

Apply for compensation instead of a monthly social compensation payment for widows and widowers

Widows and widowers can receive a settlement instead of a monthly compensation payment if they are eligible. You can find out more here.

Competent Department

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

Basic information

As a widow or widower, you can apply to receive a settlement instead of the monthly compensation payments. The application must be submitted within one year of the compensation payment being approved. This option gives surviving dependants greater freedom of choice. No special justification for the choice of compensation or the fulfillment of certain conditions is required.

The decision as to whether a settlement is appropriate or sensible in view of the survivor's personal situation is the sole responsibility of the survivor, although advice on this can also be provided as part of case management.

The severance payment amounts to EUR 137,337. Monthly compensation payments already made are to be offset against the severance payment. All claims to monthly compensation payments are settled with the payment of the settlement.

Widows and widowers of an injured party who did not die as a result of an injury can, under certain conditions, receive a settlement instead of a monthly compensation payment on application. The basic requirement is that the injury occurred before January 1, 2024.

The settlement amounts to EUR 65,089 if the deceased injured party had a degree of injury of 100, the settlement amounts to EUR 97,633. Monthly compensation payments already made must be offset against the settlement. All claims to monthly compensation payments for non-injury-related death are settled with the payment of the settlement.

Please note that your social compensation provider will decide whether and to what extent you will receive support.

Requirements

- You are the widow or widower of a deceased injured person.
- You were granted monthly compensation payments less than a year ago.
- The application must be submitted to the competent institution at your place of residence.
 - Exception: In the case of vaccination injuries, responsibility is determined by the place of vaccination.

What documents do I need?

- If necessary, you must provide evidence:
 - Approval of a monthly compensation payment less than one year ago

Procedure

With the application for compensation instead of a monthly compensation payment for widows and widowers, the institution will check your entitlement or the corresponding amount of the compensation payment. You will receive a notification of the decision and, if applicable, information on the benefits granted as well as other necessary documents.

You can apply for social compensation benefits in writing.

- If necessary, you can make an appointment with your contact person at the pension authority or at your responsible office.
- You will receive a notice of approval for the application for compensation. If the entitlement is not established, you will receive a rejection notice.

Legal bases

- [§ 86 Sozialgesetzbuch Vierzehntes Buch \(SGB XIV\)](#)
- [§ 148 Absatz 6 bis 8 Sozialgesetzbuch Vierzehntes Buch \(SGB XIV\)](#)

What deadlines must be paid attention to?

There is no deadline.

How long does it take to process

The prerequisite for processing is that all mandatory information has been provided. The processing time varies depending on the competent authority and the individual case. It is not possible to give an exact time and it depends on the complexity of the individual case.

What are the costs?

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