

Childcare payments (Kleinkinderbetreuungsbeiträge KKBB)

Initial applications and queries (Anlauf- und Abklärungsstelle)

for applications and informations

at the counter: **daily without advance notification**
from 10:00 – 11:30

at the telephone: **Intake Telefon 043 / 444 63 40**
Monday – Friday
a.m.: 08:00 – 12:00
p.m.: 13:30 – 17:00

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further informations/leaflets
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Persons resident in the city of Zurich should apply to the address below:

Stadt Zürich
Soziale Dienste
Alimentenstelle
Hönggerstrasse 24
Postfach
8037 Zürich

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Childcare payments for infants

(valid from 1.2.1992)

If you are a mother or father, and are interested in receiving contributions towards childminding costs for infants (up to 2 years old), contact the City of Zurich Social Services Department, Alimentenstelle. For preliminary enquiries and applications, please call 043 444 63 40.

The granting of payments is subject to the following conditions:

1. One applying parent must have been legally resident in the canton of Zurich for at least one year.
2. Gainful employment may not exceed 50 % of full-time employment for a single parent, and may not be more than 150 % or less than 100 % of full-time employment for two cohabiting parents. Recipients of social insurance contributions, participants in work integration programs and students have the same rights as workers.
3. Childminding by third parties may not exceed 2.5 days per week.
4. There is no entitlement where net assets exceed Fr. 25,000.– for single parents and Fr. 35,000.– for cohabiting parents, calculated in accordance with the provisions of the taxation laws.
5. Entitlement to payment begins in the month in which the application is submitted – but not earlier than the date of birth – and in which all conditions for payment are met. It ceases at the end of the month in which one of these conditions is no longer met, or on the day prior to the completion of the child's second year, whichever is the earlier. Payments will be backdated where an application is approved within 3 months of the child's birth or of moving to a different community within the canton of Zurich.

Payment levels:

Payments equal the difference between basic subsistence and attributable income. The maximum monthly payment is Fr. 2,000.–.

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Basic subsistence is calculated as follows:

- a) Basic amount per year for single parents with one infant Fr. 18,600.–
- b) Basic amount per year for cohabiting parents with one infant Fr. 25,600.–
- c) Supplement for each additional own child living in the same household Fr. 3,900.–
- d) Rent supplement: rent, including verified extra charges, up to a maximum of Fr. 13,100.–. Where a number of tenants live in a single dwelling, a corresponding proportion of the rent is taken into account.

The calculation of attributable income includes net income subject to AHV (age and disability insurance) from: gainful employment, child and family allowances, income from capital, payments from insurance, and maintenance payments from third parties. Allowable deductions are: contractual or statutory maintenance payments to third parties, and job-related expenses in accordance with the provisions of the taxation laws. In the case of single parents, a tax-free allowance of up to Fr. 5,000.– is deductible from earned income.

Notification of changes in circumstances:

1. Applicants are under an obligation to provide truthful details of their own personal and financial circumstances. The payment office must be notified immediately of any significant changes, such as: change of residence, joint tenancy, cohabiting with the other parent, marriage, childminding by third parties, changes in income and assets, rent adjustments. All such cases will be re-assessed, and payments adjusted if necessary.
2. Repayment will be requested for any amounts wrongfully paid. If the wrongful payment was made on the basis of culpable conduct on the part of the recipient, the amounts must be repaid with the addition of interest at 5 % per year, dating from the original date of payment. Anyone obtaining a payment under this law by intentionally supplying untruthful or incomplete information will be punished by a fine of up to Fr. 3,000.–.

Applications must be accompanied by the following documents:

- a) Proof of residence in the canton of Zurich (qualifying period 1 year)
- b) Documentation for the calculation of income and assets
 - three current proofs of wage/salary
 - end-of-year wage/salary statement
 - contract of employment
 - most recent bank statement of all your accounts (containing an overview of the last 3 months)
 - signed recent tax return (including all enclosures)

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- evidence of substitute income / insurance payments
 - pension orders with evidence of current amount paid
 - orders covering additional payments
 - signed annual statement of accounts / addendum A (self-employed persons)
 - proof of assets
 - applicants engaged in a first course of study/vocational training: grant order, or parents' income and tax documentation
- c) Rent agreement, with evidence of rent and extra charges currently being paid.
- d) Any court rulings, orders and/or maintenance agreement.
- e) Confirmation in writing of outside childcare.

City of Zurich Social Services Department (Soziale Dienste der Stadt Zürich)
(Alimentenstelle)