

In old age and after a
reduction in earning capacity

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Income Support

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You don't have enough money to live on? Your pension isn't enough? You can't work, for example for health reasons? Then you can apply for the *income support* in old age or after a reduction in earning capacity (Grundsicherung).

For the **income support in old age** you have to have reached a certain age. Legislators have staggered the age threshold. Those born before the 1st of January 1947 reach this at the age of 65. The age threshold rises incrementally for all those born in 1947 and later.

For the **income support on a reduction in earning capacity** you need verification from the German Pension Fund of your permanent full reduction in earning capacity and you must be at least 18 years old.

You can only receive the Guaranteed Income Support if you live in Germany.

By the way, children or parents only have to pay maintenance if they earn more than 100,000 euros gross per annum.



What does the income support cover?

- **Basic requirements**

This contains the costs of everyday necessities such as food or clothing.

- **Accommodation costs**

The costs of accommodation including heating and ancillary costs must be within reasonable limits.

- **Increased needs**

Increased needs can be granted, for example for serious disability or a decentralised hot water supply.

- **Health and care insurance**

Health and care insurance contributions are taken into account. This also applies to private insurance if the contributions are not excessive.

- **One-off needs**

These can be considered, for example for orthopaedic shoes.

All this together adds up to your needs.

Your complete income is deducted from this. This includes pensions, earned income, maintenance, interest, income from capital assets, rent and lease income.

You may be able to claim the income support if your income cannot cover your needs. The online calculator gives you an idea.

You can find it at **www.duesseldorf.de/soziales** (see under *Grundsicherung*).

How can you apply for the income support?

Download the application at **www.duesseldorf.de/soziales/formulare** (see under *Grundsicherung*) or request it by phone from the Social and Youth Welfare Services. You then return the completed application by post. You can also apply for the guaranteed minimum pension in person.

What documents do you need?

Copies of these documents are needed to process your application:

- Personal identity card or passport
- Disabled person's pass if you have one.
- Residence permit if you are not German.
- Account statements for the last three months
- Tenancy agreement and the last rent increase if appropriate
- Last operating or heating costs invoice
- Verification of health and care insurance
- Proof of income, for example salary statement, child allowance notification, housing benefit or pension notification
- Verification of assets, for example savings book, land register extract in case of property ownership or vehicle registration document
- Notification of cessation of payment from the Jobcenter if benefits were previously received from there.

It is best if you hand in these documents together with the application. You will be informed if further documents are needed.

A copy of your certificate of appointment will be required if you submit an application as a carer.

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