

Elektronische Lohnsteuerabzugsmerkmale einsehen

The electronic wage tax characteristics used for wage tax deduction can be taken from your payslip and viewed in various ways.

Competent Department

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

Basic information

Your current electronic wage tax characteristics (ELStAM) are shown in every payslip.

ELStAM data includes the following information, for example:

- Tax class,
- religious affiliation,
- number of child allowances and
- exemptions and allowances.

Your employer is responsible for registering and deregistering you at the beginning or end of your employment relationship. The same applies to the retrieval of ELStAM in order to carry out the wage tax deduction.

You can view your ELStAM data and your employer's retrievals electronically at any time via the online tax office "My ELSTER". Alternatively, you can request a written notification from your competent office.

You can also request that

- ELStAM no longer be created for you in future or
- the ELStAM be blocked or activated for certain employers.

Only the relevant tax and registration offices can make changes to the entries.

Requirements

None.

What documents do I need?

- for written communication:
 - Form "Application for wage tax reduction and for electronic wage tax deduction features" with the attachment electronic wage tax deduction features (ELStAM).

Procedure

If you want to view your income tax deduction details, you can do so in the following ways:

Online via the ELSTER portal:

- Visit "ELSTER - your online tax office".
- Log in with your access data and your personal security procedure.
- Once you are logged in, click on "Forms & services" in the navigation menu and select "Information on the electronic income tax card (ELStAM)".
- You will be shown a brief information message and if you click on "Next page", you can send the electronic form.
- You will receive a notification in "My inbox" when the list of your income tax deduction details has been completed.

Alternatively, you can request to view your ELStAM in writing:

- Use the PDF form "Antrag auf Lohnsteuer-Ermäßigung und zu den Lohnsteuerabzugsmerkmalen" with the "Anlage elektronische Lohnsteuerabzugsmerkmale (ELStAM)". You can find the application form with attachments under "Further information" - "Forms".
- Complete both forms.
- Print out the completed document, sign it and send it to the relevant tax office.
- You will receive written information on your income tax deduction details.

Legal bases

- [§ 39e Absatz 6 Satz 4 Einkommensteuergesetz \(EStG\)](#)

What deadlines must be paid attention to?

There is no deadline.

How long does it take to process

It usually takes a few days to process your request.

What are the costs?

There are no costs.