

Integration aid for disabled people

If you have a permanent disability or are at risk of such a disability, you may be able to apply for integration assistance.

Competent Department

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Basic information

Social Code XII § 53 regulates the entitlement of disabled people or people at risk of disability to integration assistance. Integration assistance for disabled people is a benefit of social assistance (Social Code XII), which pursues the goal of integrating the disabled person into society and enabling him to lead a largely independent life. Benefits of integration assistance are:

- Services for medical rehabilitation
- Services for participation in working life
- Services in recognized workshops for disabled people
- Benefits for participation in life in the community
- Assistance for an appropriate school education
- Assistance for school education for an appropriate occupation, including attendance at a college or university
- Assistance for training for another appropriate occupation

Follow-up assistance to ensure the effectiveness of medical and medically prescribed measures and to ensure the disabled person's participation in working life.

Requirements

The group of persons entitled to benefits includes both disabled persons and persons at risk of disability. Persons who are substantially limited in their ability to participate in society as a result of a disability or who are threatened by such a substantial disability are entitled to benefits from integration assistance (Section 2 (1) sentence 1 of Social Code IX).

Disabled within the meaning of Section 2 (1) sentence 1 of Social Code IX are people whose physical function, mental ability or mental health is expected to deviate from the typical condition for their age for more than six months and whose participation in society

is therefore impaired. People are threatened by a disability if the impairment is to be expected (Section 2 (1) of the Social Code IX).

A further prerequisite is that the impairment is a significant disability that substantially impairs integration into society.

Procedure

The benefits of integration assistance can be both cash benefits and benefits in kind. The amount and scope of the benefits are calculated according to

- · the type and severity of the disability
- · financial circumstances

Applications for integration assistance are submitted to the Social Services Office of the district in which the recipient resides.

Depending on the individual case, various forms of evidence may be required in order to make an application, such as proof of income or medical certificates. It is recommended to obtain information on the required documents from the responsible office before submitting an application.

Legal bases

- Sozialgesetzbuch XII (Zwölftes Buch)
- Sozialgesetzbuch IX (Neuntes Buch)
- Gesetz zur Stärkung der Teilhabe und Selbstbestimmung von Menschen mit Behinderungen (Bundesteilhabegesetz BTHG)

More information

Supplementary benefits:

In addition to the benefits listed above, other costs are to be covered under the conditions specified in Sections 20 and 22 of the Integration Assistance Ordinance.

These include:

- The costs for the instruction of caregivers (§ 20 Integration Assistance Ordinance).
- Travel costs for the accompanying person (§ 22 Integration Assistance Ordinance).
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