



## Information sheet no. 26

# Basic income for old age and reduced earning capacity

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Basic income support is a benefit under the Social Security Code (social security statute book, SGB) XII for older persons or persons who are permanently and fully disabled and who cannot cover their necessary living expenses from their income and assets.

### Eligibility requirements

All people who have

- Reached the age of 65. have reached the age of 65 or
- Reached the age of 18. They must have reached the age of 18 and be permanently incapacitated for work.

The income and assets of the applicant and of the non-separated partners (joint households) must not exceed the **needs** and **assets allowance** specified below.

### Requirement

1. Standard rate for single adults €563 for non-separated couples €506 per partner, and for adults in inpatient facilities €360.
2. Reasonable expenses for accommodation and heating
3. Health and nursing care insurance contributions
4. Additional requirements in case of possession of a severely disabled person's ID card with the

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| - single adults     | 95.71 € |
| - Pairs per partner | 86.02 € |

In the case of certain medical conditions, such as celiac disease and cystic fibrosis, or in the case of malnutrition associated with a disease (disease-associated malnutrition), additional needs for a cost-intensive diet may be granted. The prerequisite for this nutrition-related additional need is proof of medical necessity.

In addition, within the framework of basic security, there is also the entitlement to additional needs in the case of decentralized hot water supply, during pregnancy, for single parents or when receiving integration assistance.

### Income

The income and the assets of non-separated couples (married couples, persons living in a partnership, persons in a consensual union) are taken into account when calculating the entitlement to basic security benefits.

Income includes pensions, earned income, pensions, rental income or income from capital assets.

Excluded from income is the basic pension under the Federal Supply Act or a comparable benefit under the Federal Compensation Act. Taxes, social security contributions and certain other insurance contributions, for example, are deductible from income.

### **Assets**

Assets include, for example, cash, savings, securities, surrender values of life insurance policies or house and real estate assets.

The following asset allowances are taken into account:

- Single adults,	10.000 €
Couples not living separately	20.000 €

Higher asset allowances apply in the case of simultaneous gainful employment.

### **Supplementary services**

There is an entitlement to one-time benefits for the initial furnishing of housing and clothing, for class trips, the assumption of rent or energy debts to secure housing, and supplementary loans for necessary purchases.

### **Services in facilities**

Basic welfare benefits are also paid to people living in institutions such as nursing homes. In addition to the costs for room and board, they also receive a cash amount for personal disposal, a so-called "pocket money" in the amount of €152.01. In addition, nursing home residents may apply for an clothing allowance annually.

### **Special feature for basic security**

Maintenance claims against parents or children are not taken into account if the total taxable income of the person liable for maintenance less all allowances is less than €100,000 per year.

Basic income support is only granted upon application and not retroactively!

Basic income recipients can apply for exemption from the obligation to pay radio and television license fees as well as the social tariff at Telekom.

They are also entitled to the BVG customer card "Berlin Ticket S" and can apply to the health insurance company for exemption from co-payment.

The co-payment limits at the health insurance company are € 53.88 (1%) and € 107.76 (2%). Information on co-payments for health insurance benefits can be found in [Information sheet 7](#).

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