

# Survivors' benefits under the Criminal Rehabilitation Act

## Competent Department

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

## Basic information

Survivors of Germans who have suffered damage to their health as a result of a criminal decision by a German court in the territory referred to in Article 3 of the Unification Treaty (accessing territory = former GDR) which is contrary to the rule of law, or who have been admitted to a psychiatric institution in the former GDR, as a result of which they died, shall receive a survivor's pension in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Pensions Act (BVG).

A survivor's allowance can be granted if the deceased was prevented from pursuing a corresponding gainful occupation by the consequences of the injury.

## Requirements

One of the preconditions for the granting of the benefit is that the unlawful decision has been annulled.

Further information would have to be obtained directly from the Office for Care and Integration in Bremen.

## Procedure

The documents required for the procedure can be requested from the Office for Care and Integration Bremen.

## More information

The federal state in whose area the surviving dependants live is responsible. For Bremen and Bremerhaven, this is the Office for Care and Integration Bremen.

## **What are the costs?**

There are no costs