

# Apply for subsidy for infertility treatment

Do you have an unfulfilled desire to have children? Couples can get financial support for infertility treatment.

## Basic information

If you as a couple have an unfulfilled desire to have a child, you can apply for a state subsidy for the costs of infertility treatment. You must apply together as a couple. The application must be submitted before the start of treatment. You must submit various supporting documents with the application.

The subsidy is only available for the 1st to 4th treatment attempt. You must apply for the subsidy for each treatment attempt separately.

Only certain types of treatment are supported:

- In vitro fertilization (IVF).
- Intracytoplasmic sperm injection (ICSI).

The necessity of the treatment must be certified by a medical doctor.

After receiving the written approval, the treatment can start.

## Requirements

Only couples are eligible. One of them must be a woman or a person who has female reproductive organs. The following couples are eligible:

- Different-sex, same-sex or diverse married couples.
- Same-sex domestic partner:s living together under the Domestic Partnership Act.
- Different-sex, same-sex, or diverse couples living in a non-marital domestic partnership.

You must also meet the following requirements:

- You live in Bremen (main residence) at the time of application and treatment.
- The age of the person who is to become pregnant. is between 25 and 40 years.
- The age of the other person is between 25 and 50 years.
- The treatment takes place in a reproduction facility in the state of Bremen or Lower Saxony.
- You have a medical determination of infertility.

- You meet the requirements for artificial insemination according to § 27a of the Fifth Social Code (SGB V ) - as far as applicable.

## What documents do I need?

- Joint written statement
  - The declaration is part of the application form.
  - They declare that they are involuntarily childless.
  - You declare that you are not permanently separated.
  - You declare that the treatment has not yet been started.
- Current certificate of registration
- Treatment plan
  - In the case of statutory health insurance: approved treatment plan for assisted reproduction measures in accordance with § 27a SGB V. This also includes a medical statement on the necessity of the measure.
  - In the case of private health insurance or a subsidy agency: treatment plan from the physician. In addition, the cost assumption declaration and a medical declaration on the necessity of the measure.
- Medical statement on the necessity of the measure
  - At the 4th treatment cycle.
  - If subsidized by private health insurance, allowance or medical care.
  - For same-sex couples.
  - For unmarried couples.
- Cost plan

At the 4th treatment cycle: the cost plan according to the medical fee schedule.

- Cost absorption declaration
  - In case of private health insurance or subsidy office
  - For same-sex and diverse couples, and for unmarried opposite-sex couples.
- Negative certificate of the health insurance company
  - In case of non-subsidization by the health insurance
- Joint declaration on the recognition of parenthood
  - For unmarried couples
  - The declaration is part of the application form.
- Written power of attorney

In case of representation by reproduction facility

## Procedure

- You apply for the grant together and submit all required documents.
- If you meet all the requirements, you will receive a preliminary grant decision.
- The reproduction facility receives a copy of the decision.
- You carry out the treatment within half a year.
- You submit the application for final approval and payment. For this purpose, please submit the invoices and proof of insurance reimbursement.
- After the documents have been checked, you will receive a notification of the amount that will be paid to you.

## Legal bases

- [Richtlinie zur Förderung assistierter Reproduktion](#)
- [§ 27a Fünftes Sozialgesetzbuch \(SGB V\)](#)

## More information

The measure is borne proportionally by the federal government and the state of Bremen.

The federal government supports only heterosexual married and unmarried couples. The state of Bremen also supports same-sex diverse couples in which at least one person has female reproductive organs.

If there are not enough federal funds available, you will only receive the state of Bremen's share.