

Apply for a one-off payment of social compensation for victims of violence abroad

If you live in Germany and have suffered a health impairment during a temporary stay abroad, you may receive a one-off payment depending on the degree of your injury. You can find out more about this here.

Competent Department

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

Basic information

If you live in Germany and have been the victim of an act of violence during a temporary stay abroad and have suffered damage to your health, you can receive a one-off payment of between EUR 2,821 and EUR 31,026. The amount of the one-off payment depends on your degree of injury (GdS at least 30).

A stay abroad is considered temporary if it lasts less than six months or no more than one year if you are attending school or university.

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

Requirements

- You have your domicile or habitual residence in Germany.
- You were temporarily abroad at the time of the crime and suffered a recognized harmful event there.
- You have suffered damage to your health with a degree of damage of at least 30 as a result of the harmful event.
- The application must be submitted to the competent institution at the place of residence.
 - Exception: In the case of vaccination damage, responsibility is determined by the place of vaccination.

What documents do I need?

- If necessary, you must provide evidence:
 - Proof of the recognized harmful event during a temporary stay abroad (e.g. police reports, court decisions, court rulings, witness statements)
 - Proof of the degree of the consequences of the injury (e.g. medical certificates)

Procedure

When you apply for social compensation benefits, the social compensation law institution will check whether you are entitled to the one-off payment for victims of violence abroad. You will receive a notification of the decision and, if applicable, information on the benefits granted as well as other necessary evidence.

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.
- They will then discuss with you which documents are still missing and what the further application procedure looks like.
- The contact person will provide you with further documents if necessary. If necessary, complete the documents, enclose the required evidence or supporting documents and send the documents back to your responsible office.
- Your claims will be determined ex officio on the basis of the documents and further investigations by the authority. The authority will inform you of the result in the form of a decision, which is usually sent to you by letter.
- If entitlements to benefits have been determined, you will receive an approval notice. If no entitlements are determined, you will receive a rejection notice.

Legal bases

- [§ 102 Absatz 4 Sozialgesetzbuch Vierzehntes Buch \(SGB XIV\)](#)

More information

Legal remedy:

Appeal: An appeal can be lodged against a decision within one month of its notification. Further information regarding the procedure and the competent authority to which you can lodge an appeal can be found in the notification of your application. The appeal can be submitted in writing and electronically.

What deadlines must be paid attention to?

There is no deadline.

How long does it take to process

Not specified.

What are the costs?

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