

# Support for returning to work for people with statutory accident insurance

If you have an accident at work or an occupational illness, the statutory accident insurance (DGUV) will use all appropriate means to enable you to return to work. Children and young people can also receive benefits in the event of an insured event.

## Competent Department

- [Deutsche Gesetzliche Unfallversicherung e.V. \(DGUV\)](#)

## Basic information

If you are no longer able to carry out your previous activity due to health problems caused by an accident at work or an occupational disease, you will receive benefits for participation in working life. Benefits that can be provided by your employers' liability insurance association or accident insurance fund include, for example

- Assistance to resume or continue your previous activity
- Support in transferring to another job within the previous company
- Support in taking up employment in another company
- retraining
- Vocational adjustment, further training and qualification
- Admission to a workshop for people with disabilities

After an accident at work or an occupational illness, the statutory accident insurance will use all appropriate means to facilitate a return to the previous workplace. If a return to the existing workplace is not possible, efforts will be made to at least maintain the employment relationship with the previous employer. If this is also not possible, efforts will be made to ensure rapid and sustainable integration into the general labor market.

Benefits for participation are also provided for children and young people in the event of an insurance claim. The aim here is, among other things, to enable those affected to receive a general school education and appropriate vocational or gainful employment.

You do not need to submit an application. Your employer's liability insurance association or accident insurance fund will check possible claims ex officio.

## Requirements

- You have had a recognized accident at work or on the way to work.

- You suffer from a recognized occupational disease.
- You can only carry out your previous activity to a limited extent or no longer at all due to the consequences of the accident at work or occupational illness.

## What documents do I need?

- None.

## Procedure

You do not have to submit an application. Your employer's liability insurance association or accident insurance fund will check possible claims on its own initiative ("ex officio") and contact you.

- After reporting an accident at work that threatens to permanently restrict your ability to carry out your previous activity, the rehab manager will contact you.
- He or she will discuss with you and, if you agree, your employer the further options for maintaining your job.
- If you are no longer able to carry out your previous job, even with aids or support, he or she will discuss further alternatives with you.
- If the problems at work only occur at a later date and no current medical treatment is required, contact your rehab manager.

You can contact your employers' liability insurance association or accident insurance fund online or by post.

Online service:

- Call up the online service.
- You will be guided through the process on the accident insurance service portal.
- You can log in.
  - If you would like to receive the reply from your Berufsgenossenschaft or accident insurance fund in the mailbox of your BundID account or My Company Account, you must have an account and authenticate yourself.
  - If you would like to receive the reply by post, you can continue without registering.
- Select your responsible employers' liability insurance association or accident insurance fund or find them using the industry search.
- Upload the required documents.
- Complete the online form and send it off.
- Your notification will be automatically forwarded to your employers' liability insurance association or accident insurance fund.
- You will receive feedback via the desired channel.

Online service of your employers' liability insurance association or accident insurance fund:

- If you have access to the portal of your employers' liability insurance association or accident insurance fund, you can also submit the notification electronically there if necessary.

Message by post:

- Send an informal letter to your employers' liability insurance association or accident insurance fund.
- Make sure you provide the required information and enclose the necessary documents.

## **Legal bases**

- [§ 35 Sozialgesetzbuch Siebtes Buch \(SGB VII\)](#)
- [§§ 49 bis 63 Sozialgesetzbuch Neuntes Buch \(SGB IX\)](#)

## **More information**

Legal remedy: Appeal. Detailed information on how to lodge an appeal can be found in the notification from your employer's liability insurance association or accident insurance fund.

## **What deadlines must be paid attention to?**

There is no deadline.

## **How long does it take to process**

1 to 2 week(s).

## **What are the costs?**

There are no costs.