

Apply for compensation under the Infection Protection Act for loss of earnings

Are you no longer allowed to work due to infection control and have lost earnings as a result? Find out here how you can be reimbursed for lost earnings.

Competent Department

- [Ordnungsamt | Referat 10 - Allgemeine Ordnungsangelegenheiten](#)

Basic information

If you have been sent into quarantine or banned from working as a result of an individual notice issued by the Bremen Public Health Office or the Bremen Public Order Office, a general order issued by the Bremen Public Order Office or a statutory order issued by the State of Bremen, you are entitled to compensation for your loss of earnings.

If you are engaged in an alternative activity or work from home (home office), you are not entitled to compensation.

Compensation depends on your earnings.

For employees/workers the following applies:

For the first 6 weeks, you will receive compensation directly from your employer in the amount of your previous net pay. Short-time allowance is also taken into account.

From the 7th week onwards, the Bremen Public Order Office will pay the compensation in the amount of the sick pay.

Allowances from your employer will be deducted from the calculation.

If you are entitled to unemployment benefit during the activity ban, you will receive this from the Employment Agency.

The following applies to employers:

You must pay the compensation to your employees. You can have the amounts paid reimbursed by the Bremen Public Order Office.

In the event of a ban on activities, pension insurance contributions and levies 1 to 3 can also be reimbursed.

In the event of a segregation, contributions to pension, nursing care, unemployment and health insurance as well as apportionments 1 to 3 can also be reimbursed.

You can also apply for an advance from the Bremen Ordnungsamt.

The following applies to self-employed persons:

You will receive the reimbursement directly from the Ordnungsamt Bremen.

For the calculation, your last annual profit is taken into account. This is divided by 12.

Contributions to pension, nursing care and health insurance can be reimbursed.

You can also apply for an advance payment.

The following applies to home workers:

Unlike for the self-employed, your average monthly income is taken into account for the calculation.

Requirements

You are entitled to reimbursement of your loss of earnings if

- you are subject to a ban on activities or are in quarantine
- and you have a loss of earnings

You are not entitled to reimbursement for loss of earnings if there are legal or contractual claims outside of the Infection Protection Act. These include:

- the entitlement to continued payment in accordance with § 19 BBiG for apprentices
- the entitlement to continued payment in the event of incapacity for work or leave from work due to a sick child.

In addition, there is no entitlement if the loss of earnings was tolerated. Reasons for exclusion include:

- knowingly and avoidably traveling to risk areas
- lack of vaccinations or other measures of specific prophylaxis, provided that these are prescribed by law or publicly recommended in the area of the habitual residence of the person concerned

What documents do I need?

- In the case of employees:

- Application (your employer will make this application for you)
- Proof of the amount of remuneration you received in the two months before the segregation or the ban on activities
- Proof of taxes and social security contributions to be deducted
- Proof of allowances paid or not paid
- Proof of remuneration paid in the relevant period in the months for which compensation was claimed
- Sickness certificates in case of sick leave
- Proof of official ban on activity or official segregation (preferably letter of segregation, alternatively laboratory test result)
- If relevant: Proof of immunization present during the relevant period.
- For self-employed persons:
 - Application
 - Certificate of the tax office about the amount of the last annual income (or business evaluation of the tax advisor plus proof of expenses for social security)
 - Sick certificates in case of sick leave
 - Proof of official ban on activity or official segregation (preferably letter of segregation, alternatively laboratory test result)
 - If relevant: Proof of immunization during the relevant period.

Procedure

The compensation procedure is carried out by the competent authority. Employers and self-employed persons submit applications, employees can only submit applications in exceptional cases.

The payment is instructed by the competent authority and is made directly to the account specified by the applicant. Applicants will receive a notification of this.

Legal bases

- [§ 56 Absatz 1 Gesetz zur Verhütung und Bekämpfung von Infektionskrankheiten beim Menschen \(Infektionsschutzgesetz - IfSG\)](#)

What deadlines must be paid attention to?

You must submit the application for reimbursement of lost earnings in the case of a ban on activities within 2 years of the start of the ban on activities.

In the case of a quarantine, you must file the claim within 2 years after the end of the quarantine.

What are the costs?

There are no fees to pay.