

# Applying for a grant under the Federal Training Assistance Act (BAföG) - Students

Under the BAföG, individual educational assistance is granted if students do not otherwise have the necessary means to support themselves and their education. This is intended to enable individuals - irrespective of their family's economic situation - to pursue the education they have chosen according to their interests and abilities. The aim is to open up comparable educational opportunities for all students.

## Competent Department

- [Studierendenwerk Bremen](#)

## Basic information

The aim of training assistance under the Federal Act on the Individual Promotion of Training (Bundesausbildungsförderungsgesetz - BAföG) is to give young people the opportunity to pursue a higher education that matches their abilities and interests, irrespective of their social and economic situation.

Training assistance is provided for living expenses and training. The monthly need is flat-rate and depends on the accommodation (living with parents or living away from home). The student's income and assets, the income of the parents and, if applicable, the income of the spouse/registered partner are offset against the need.

Non-parental support is only granted under certain conditions.

Support is granted for the duration of the standard period of study, from the fifth semester onwards only if the required level of performance is achieved (exceptions are possible).

BAföG is generally granted for 1 year ("approval period").

As a rule, the support is provided

half as a grant

half as an interest-free state loan.

Repayment of the loan portion begins 5 years after the end of the standard period of study.

In certain cases, however, the funding is provided in full as an interest-bearing bank loan under private law (e.g. assistance for graduation after the end of the standard period of study).

## Requirements

Educational support is provided for studies at the following universities:

- University of Bremen
- Bremen University of Applied Sciences
- Bremerhaven University of Applied Sciences
- Bremen University of the Arts
- Jacobs University Bremen
- University of Public Administration Bremen
- APOLLON private distance learning college of health management

Training assistance is also granted for the completion of an internship which is required in connection with attendance at the above-mentioned training institutions and the content of which is regulated in training regulations.

Entitlement to training grants is also dependent on personal requirements such as age, aptitude and nationality.

In addition to German nationals, foreign trainees can also receive support under certain conditions.

Whether the personal requirements are met in the individual case and justify an entitlement to training assistance can only be determined with binding effect by means of an application procedure.

## Procedure

A written application must be submitted using the official forms in order to receive a student grant.

It is advisable to submit the application immediately after receiving the confirmation of the study place.

You will be informed of the final decision and the amount of the grant by means of a notification.

## Legal bases

- [Bundesausbildungsförderungsgesetz](#)

## **More information**

Further comprehensive information on BAföG, in particular on

- the eligibility requirements,
- the rates of need,
- the forms to be filled in when submitting an application and
- the responsible offices for educational grants

can be found on the websites of the Studentenwerk Bremen and the Federal Ministry of Education and Research. The Studentenwerk Bremen is the responsible office for students at Bremen universities.

Please note that application forms cannot be sent by post. However, they can be requested online.

## **What deadlines must be paid attention to?**

First application:

The application principle applies, i.e. funding is granted from the beginning of the month in which lectures begin, provided that a written application is received by the Office during that month. An informal application is sufficient to comply with the time limit; forms/evidence may be submitted within certain time limits.

Repeat request:

In order to ensure a seamless continuation of funding, repeat applications must be submitted in full to the Studentenwerk at least 2 months before the end of the grant period.

## **How long does it take to process**

Depending on the complexity of the test, initial application between 4 and 10 weeks.

## **What are the costs?**

none