

# Apply as a foster parent, aptitude test

You would like to take in a foster child? Then you must first qualify as a foster parent.

## **Competent Department**

• PiB- Pflegekinder in Bremen gemeinnützige GmbH

#### **Basic information**

The task of integrating a child who is initially a stranger into one's own family, of making him or her feel at home in one's own family for the long term or permanently, and of fostering and raising him or her, is a demanding one.

Before taking in a foster child, PiB - Pflegekinder in Bremen gemeinnützige GmbH checks the suitability of interested foster parents.

The high demands placed on foster parents need not and should not be met by them alone. Rather, the foster family is part of a supportive network that has pedagogical knowledge, methodological competence and many years of experience.

Before starting their work, foster carers must have completed the qualifying courses offered by PiB - Pflegekinder in Bremen gemeinnützigen GmbH.

The decisive factor for accepting a child in general full-time care is a match between the needs of the child and the existing competencies and resources of the caregivers. A professional qualification in a nursing or pedagogical profession is not expected of caregivers in this form of assistance.

On the other hand, a professional or semi-professional background is expected for the admission of a child with special educational needs. In this context, semi-professional is considered to be, for example, the previous care of a foster child over a period of at least two years or many years of caring for and accompanying children and adolescents in the voluntary sector.

Foster parents can be couples with or without their own children as well as individuals with a stable social network.

## **Procedure**

Interested applicants should contact PiB - Pflegekinder in Bremen gemeinnützigen GmbH. There they can get more information.

They can participate in information events without having to commit to anything.

For the aptitude test, they must first qualify by attending appropriate courses.

In addition, they must submit an application. They can also do this via the online service "Pflegekinderwesen Digital" with the form "Bewerbung Pflegeperson".

It is also possible to first contact PiB - Pflegekinder in Bremen gemeinnützigen GmbH via the online service.

Qualifying as a foster carer according to §§ 27, 33 SGB VIII or obtaining permission according to § 44 SGB VIII is not possible without an intensive application and qualification process. Thus, merely submitting the application form does not lead to suitability as a foster carer.

#### Legal bases

• § 44 Achtes Sozialgesetzbuch (SGB VIII)

### What deadlines must be paid attention to?

There is no deadline.

#### What are the costs?

There are no costs involved.