

Family - Legal aid

If your personal and economic circumstances mean that you cannot, can only partially, or only in instalments, raise the costs of the proceedings, you will receive legal aid on application if the intended prosecution or legal defence offers sufficient prospect of success and does not maliciously appear

Competent Department

- [Amtsgericht Bremen](#)
- [Amtsgericht Bremerhaven](#)
- [Amtsgericht Bremen-Blumenthal](#)

Basic information

Legal aid is granted if

- Participant is not/only partially able to pay the costs of the litigation or can only pay in installments according to his/her personal and economic circumstances,
- upon request
- the intended prosecution/defence offers sufficient prospect of success
- the intended prosecution/defence does not appear to be deliberate.

Willfulness: if a party not claiming legal aid would refrain from taking legal action or legal defence, even though there is a reasonable chance of success, after a reasonable assessment of all the circumstances.

Requirements

- Informal request
- Complete information on personal and financial circumstances by means of a legal aid form
- Enclosure of copies of receipts for all inputs and outputs, if necessary affirmations in lieu of oath.

Assurance of truth and completeness.

What documents do I need?

- Document copies

Copies of all receipts and exceptions, if necessary affirmation in lieu of oath

Procedure

1. application (informal, written)

2. authorisation by decision either

- with monthly instalments or
- without installment

(depending on the personal and economic situation of the applicant).

More information

The written form of the request is sufficient

Filling in the form: <http://www.buergerservice.bremen.de/sixcms/media.php/5/Erkl%20FCber%20die%20pers%20nlichen%20und%20wirtschaftlichen%20Verh%20tniss>

Incomplete and incorrect information may result in the revocation of the permit and criminal prosecution.

An affidavit may be required.

The applicant must:

- substantial improvements in his or her economic situation and/or
- a change of address

without being requested to do so and without delay to the court:

- during the proceedings and
- within 4 years of the end of the procedure

Otherwise, the grant of procedural aid will be cancelled and the total costs will have to be paid.

The grant of legal aid refers ONLY to own costs. Costs of the opposing party are not covered by the grant of legal aid (Sec. 123 ZPO). That is to say.: If the party entitled to legal aid is unsuccessful in the proceedings (costs are ordered on him), he must bear the costs of the other party.

What are the costs?

none