

Assistance for the blind - Assistance in other life situations

If you are blind and have a low income, you can apply for assistance for the blind.

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Basic information

In Bremen, blind people can apply for so-called blindness assistance under SGBXII in addition to the state care allowance due to blindness if they only have a low income or assets. They can apply for blindness assistance in the same way as the state care allowance at the relevant social center or specialist service in their place of residence.

Assistance for the blind in accordance with the Social Security Code XII with low income and assets currently amounts to

- adult blind people: 880.28 euros
- Blind minors: 440.90 euros

If you receive state care allowance due to blindness, the state care allowance will be offset against the assistance for the blind. You will then receive less assistance for the blind.

Requirements

Aid to the blind supports the following groups of people, provided that they have only a small income or assets at their disposal:

- blind people
- people whose visual acuity in the better eye is not more than 1/50
- people with equally severe impairment of vision

Procedure

People with low income and assets can apply for assistance for the blind at the relevant social center or specialized service in their place of residence. The severely disabled person's ID card with the symbol "bl", the notice from the integration office or the expert opinion on exempted blindness must be presented.

Legal bases

- [§ 72 Sozialgesetzbuch Zwölftes Buch \(SGB XII\)](#)

More information

The competent authority may request documentation, e.g. proof of impaired vision, proof of income and assets, etc.

Benefits from long-term care insurance will be credited against assistance for the blind.

What deadlines must be paid attention to?

Not specified.

How long does it take to process

Not specified.

What are the costs?

Not specified.

Frequently asked Questions

- **What is the difference between assistance for the blind and state care allowance?**

Assistance for the blind is a federal benefit dependent on income and assets in accordance with SGBXII. State care allowance is a state benefit that is independent of the financial situation of the applicant and is based on the regulations for state care allowance.