

Benefits for social participation in statutory accident insurance

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Competent Department

- [Deutsche Gesetzliche Unfallversicherung e.V. \(DGUV\)](#)

Basic information

If your equal social participation is at risk as a result of an accident at work or commuting accident or a recognized occupational disease, you can receive benefits for social participation.

Such a risk exists if the physical, mental or sensory impairments caused by the accident or occupational illness affect your previous participation.

The aim of social participation benefits is to promote your self-determined participation at an early stage and by all appropriate means so that you can lead as independent, autonomous and responsible a social life as possible.

Social participation services include services for the areas of family, leisure, culture, sport and recreation, communication, housing and mobility.

You select suitable and necessary measures together with your employer's liability insurance association or accident insurance fund.

When selecting your benefits, particular consideration is given to your personal situation, your age and gender, your family circumstances, your religious and ideological needs and, in the case of mothers, fathers and children with disabilities, their special needs.

Benefits for social participation are generally provided as benefits in kind. In exceptional cases, they can be provided as a cash benefit in the form of a personal budget. The personal budget is intended to promote your self-determination.

Requirements

- Your equal social participation is restricted as a result of an accident at work or commuting accident or a recognized occupational disease.
- However, the requirements for social participation benefits depend on the type of benefit in question.
- If you have specific questions about individual benefits, please contact your relevant employers' liability insurance association or accident insurance fund.

What documents do I need?

- Benefits for social participation are automatically determined by the authorities following an accident at work or commuting accident or an occupational illness and are provided ex officio.
- You do not need to submit any documents.

Procedure

Benefits for social participation are automatically determined and provided as soon as there are indications that there is or will be a risk to or restriction of participation in social life. No application is necessary.

This is often done as part of rehabilitation management. Your employer's liability insurance association or accident insurance fund will hold a personal meeting with you to identify and correctly assess your individual needs in a timely and comprehensive manner.

You can also contact your social accident insurance institution online or by post.

Online service:

- Call up the online service.
- You will be guided through the process on the accident insurance service portal.
- You can log in.
 - If you would like to receive the reply from your Berufsgenossenschaft or accident insurance fund in the mailbox of your BundID account or My Company Account, you must have an account and authenticate yourself.
 - If you would like to receive the reply by post, you can continue without registering.
- Select your responsible employers' liability insurance association or accident insurance fund or find them using the industry search.
- Upload the required documents.
- Complete the online form and send it off.
- Your notification will be automatically forwarded to your employers' liability insurance association or accident insurance fund.
- You will receive feedback via the desired channel.

Online service of your employers' liability insurance association or accident insurance fund:

- If you have access to the portal of your employers' liability insurance association or accident insurance fund, you can also submit the notification electronically there if necessary.

Message by post:

- Send an informal letter to your employers' liability insurance association or accident insurance fund.
- Make sure you provide the required information and enclose the necessary documents.

Legal bases

- [§ 39 Sozialgesetzbuch Siebtes Buch \(SGB VII\)](#)
- [§ 28 Sozialgesetzbuch Neuntes Buch \(SGB IX\)](#)
- [§ 75 Sozialgesetzbuch Neuntes Buch \(SGB IX\)](#)
- [§ 76 Sozialgesetzbuch Neuntes Buch \(SGB IX\)](#)

More information

Legal remedy: Appeal. Detailed information on how to lodge an appeal can be found in the notification from your employer's liability insurance association or accident insurance fund.

What deadlines must be paid attention to?

There is no deadline.

How long does it take to process

1 to 3 week(s).

What are the costs?

There are no costs.