

Requirements for receiving Bafög referring to Ukrainian students who have fled and are enrolled at a German university⁽¹⁾

(Legal status from the winter semester 2022/23; The following is a brief description. No liability can be assumed for the completeness and correctness of this description.)

Description:

BAföG is the abbreviation for the Federal Training Promotion Act. BAFöG is colloquially referred to as the support you can receive under this law. The funding is available to you for financing your studies, under certain conditions of a prescribed internship within the scope of your studies. To receive the monthly grant, you must meet a number of requirements.

Special Requirements:

- Residence permit
Existence of a residence title according to § 24 AufenthG or a corresponding fictional certificate according to § 81 paragraph 5 i. V. § 81 paragraph 3 or 4 AufenthG.

Note: You must be enrolled at a German university. **Guest or exchange students are not entitled to Bafög.**

Generell Requirements:

- Your parents and/or partner earn comparatively little.
Note:
Parent-independent support can be provided if the whereabouts of the parents are not known or if the parents are legally or actually prevented from providing maintenance in Germany. For this purpose, the applicant must submit a corresponding written insurance.
- You have no income, or only a Minijob
- Your assets are less than EUR 15.000 euro up to the 30th birthday/EUR 45.000 from the 30th birthday.
- You are studying full-time
- Age limit 45 years

If you have already started or completed another training course:

If you drop out of your studies and start another course ("change of course"), your new course can only be supported if

- the change took place at the latest in the second semester, or
- the change took place in the 3rd semester and there is an important reason for the change, or
- the change follows from the 4th semester and there was an unwavering reason for the change, for example: a disability occurring after the start of the training, or an allergy to certain substances which makes it impossible to continue training or pursue the profession pursued up to now.

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When you study, your monthly needs are made up of different parts:

Basic requirements:

EUR 452.00 if you complete your education at a higher technical school, academy or university (e. g. at a university).

Need for accommodation:

- EUR 59.00 if you live with your parents or if you
- EUR 360.00 if you do not live with your parents.

If you are unable to obtain health care insurance through your parents, you will receive an additional EUR 94.00 / EUR 168 if joining according to § 417 SGB V voluntary statutory health insurance.

Long-term care insurance supplement EUR 28/ EUR 38 from the 30th birthday

If you have a child under 14 years of age who lives in your household, you will also receive a childcare supplement: EUR 160.00 for each child.

The following amounts will be credited, i. e. they will reduce your BAföG

- The income of your parents and/or spouse/partner in the penultimate year prior to the start of the grant period if it is above the allowance. The allowance is:
 - EUR 2,415 if your parents live together,
 - EUR 1,605 per parent if your parents live separately and
 - EUR 1,605 for a possible spouse/life partner.

Note: If your parents or spouse/partner currently earn significantly less than in the penultimate year before the grant, you can apply for an update.

- Your own income if you earn more than EUR 520.00 per month yourself.
- Your own assets if you own more than EUR 15,000 up to the 30th birthday/EUR 45.000 from the 30th birthday.

Note: The starting point for the income calculation is basically the sum of the positive income. In tax law, this is gross income less the advertising costs, social lump sum and the taxes actually paid, including church tax and solidarity surcharge.

Parent-independent BAföG:

Your parents' income is not taken into account if you

- were in employment for 5 years after the age of 18, or

- have completed a 3-year training course and then worked for at least 3 years (or in case of a shorter training course period employed for a correspondingly longer period).

- In certain exceptional cases, if you are over 30 years of age at the start of your training.

-if the whereabouts of the parents are not known or if the parents are legally or actually prevented from providing maintenance in Germany. For this purpose, the applicant must submit a corresponding written insurance.

Reference Period für Bafög receipt:

You can receive BAföG until the end of the standard study period. Only in exceptional cases can your BAföG be renewed thereafter, for example, if you have not passed the final examination, have a disability, are or have been pregnant, have raised a child up to 14 years of age, are or have been active in student self-government, higher education bodies or bodies, the Studentenwerk or the student self-government, or have cared for close relatives.

Repayment:

If you are studying, you will receive half of the funding as a loan and half as a grant. This means that you only have to repay half of the money after graduation. The loan is interest-free, you do not have to pay interest ("interest-free loan"). You do not start repayment until 5 years after the end of the maximum duration of the grant, which is usually the same as your standard study period. You must repay a maximum of EUR 10,010, which corresponds to 77 monthly instalments of EUR 130 each from the start of the repayment. If you do not earn enough to take out the repayment of your loan, you can apply to the Federal Administration Office for a deferral of payment.

Application:

You must submit an application. You can do this online: www.bafög-digital.de, or send the signed application form with the documents you have to hand in to us to our postal address:

Studentenwerk München

Amt für Ausbildungsförderung

Postfach 40 18 25

80718 München

Application forms can be downloaded: www.bafög.de/bafög/de/antrag-stellen/alle-antragsformulare/alle-antragsformulare_node.html

Documents you must hand in:

- Data on your previous education and employment
- Bank details
It must be an account in the SEPA payment area.
- certificate of enrollment
with imprint "according to § 9 BAföG". You can submit this later as soon as it has been issued by the university.
- valid residence documents
- current receipts for your assets
For life insurance, we need the surrender value. The receipts must not be older than 14 days. It depends on the receipt of the application. In the case of land or motor vehicles, the current market value must be estimated using suitable documents (e.g. purchase contract). If there are any, debts must also be stated and documented.
- Lease agreement or current registration certificate / landlord confirmation (template)
- Employment contract or proof of salary
Please submit if you work alongside your studies. Anyone who is specifically planning to take on a job must estimate the total income for the funding period - usually 12 months - and submit proof of salary later. Up to 520 euros gross on a monthly average are not counted. This does not apply to a compulsory internship.
- Proof of income from your parents and your spouse or partner
The most important document is the tax assessment from the year before last. If this does not yet exist, the income must be made credible, see our form (credibility of income). If you have problems with the parents, please seek advice on advance payments.
- address of your parents
if the whereabouts of the parents are not known or if the parents are legally or actually prevented from providing maintenance in Germany. For this purpose, the applicant must submit a corresponding written insurance.
If one parent is already deceased, please submit a copy of the death certificate.
- Proof of income or education of other dependents
That means possibly from your own children, also from other children of the parents or the spouse or life partner. For example, the training contract and a school or matriculation certificate are required.
- Proof of your health insurance

If you have already started or completed another training course:

You must provide a reason if you have changed subjects or dropped out more than once. A justification is also required for the first time if you have pursued the other training for longer than two semesters. It does not matter whether the previous training was funded with BAföG.

Attention: not every reason counts! Please inform yourself before dropping out or changing if you are planning to do so after the start of the 3rd semester.