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# Entitlement to a start-up grant

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Modul	Sachverhalt
Leistungsschlüssel	99007005017000
Leistungsbezeichnung I	Entitlement to a start-up grant
Leistungsbezeichnung II	Applying for a start-up grant
Typisierung	1 - Bund: Regelung und Vollzug
Quellredaktion	Bund
Freigabestatus Katalog	fachlich freigegeben (gold)
Freigabestatus Bibliothek	unbestimmter Freigabestatus
Begriffe im Kontext	
Leistungstyp	Leistungsobjekt mit Verrichtung
Leistungsgruppierung	
Verrichtungskennung	Bewilligung (17)
SDG-Informationsbereich	Zugang zu Finanzmitteln auf nationaler Ebene
Lagen Portalverbund	Jobsuche und Arbeitslosigkeit (1040300), Gründungsfinanzierung (2060200)
Einheitlicher Ansprechpartner	Nein
Fachlich freigegeben am	17.04.2023

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Fachlich freigegeben durch	Federal Employment Agency (Bundesagentur für Arbeit)
Handlungsgrundlage	<a href="https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/sgb_3/_93.html">https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/sgb_3/_93.html</a> <a href="https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/sgb_3/_93.html">https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/sgb_3/_93.html</a> <a href="https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/sgb_3/_94.html">https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/sgb_3/_94.html</a> <a href="https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/sgb_3/_94.html">https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/sgb_3/_94.html</a>
Teaser	If you are unemployed and want to start your own business, you are entitled to financial support.
Volltext	<p>A start-up grant, or "Gründungszuschuss", is intended to help you with your living costs and guarantee social security benefits if you set up your own business. You are only entitled to a start-up grant if there are no other suitable job openings for you and if you want to be self-employed as your main occupation.</p> <p>Before applying for a start-up grant, you must be registered as unemployed. You are not eligible for the grant if you are entering self-employment straight from a job. There are two start-up grant phases:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phase 1: a 6-month start-up grant equal to the last unemployment benefit received for living costs plus a monthly lump sum of EUR 300 for social security</li> <li>• Phase 2: a 9-month grant of EUR 300 a month</li> </ul> <p>After phase 1, you may be able to receive a start-up grant for a further 9 months. This will be decided on an individual basis.</p> <p>The start-up grant will not be subject to income tax however much you earn on top of it.</p> <p>You cannot apply for funding if you are eligible for a state pension.</p> <p>You can apply for the grant in addition to other funding for self-employment. There is no legal entitlement to the start-up grant.</p>
Erforderliche Unterlagen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evidence of your knowledge and skills (e.g. qualifications, professional experience or participation in activities to help you set up as self-employed)</li> </ul>

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## Sachverhalt

If you want to work in a licensed trade, you will also need:

- A trade permit
- For craft or trade professions:
- Confirmation of registration in the Register of Trades and Crafts with the Chamber of Trades and Crafts

You must also submit an opinion from a professional body, for which you will need:

- A business plan
- Your CV (including evidence of qualifications)
- A capital requirements and financing plan
- Turnover and profitability forecasts
- Information on what proportion of the business will be in a self-employed capacity

## Voraussetzungen

- You are in receipt of unemployment benefit I.
- You are still entitled to at least another 150 days of unemployment benefit upon becoming self-employed.
- You are able to prove that you have the knowledge and skills to pursue the activity in a self-employed capacity.
- You can provide a favourable opinion from a professional body on the viability of setting up as self-employed.
- The Employment Agency (Agentur für Arbeit) was unable to find a suitable opening for you on the job market.
- You are not eligible for a state pension.

## Kosten

None

## Verfahrensablauf

You must apply for the start-up grant through the Employment Agency:

- Make an appointment with the Employment Agency.
- Your adviser will tell you what financial support is available if you are setting up as self-employed and what conditions you need to meet.
- You will then need a professional body to issue a favourable opinion on your start-up project. You can choose which one to use. Competent professional

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	<p>bodies include: Chambers of commerce and industry Chambers of trades and crafts Guilds Professional chambers Professional associations Credit institutions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Employment Agency will also check whether you meet the professional requirements to set up your own business.</li> <li>• Then submit your start-up grant application in writing to your local Employment Agency.</li> <li>• The Employment Agency awards the start-up grant for an initial period of 6 months (phase 1).</li> <li>• If you wish to continue receiving the reduced grant for a further 9 months (phase 2), you must submit a new application.</li> </ul>
Bearbeitungsdauer	<p>1 - 12 Woche(n) The processing time will depend on the individual case.</p>
Frist	<p>1 Monat(e) You must apply before you set up your own business.</p>
weiterführende Informationen	<p> <a href="https://www.arbeitsagentur.de/web/content/DE/BuergerinnenUndBuerger/ArbeitundBeruf/Existenzgruendung/index.htm">https://www.arbeitsagentur.de/web/content/DE/BuergerinnenUndBuerger/ArbeitundBeruf/Existenzgruendung/index.htm</a>  <a href="https://con.arbeitsagentur.de/prod/apok/ct/dam/download/documents/dok_ba015225.pdf">https://con.arbeitsagentur.de/prod/apok/ct/dam/download/documents/dok_ba015225.pdf</a>  <a href="https://www.arbeitsagentur.de/arbeitslosengeld/existenzgruendung-gruendungszuschuss">https://www.arbeitsagentur.de/arbeitslosengeld/existenzgruendung-gruendungszuschuss</a>  <a href="https://www.arbeitsagentur.de/datei/dok_ba015225.pdf">https://www.arbeitsagentur.de/datei/dok_ba015225.pdf</a>  <a href="https://www.arbeitsagentur.de/datei/hinweis-alv_ba013509.pdf">https://www.arbeitsagentur.de/datei/hinweis-alv_ba013509.pdf</a> </p>
Hinweise	<p>Before taking the leap into self-employment, check your insurance obligations with your health insurance and pension fund, and find out whether you will still be covered.</p>
Rechtsbehelf	
Kurztext	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Entitlement to a start-up grant</li> <li>• Jobseekers can apply for a grant to set up a business</li> <li>• This business must be their main occupation</li> <li>• There are two start-up grant phases: A 6-month start-up grant equal to the last unemployment benefit received plus a monthly lump sum of EUR 300 A 9-month grant of EUR 300 a month</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pensioners are not eligible for start-up grants</li> <li>• It is possible to receive the grant in addition to other funding</li> <li>• Application forms can only be obtained directly from the Employment Agency (Agentur für Arbeit) after a consultation</li> <li>• Relevant body: Employment Agency</li> </ul>
Ansprechpunkt	Your local Federal Employment Agency. <a href="https://www.arbeitsagentur.de/">https://www.arbeitsagentur.de/</a>
Zuständige Stelle	Zentrale der Bundesagentur für Arbeit Regensburger Straße 104 90478 Nuremberg  Tel.: 0911 1790 Email: zentrale@arbeitsagentur.de
Formulare	Forms: available from the Employment Agency Can I do it online? No. Do I need to do it in writing? Yes. Do I need to attend in person? Yes.
Ursprungsportal	Entitlement to a start-up grant, Gründungszuschuss Bewilligung