

Apply for survivors' benefits under the Prisoners' Relief Act

Surviving dependants of Germans who were imprisoned for political reasons in the former GDR, in the former East Berlin or in the expulsion areas specified in the Federal Expellees Act and who suffered a health impairment as a result of which they died receive a survivor's pension in accordance with the provisions of SGB XIV.

Competent Department

- [Amt für Versorgung und Integration Bremen](#)

Basic information

Persons can receive benefits under the Prisoner Assistance Act (HHG) if they were taken into custody for political reasons in the former GDR, in the former East Berlin or in the expellee areas specified in the Federal Expellee Act and suffered damage to their health as a result.

A survivor's pension under the HHG can be granted if the injured person has died as a result of the injury

Procedure

The documents required for the procedure can be requested from the Amt für Versorgung und Integration Bremen.

Legal bases

- [§ 5 Häftlingshilfegesetz \(HHG\)](#)

More information

The federal state in whose area the surviving dependants live is responsible.

What deadlines must be paid attention to?

Not specified.

How long does it take to process

Not specified.

What are the costs?

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