist, including when caring for children under 3 years of age, if no suitable care is available
- Applicant must be willing to take up employment of at least 20 hours per week (for children under 10 years of age 16 hours per week)
- Can also be obtained at the same time as a flat-rate childcare allowance

Childcare Grant from the AMS (Kinderbetreuungsbeihilfe)

- This grant must be discussed in person with the AMS
- The maximum allowance is € 300 per month (time limited)
- Entitlement, e.g. when taking up employment or training courses from the AMS

Basic Social Security (Bedarfsorientierte Mindestsicherung “BMS”)¹

- Application via MA40 (online or via the district offices)
- Consists of a payment intended to cover living expenses and housing needs (rent allowance)
- Requirements:
 - No income or income below the limit: Single parents: approx. 917.35 euros plus approx. 247.68 euros per minor child
 - EU / EEA citizens and third country nationals must have their main residence in Austria for at least 5 years (exception for EU / EEA citizens if they came to Austria as an employee) Third country nationals need a long-term residence permit
 - Maximum permissible assets of approximately €4,350
 - Must be registered at the AMS
- Wages, salaries, unemployment benefits, emergency assistance, sick pay, pensions, maintenance payments, Childcare Allowance, etc. are all taken into account and reduce the amount paid out

Graduation Stipend (Studienabschluss-Stipendium)

For students, who have almost finished their studies.

Study Grant for “Self-sustainers” (Selbsterhalter*innen-Stipendium)

¹ A suitable translation for Mindestsicherung is difficult because this doesn't exist in most English-speaking countries. It literally translates as “minimum security”.



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For students receiving study grants for the first time and who have previously sustained themselves financially for 4 years previous to studying (childcare periods are taken into account!)