

## Dog tax: Register your dog

Anyone who keeps a dog in the municipality of Bremen must pay dog tax. The dog must be registered for this purpose. The dog tax is calculated from the registration. Find out more below.

### Competent Department

- [Hundesteuerstelle](#)
- [Finanzamt Bremen](#)

### Basic information

If you keep a dog over 3 months old in the area of the municipality of Bremen, you must do so within 2 weeks

- after the start of ownership (e.g. after purchasing the dog or after moving to the municipality of Bremen) or
- after the 3rd month of the dog's life

to the Bremen tax office, stating the name and address of the previous owner.

After registering your dog, you will receive a tax assessment notice and a tax stamp. Your dog must wear this tax tag if it leaves the house or property where it is kept.

The dog tax stamps valid from 01.01.2022 to 31.12.2025 are round and yellow. These lose their validity on 31.12.2025.

The dog tax sticker valid from 01.01.2026 to 31.12.2029 is round and green. If your dog is already registered, you will automatically receive a new tax stamp.

If you lose the tax stamp, please inform the Bremen tax office. You will then receive a replacement tag. A fee of 10.50 euros will be charged for this.

You can find out how the dog tax is calculated in the service description "Calculate dog tax". You can find the link under "Further information" - "Where can I find out more?".

### Requirements

- At least one dog lives in the household or business in the municipality of Bremen.
- The dog is 3 months old.

## What documents do I need?

- Form "Dog tax registration"

If applicable

- "SEPA direct debit mandate for other municipal taxes"
- Copy of the dog tax assessment of the other municipality and proof of payment
  - If moving in with a dog from another municipality

## Procedure

You can register as follows:

Online

- You can register online using the online platform "My ELSTER". You can find the link under "Further information" - "Online service".
- This requires a one-off registration in "My ELSTER" or a registration without registration using the activated online ID function (eID) of your ID card.

In writing

- Fill out the form. You can find the link to the form under "Further information" - "Forms" - "Dog tax registration".

## Legal bases

- [§ 13 Abs. 1 Bremisches Hundesteuergesetzes](#)
- [§ 4 Abs. 1 Bremische Hundesteuergesetz](#)

## More information

- In certain cases, you can apply for exemption from the dog tax or a reduction. Further information can be found in the following service descriptions:
  - Applying for exemption from dog tax
  - Applying for a reduction in dog tax
- Information: No dog tax for refugees from Ukraine  
The Bremen tax office does not levy dog tax on dogs belonging to refugees from Ukraine. Only when you have registered a residence in Bremen do you have to register your dog with the Bremen tax office and pay the dog tax.

## What deadlines must be paid attention to?

Registration deadline:

A dog must be registered within 2 weeks of admission or moving in or after the dog has reached the age of three months.

## How long does it take to process

The processing time can take several weeks.

## What are the costs?

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150,00 EUR The tax per dog is generally 150 euros per calendar year.

## Frequently asked Questions

- **I have lost the badge. What to do?**

A replacement dog tax tag can be requested by telephone or in writing. The administrative fee is 10,50€ for issuing the replacement tag.

- **I have only one very small dog. My dog does not weigh much. Does this reduce the dog tax?**

No, the dog tax remains unchanged at 150.00 euros per year.

- **I no longer go out of the house with my dog / my dog only does its business in the garden / I do not go out with my dog in public areas. Does this reduce the dog tax?**

No, the dog tax is unchanged 150,00 Euro per year

- **I cannot pay the dog tax. What options do I have?**

An application for deferral or remission can be made (see service description for "Applying for a reduction in dog tax"). A remission is not to be confused with a tax exemption and must be applied for each year (only valid for one year).