Child benefit no.	Kindergeld-Nr.
German tax identification number of pers (must be completed)	on making application
Steuer-ID der antragstellenden Person in Deuts	schland (zwingend ausfüllen)



## **Familienkasse**

Application	on for child be	nefit	Please refer to the enclosed guideline and the "Child Benefit" leaflet.  Beachten Sie bitte die anhängenden Hinweise un das Merkblatt Kindergeld.
For each child	in respect of whom a	an application for ch	nild benefit is
	··· 'Appendix: Child'		ed:
Antrag auf Kir Bitte fügen Sie für j		eld beantragt wird, eine "A	
	erson making application tragstellenden Person		
Name	Name		Title Titel
First name	Vorname		If applicable, maiden name or name from former marriage ggf. Geburtsname und Name aus früherer Ehe
Date of birth Geburtsdatum	Sex Geschlecht	Nationality * Staatsangehörigkeit *	Daytime telephone number for queries arising: telefonische Rückfrage tagsüber unter Nr.:
			nationals please provide evidence of residence permit!) örigkeit bitte Nachweis Aufenthaltstitel beifügen!)
Address (Street/squ	lare, house number, postcode	e, town/city, country of reside	Anschrift (Straße/Platz, Hausnr., PLZ, Wohnort, Wohnland)
Family status: Familienstand:	single since seit	married verheiratet widowed verwitwet	living in a registered civil partnership in Lebenspartnerschaft lebend divorced permanently separated geschieden dauernd getrennt lebend
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	from that of applicant (Street, and vom/von Antragsteller/in (Straße/Pla		tcode, town/city, country of residence)

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3 Details of method of payment Angaben zum Zahlungsweg		
IBAN IBAN		
BIC BIC	Bank, financial institution (if applicable, spec	cify branch) Bank, Finanzinstitut (ggf. auch Zweigstelle)
Account holder is Kontoinhaber/in ist		
the person making application as per antragstellende Person wie unter 1  not the person making application, but: nicht antragstellende Person, sondern:	Name, first name	Name, Vorname
Notification should not be sent to r  Der Bescheid soll nicht mir, sondern folgend  Name	<u> </u>	Vorname
Address, if different from that of applicant (Stre	et/square house number postcode town/city	/ country of residence)
Anschrift, wenn abweichend vom/von Antragsteller/in (Straße/l		, country of residence)
5 Details of children Angaben zu Kindern		
For each child in respect of whom a new a form must be submitted. Für jedes Kind, für das Kindergeld neu beantragt wird,		, a separate and completed "Appendix: Child"

# I am already in receipt of child benefit for the following children: Für folgende Kinder beziehe ich bereits Kindergeld:

First name of the child, if applicable, surname (if different) Vorname des Kindes, ggf. abweichender Familienname	Date of birth Geburtsdatum	Sex Geschlecht	Family Benefits Office (Child benefit number, employee number)? Bei welcher Familienkasse (Kindergeldnummer, Personalnummer)?

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Zu Anlage 4: nein

(Unterschrift des/der Antragstellers/Antragstellerin bzw. des/der gesetzlichen Vertreters/Vertreterin)

(Datum/Namenszeichen des Antragsannehmers)

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## Guidelines on "Application for child benefit" and "Appendix: Child"

Please fill out the application form and "Appendix: Child" form carefully and in a legible manner. Please mark relevant sections with a X. Do not forget your <u>signature!</u> If you are under-age, your legal representative must sign for you on your behalf.

The application must <u>also</u> be signed by your spouse or civil partner living together with you/the other parent if he/she has agreed that you receive child benefit. If no agreement has been reached, please inform the Family Benefits Office accordingly. If the person entitled to payment has been determined by a court of law, please enclose the decision of the court. Please note that your application can only be processed when it has been <u>fully completed</u>.

With effect from 1 January 2016 the requirement for an entitlement to child benefit is that the person entitled to the benefit and the child be identified by means of the tax identification number allocated to them (Section 139b of the German Fiscal Code). Since 2008 every person whose main place of residence or sole place of residence is recorded in a register of residents in Germany is allocated a tax identification number. This 11 digit number is fixed, unique and permanent. In this way tax information can always be attributed to the correct person regardless of relocation or changes in name. You should have received your number in 2008 in a letter from the Federal Central Tax Office (*Bundeszentralamt für Steuern*).

If you have moved to Germany from abroad, you will automatically receive your tax identification number in the post from the Federal Central Tax Office when you have registered with the residents' registration office (*Einwohnermeldeamt*). Your child's tax identification number will be sent immediately after his/her birth to the registered address. For children who in the meantime have lived abroad but who have already received a tax identification number in Germany, please give the tax identification number received in Germany. Children who live abroad and who have not received a tax identification number should be identified by means of another appropriate way (e.g. by providing a birth certificate).

If you can no longer find the correspondence from the Federal Central Tax Office, you can check the column of numbers in your e.g. most recent tax assessment (*Steuerbescheid*) or wage and tax statement (*Lohnsteuerbescheinigung*) that you receive from your employer after the end of the calendar year. If you cannot find your tax identification number in the documents specified above, you can inquire again with the Federal Central Tax Office. In order to provide you with the tax identification number, the Federal Central Tax Office requires the following personal information: surname, first name, address (street, house number, postcode and town/city), date of birth and place of birth.

You can provide this information to the Federal Central Tax Office by using the online form on the Office's homepage at www.bzst.de under "Steuern National" and then under "Steuerliche Identifikationsnummer". If you do not have access to the internet, you can send this personal information in writing to the Bundeszentralamt für Steuern, Referat St II 6, 53221 Bonn.

For data protection reasons the Federal Central Tax Office will only notify the tax identification number by post to the address that is stored in the ID number database. This is usually the registered address. A notification by email is not permissible. Due to the currently large number of incoming requests to the Federal Central Tax Office, the processing period will take a number of weeks.

### Application for child benefit

#### 1 and 2: Details of person making application und spouse/civil partner

If both parents of a child fulfil the requirements for the receipt of child benefit, the person making the application should be the parent who with the agreement of both parents is to receive the child benefit. The family status "permanently separated" is only to be chosen if in the case of married couples one spouse has the intention of permanently maintaining the separation. If you are not married or your spouse or civil partner is not at the same time the other biological parent of at least one of the children listed in the "Appendix: Child" form, please provide details of the other biological parent in the "Appendix: Child" form (in the case of foster children or grandchildren, please provide details of both biological parents).

If you do **not** hold German nationality or the nationality of an EU/EEA Member State or Switzerland, please provide evidence of **your resident permit**. (e.g. copy of passport).

#### 4: Notification should not be sent to me but to the following person

Here you can provide details of an authorised receiving agent (e.g. tax advisor, tax advice and support association, (*Lohnsteuerhilfeverein*), etc.) who should receive the notification concerning child benefit.

#### 6: Following reckonable children to be taken into consideration

Children in respect of whom child benefit is received by another person can be included as part of your application for the purpose of increasing the child benefit ('reckonable children'). If you wish for reckonable children to be included as part of this consideration, in the case of each child please provide details of the person in receipt of child benefit for the reckonable child and which Family Benefits Office pays the child benefit.

### "Appendix: Child"

#### General

Please fully complete the "Appendix: Child" form. If you are making an application for child benefit for the first time after the birth of a child, you must enclose the original of the birth certificate or confirmation of birth for applying for child benefit (*Geburtsurkunde bzw. –bescheinigung für die Beantragung von Kindergeld*). If the child was born in another country, the birth certificate is sufficient as proof. For children over the age of 18 the appendix is only to be completed if they meet the particular requirements as set out in the leaflet on child benefit. Appropriate proof (e.g. relating to schooling or vocational training) must be enclosed. If your child has a disability, then please also complete the form entitled "Appendix for a child of full age with a disability". In the case of adopted children please enclose the adoption order from the Family Court.

"Other persons" who form part of a child/parent relationship are parents, step-parents, adoptive parents, foster parents, grandparents.

#### 1 : Details of child

If the children are not living in your household, state the reason for this (e.g. living with grandparents, living in a foster home or other home, for schooling or vocational training).

#### 2: Child/parent relationship with person making the application, with spouse or civil partner and with other persons

The entering of information requested here is required **in every case**. If the other parent or parents of the child are deceased, then this is to be specified with the insertion of the word "deceased". If the paternity of the child has not been legally determined, then "unknown" or "paternity not determined" is to be entered.

#### 3: Details of child of full age

#### Particular requirements for entitlement to benefit

It is possible for a child of full age to be taken into consideration, if he/she

- 1. has not yet reached his/her 21st birthday, is not in employment and is registered as a job-seeker with an Employment Agency in Germany, or
- 2. has not yet reached his/her 25th birthday and
  - a) is being trained in an occupation or
  - b) is in a transitional period of a maximum of 4 months or
  - c) cannot begin or continue vocational training due to a shortage of vocational training places or
  - d) is participating in a regulated volunteer service or
- because of physical disability, mental disability or psychological impairment is not in a position to support himself or herself provided that the disability occurred before the age of 25 (no age limit).

#### Legal position with effect from 2012

Following completion of a first-time vocational training programme or first-time higher education programme a child will only be considered in the cases described under 2 (a to d) if the child is not pursuing any (harmful) gainful employment.

Training (vocational training or higher education programme) is considered completed, if it qualifies the child to exercise a profession, even if it serves as the basis for further advanced training. This also applies if the qualification does not yet entitle the child to practise the desired profession, e.g. salesperson, emergency services personnel, teacher or solicitor after passing the first State Examination (1. Staatsexamen).

A child is considered in gainful employment, if he/she pursues employment aimed at generating income, which requires the use of his/her personal labour. It follows that the term "gainful employment" can refer to an employed activity, an agricultural or forestry-related activity, a commercial or self-employed activity. The management of one's own assets, however, is not considered as gainful employment.

Please include evidence of the number of weekly working hours by means of suitable documentation (e.g. employment contract, Employer Statement (*Arbeitgeberbescheinigung*)). If there is a deviation from the contractually agreed working hours, evidence for this can be provided by submitting pay slips, an extract from the time sheet or a statement from the employer. Absenteeism due to holidays, illness or the like does not reduce the contractually agreed working hours.

#### Legal position up to 2011

A child over the age of 18 cannot be considered for payment of child benefit if he/she has income and earnings of more than € 8,004 that are used or intended for defraying accommodation costs or costs associated with doing vocational training. For this reason an application for child benefit in respect of a child of full age must always be accompanied by a "Declaration of income and earnings" and if necessary, a "Declaration of income-related expenses".

#### 5: Entitlement to cash benefit from an agency outside Germany/from an inter-country or supranational agency

For example, entitlements to child-related family benefits that are paid from another country or entitlements to child-related benefits from an employment authority (e.g. the European Union) should be entered here.

## 6: In the last five years prior to the making of the application, are or were you or another person who forms part of a child/parent relationship with the child: (...)

"employed in the public service" refers to employment as a civil servant/a person retired from the public service and in receipt of retirement benefits/an employee of the Federal Government, a German state (*Land*) government, a local authority, a local authority association or other public body, institute or foundation or a judge, professional soldier or soldier serving for a limited period (all of whom are subject to a collective pay agreement).

For this purpose, this also includes activity carried out for an employer in the private sector if a member of the public service has been granted a leave of absence to do so. The definition of "public service" does not include religious denominations established by law (churches including religious orders, church-run hospitals, schools or nursery schools, amongst others) as well as head or member associations involved in voluntary welfare work and organisations or facilities associated with them.

Questions 6b and 6c are to be answered with "yes" as well if you, your spouse or civil partner or other persons who form part of a child/parent relationship with the child are or were in the diplomatic or consular service.

You can find detailed information on child benefit online at www.bzst.de or www.familienkasse.de.