

# FAMILY BENEFITS

## in Styria / Austria

# 2015



TYPE OF BENEFIT	PERSONS ENTITLED TO BENEFIT	AMOUNT OF BENEFIT	DURATION OF BENEFIT	WHEN TO APPLY	WHERE TO APPLY
<b>SINGLE PARENT / GUARDIAN TAX CREDIT</b>	<b>TAX RELIEF FOR SINGLE PARENTS</b> For taxpayers with a child who are NOT living in a partnership (= no more than 6 months a year in a matrimonial or similar partnership). At least one child must be entitled to receive family allowance during this period.	1 child: € 494 per year 2 children: € 669 per year each further child: + € 220 per year	Reviewed once a year providing all requirements have been fulfilled.	After the end of each calendar year.	Apply to the local tax office; as part of the employee tax assessment or income tax return and/or accompanied by a separate application. <a href="http://www.bmf.gv.at">www.bmf.gv.at</a>
<b>SINGLE EARNER TAX CREDIT</b>	<b>TAX RELIEF FOR SINGLE EARNERS IN A FAMILY PARTNERSHIP WITH AT LEAST ONE CHILD</b> For taxpayers co-habiting as a couple for over 6 months a calendar year (either as a married couple or in a non-marital relationship or as a registered partnership), who have an equally long claim to family benefit and whose partner has a monthly income of € 6,000 or less.	1 child: € 494 per year 2 children: € 669 per year each further child: + € 220 per year	Reviewed once a year providing all requirements have been fulfilled.	After the end of each calendar year.	Apply to the local tax office; as part of the employee tax assessment or income tax return and/or accompanied by a separate application. <a href="http://www.bmf.gv.at">www.bmf.gv.at</a>
<b>PROVINCE OF STYRIA: SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN'S "ACTIVE HOLIDAY" WEEKS</b>	<b>FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR ORGANISED CHILDREN'S HOLIDAYS</b> Joint principal household in Styria with the child; participation in an "active holiday" week (min. 5 days) including overnight stay at the site or with day care lasting at least 8 hours, organised by youth organisations and not-for-profit associations with the ZWEI UND MEHR emblem.	Amounts vary, staggered according to family income.	Children from 6 to 15 years old who are taking part in a "Children's Active Holiday Week".	By no later than 15 July of the current year.	Styrian Regional Government. Apply to: Amt der Steiermärkischen Landesregierung Abt. 6 Bildung und Gesellschaft Fachabteilung Gesellschaft und Diversität Förderungsmanagement Karmeliterplatz 2, 8010 Graz Tel.: 0316877-2647 E-Mail: <a href="mailto:abt06gd-foem@stmk.gv.at">abt06gd-foem@stmk.gv.at</a> <a href="http://www.familien.steiermark.at">www.familien.steiermark.at</a>
<b>CHILDCARE ALLOWANCE (KBG)</b>	<b>FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR PARENTS TO CARE FOR THEIR YOUNG CHILD / CHILDREN</b> For families entitled to family allowance; joint household with the child / children; completion of obligatory Mother-and-Child Pass investigations; please note restrictions based on additional earnings limits. <b>PLEASE NOTE CAREFULLY:</b> Protection against dismissal depends on leave of absence or part-time employment for parents. Please note, it does NOT depend on being a recipient of KBG.	<b>Flat-rate variants:</b> Variant 30 + 6 months: € 14.53 per day (about € 436 per month) Variant 20 + 4 months: € 20.80 per day (about € 624 per month) Variant 15 + 3 months: € 26.60 per day (about € 800 per month) Variant 12 + 2 months: € 33 per day (about € 1,000 per month) <b>Income-dependent variant:</b> 12 + 2 months: depends on income but no more than € 66 per day (about € 2,000 per month) Increased rate for <b>multiple births</b> (ONLY applies in the case of flat-rate variants!): For every second or further multiple child: Variant 30 + 6: approx. € 218 per month Variant 20 + 4: approx. € 312 per month Variant 15 + 3: approx. € 400 per month Variant 12 + 2: approx. € 500 per month	The name of the variant indicates the duration. For example, "Variant 30 + 6" entitles a parent to claim KBG for a maximum period of 30 months. In cases where the second parent also provides childcare, the couple are entitled to a maximum of 36 months if the second parent cares for the child over a minimum of 6 months (" + 6"). The other variants work in the same way. <b>PLEASE NOTE CAREFULLY:</b> You can only change your chosen variant within the first 14 days of making your first application. The other parent is also bound by the same variant.	Awarded on application, at the very earliest from the child's / children's day of birth, in the case of adopted and foster children at the very earliest from the day on which the child is / the children are taken into care.	Apply to the health insurance organisation with which the applicant is or was most recently (co-)insured. <a href="http://www.bmfj.gv.at">www.bmfj.gv.at</a> <a href="http://www.sozialversicherung.at">www.sozialversicherung.at</a>
<b>SUPPLEMENT TO THE FLAT-RATE CHILDCARE ALLOWANCE (KBG)</b>	<b>SUPPLEMENT TO KBG (= CHILDCARE ALLOWANCE) FOR PARENTS ON LOW INCOMES</b> For recipients of KBG (= childcare allowance) in cases where one of the flat-rate options has been selected (please note, it does not apply to income-dependent KBG). The parent receiving the benefit (also in the case of single parents) may earn a maximum of € 6,400 per calendar year and the second parent or the partner a maximum of € 16,400 per calendar year.	€ 6.06 per day (about € 181 per month)	A maximum of 12 months from the date of application, irrespective of the flat-rate variant chosen for the childcare allowance (KBG).	An application should be made at the same time as the application for childcare allowance.	Apply to the health insurance organisation with which the applicant is or was most recently (co-)insured. <a href="http://www.sozialversicherung.at">www.sozialversicherung.at</a>
<b>FAMILY ALLOWANCE</b>	<b>FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR ALL PARENTS (INCLUDING SINGLE PARENTS) IN AUSTRIA</b> For all parents (including single parents) with children below the age of 18, irrespective of income or occupation. Additional earnings limit of the child after reaching the age of 18: € 10,000 per calendar year. Children live in the joint household with their parent(s) or are predominantly maintained by them. For Austrian citizens (residing in Austria) and foreign nationals residing legally in Austria; also for stateless persons and recognised refugees.	<b>Staggered according to the child's age:</b> Up to the age of 3: € 109.70 per month from the age of 3: € 117.30 per month from the age of 10: € 136.20 per month from the age of 19: € 158.90 per month <b>Staggered according to siblings (total amount of family allowance is increased!):</b> 2 children: + € 13.40 per month 3 children: + € 49.80 per month 4 children: + € 102 per month 5 children: + € 154 per month 6 children: + € 205.80 per month for each further child: + € 50 per month <b>School start allowance</b> For each child aged between 6-15: an extra € 100 in September.	Primarily for children below the age of 18. For children in full-time education (pupils, apprentices, students) until they reach the age of 24. Under certain conditions, financial support may be extended to young people until they reach the age of 25. No age limit in the case of children who have reached the age of majority and are permanently unable to work. Can be back-dated for a maximum period of 5 years. Monthly disbursement since September 2014.	After the birth of the child. <b>New as of May 2015:</b> No separate application is required for family allowance when a child is born.	Apply to your local tax office. <a href="http://www.bmf.gv.at">www.bmf.gv.at</a> <a href="http://www.bmwjf.gv.at">www.bmwjf.gv.at</a>
<b>SUPPLEMENTARY FAMILY ALLOWANCE</b>	<b>FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR CHILDREN WITH A DISABILITY</b> For families with a child assessed as having a disability of at least 50% or in cases of presumably long-term occupational disability (relevant certificate required from the Austrian Social Ministry Service).	€ 150 per month in addition to regular family allowance (see above).	For as long as a claim to family allowance exists and providing all requirements have been fulfilled.	Requires special application; may be back-dated for a period of up to 5 years.	Apply to your local tax office. <a href="http://www.bmf.gv.at">www.bmf.gv.at</a> <a href="http://www.bmwjf.gv.at">www.bmwjf.gv.at</a>
<b>TRAVEL ALLOWANCES FOR APPRENTICES</b>	<b>FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR TRAVEL TO APPRENTICESHIP SITE</b> For serving apprentices who are entitled to family allowance; distance to apprenticeship site must be at least 2 km; the grant is only awarded in cases where the applicant is not eligible for other free transport benefits (e.g. "Free Travel Pass for Apprentices").	<b>Travel Allowance:</b> up to 10 km: € 5.10 per month over 10 km: € 7.30 per month <b>Home Travel Support:</b> If the apprentice has a second residence and travels back and forth at least once a month, the grant awarded shall amount to: up to 50 km: € 19 per month 51 to 100 km: € 32 per month 101 to 300 km: € 42 per month 301 to 600 km: € 50 per month over 600 km: € 58 per month	For as long as the apprenticeship is being served; for a maximum period of 9 months in one calendar year.	After the end of each calendar year until the end of the following calendar year.	Apply to your local tax office. <a href="http://www.bmf.gv.at">www.bmf.gv.at</a> <a href="http://www.bmwjf.gv.at">www.bmwjf.gv.at</a>
<b>FAMILY SUPPORT FOR MULTIPLE BIRTHS</b>	<b>ONE-OFF GRANT INDEPENDENT OF INCOME FOR MULTIPLE BIRTHS</b> For families with multiple births, born as of January 2015, with a claim to family allowance and with their principal residence in Styria.	€ 300 for twins € 600 for triplets Family support increases by € 300 for each further child of a multiple birth.	One-off payment.	The application must be submitted during the children's first year of life.	Styrian Regional Government. Apply to: Amt der Steiermärkischen Landesregierung Abt. 6 Bildung und Gesellschaft Fachabteilung Gesellschaft und Diversität Förderungsmanagement Karmeliterplatz 2, 8010 Graz Tel.: (0316) 877-3811 E-Mail: <a href="mailto:abt06gd-foem@stmk.gv.at">abt06gd-foem@stmk.gv.at</a> <a href="http://www.familien.steiermark.at">www.familien.steiermark.at</a>
<b>FAMILY HARDSHIP FUND</b>	<b>ONE-OFF INTERIM ASSISTANCE IN CASES OF EMERGENCY</b> For Austrian or EU citizens suffering acute financial distress; for families with at least one child and entitled to family allowance; and for expectant mothers. Under certain conditions the grant may be awarded to stateless persons or recognised refugees residing in Austria.	Depends on the specific circumstances.	One-off interim assistance payment, i.e. no series of payments.	When acute and unprovoked financial distress is suffered.	Federal Ministry for Families and Youth. Apply to: Bundesministerium für Familien und Jugend Franz-Josefs-Kai 51, 1010 Wien Tel.: 0800-240 262 <a href="http://www.bmfj.gv.at">www.bmfj.gv.at</a>
<b>PROVINCE OF STYRIA: JOSEF KRAINER RELIEF FUND</b>	<b>ONE-OFF INTERIM ASSISTANCE PAYMENT IN CASES OF EMERGENCY</b> For Austrian citizens, EU citizens and citizens of Switzerland residing in Styria and suffering acute financial distress through no fault of their own.	Varies from case to case, depending on the emergency situation; non-repayable.	One-off payment.	When acute, temporary and unprovoked financial distress is suffered.	Styrian Regional Government. Apply to: Amt der Steiermärkischen Landesregierung Abt. 12 Wirtschaft, Tourismus, Sport Josef-Krainer-Hilfsfonds Radetzkystraße 3, 8010 Graz Tel.: (0316) 877-2963 E-Mail: <a href="mailto:tourismus@stmk.gv.at">tourismus@stmk.gv.at</a> <a href="http://www.verwaltung.steiermark.at">www.verwaltung.steiermark.at</a>
<b>CHILD TAX CREDIT</b>	<b>FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR PARENTS</b> For parents entitled to family allowance; automatic payment of benefit with family allowance.	€ 58.40 per child and month.	For as long as a claim to family allowance exists.	No separate application required.	Apply to your local tax office. <a href="http://www.bmf.gv.at">www.bmf.gv.at</a> <a href="http://www.bmwjf.gv.at">www.bmwjf.gv.at</a>
<b>AMS: CHILDCARE ALLOWANCE</b>	<b>6-MONTH ALLOWANCE TO COVER CHILDCARE COSTS</b> For parents (and single parents) entrusting their children to a childcare facility because they are commencing a job / training course under a labour market promotion scheme; monthly family income must not exceed € 2,300 (single parents) or € 3,350 (for married or cohabiting couples); the child receiving childcare must be below the age of 15 and live in the communal household.	Amount varies; depends on amount of family income and care costs.	26 weeks (i.e. approx. 6 months) for a maximum of 3 years.	In good time prior to commencement of employment, course and/or care.	Apply to the competent regional office of the Arbeitsmarktservice (AMS - Austrian Employment Office) <a href="http://www.ams.at">www.ams.at</a>
<b>PROVINCE OF STYRIA: CHILDCARE ALLOWANCE</b>	<b>SUPPORT FOR CHILDCARE</b> For children up to the age of 15 attending an approved child education and childcare centre such as a crèche, day nursery, or cared for by child minders, also for kindergartens, crèches and children's homes, in cases where the facility does not offer any parents' contributions socially adjusted to her or his income.	The amount of childcare allowance is based on the level of family income and the number of children without provision: € 2.18 up to a maximum of € 61.77 per month (shall be raised in September 2015 to a maximum of € 62.82 per month).	For the period in which use is made of the facility (this period of time must amount to at least 4 weeks!).	An application should be submitted within 3 months of attending the agency; disbursement of payment shall be made retrospectively, otherwise as of submission of application.	Styrian Regional Government. Apply to: Amt der Steiermärkischen Landesregierung Abt. 6 Bildung und Gesellschaft Referat Kinderbildung und -betreuung Karmeliterplatz 2, 8010 Graz Tel.: (0316) 877-2187 E-Mail: <a href="mailto:kin@stmk.gv.at">kin@stmk.gv.at</a> or to the competent local authority (Gemeindeamt / Bezirksamt). <a href="http://www.kinderbetreuung.steiermark.at">www.kinderbetreuung.steiermark.at</a>
<b>CHILD TAX CREDIT</b>	<b>TAX RELIEF</b> For parents entitled to a child tax credit or a maintenance tax credit for their child for over 6 months each calendar year.	€ 220 per child and year. If both parents claim child tax credit, the amount is set at € 132 each, that is to say € 264 altogether. Single parents receive € 220 if the other parent is not paying maintenance for the child.	For as long as a claim to child tax credit or maintenance tax credit exists.	After the end of each calendar year.	Apply to your local tax office as part of the employee tax assessment or income tax return. <a href="http://www.bmf.gv.at">www.bmf.gv.at</a> <a href="http://www.bmwjf.gv.at">www.bmwjf.gv.at</a>

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<b>PROVINCE OF STYRIA: ALLOWANCES FOR APPRENTICES</b>	<b>FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR APPRENTICES AGED BETWEEN 15 AND 25</b> For apprentices residing in Styria (for at least 1 year); annual family income up to € 24,800; net compensation for apprentice must not exceed € 850 per month.	Between € 70 and € 700 per year.	For the entire period of the apprenticeship. A new application must be submitted each year.	By no later than 31 December of the current calendar year.	Styrian Regional Government. Apply to: Amt der Steiermärkischen Landesregierung Abt. 11 Soziales Hofgasse 12, 8010 Graz Tel.: (0316) 877-7914 E-mail: michaela.fruhwald@stmk.gv.at <a href="http://www.soziales.steiermark.at">www.soziales.steiermark.at</a>
<b>ALLOWANCE FOR FAMILIES WITH THREE OR MORE CHILDREN</b>	<b>FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES WITH THREE OR MORE CHILDREN</b> For families with at least three children, all of whom are receiving family allowance at the same time. Annual family income must not exceed € 55,000.	€ 20 per month for the third and each further child.	For as long as a claim to state family allowance exists. Can be back-dated for a maximum period of 5 years.	After the end of the calendar year.	Apply to your local tax office as part of the employee tax assessment or income tax return. <a href="http://www.bmf.gv.at">www.bmf.gv.at</a> <a href="http://www.bmfj.gv.at">www.bmfj.gv.at</a>
<b>CARE LEAVE BENEFIT FOR CARE LEAVE / PART-TIME CARE OR FAMILY HOSPICE CARE / PART-TIME FAMILY HOSPICE CARE</b>	<b>FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR CARERS AND FAMILY CARERS</b> Private sector employees, Federal, State and municipal employees, recipients of unemployment benefit or emergency unemployment assistance who arrange to take care leave or part-time care leave as well as those who take family hospice care leave or part-time family hospice care leave are all legally entitled to care leave benefit; workers in marginal, low-income employment do not receive care leave benefit.  Instead, they should apply for the "Family Hospice – Hardship Compensation" (Familienhospiz-Härteausgleich) financial grant. Responsible: Federal Ministry of Family and Youth.	Income-dependent basic amount of unemployment benefit (55% of daily net income); minimum benefit is set at the monthly marginal earnings threshold; dependent children are entitled to child support allowance.  Since working hours and income are reduced in the case of part-time care / part-time family hospice care; care leave benefit is granted on a pro-rata basis.	<b>Care leave and part time care:</b> 1 to 3 months  <b>Family hospice care leave and part-time family hospice care leave:</b> Care leave benefit for the duration of the measure. End-of-life care: maximum 6 months. Care for a severely ill child: up to a maximum of 9 months.  Total time for receiving care leave benefit for the same member(s) of the family under care: 12 months.	As the occasion arises.	Social Ministry Service. Apply to: Sozialministeriumservice Landesstelle Steiermark Babenbergerstraße 35 8021 Graz Tel.: 05 99 88 <a href="http://www.sozialministeriumservice.at">www.sozialministeriumservice.at</a>
<b>SCHOOL GRANTS (FROM SCHOOL YEAR 9/10)</b>	<b>FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR SCHOOLCHILDREN FROM LOW-INCOME FAMILIES</b> (1) School grant: for schoolchildren from school year 10 onwards. (2) Accommodation and travel costs grant: for schoolchildren from school year 9 onwards when living away from their parents' place of residence.  The following requirements also apply to (1) and (2): the school year may not be repeated; schoolchildren in social need; age limit: 35 (with exceptions). (3) Exceptional school grant: for employed persons before the final school-leaving examination (Matura) who have taken leave of absence for this purpose (with suspension of salary); they must have maintained themselves for at least one year previously (in a gainful occupation). No age limit.	<b>School grant:</b> up to € 1,130 per year  <b>Accommodation grant:</b> up to € 1,380 per year  <b>Travel expenses grant:</b> € 105 per year  <b>Exceptional school grant:</b> € 715 per month	A new application must be submitted each year. All applications are limited until 31 December of the calendar year.	School, accommodation and travel expenses grant should be submitted by 31 December of the year in which the particular school year started.  At schools for gainfully employed persons: a separate application for each semester is required: Winter semester: by 31 Dec. Summer semester: by 31 May.	In the case of pupils at middle and upper secondary schools, apply to the Styrian Education Board / School Grants Authority.: Tel.: (0316) 345-0 <a href="http://www.lsr-stmk.gv.at">www.lsr-stmk.gv.at</a>  In the case of central colleges, higher agricultural vocational schools or other vocational schools, apply to the Federal Ministry of Education and Women's Affairs (BMBWF): Tel.: (01) 531 20-0 <a href="http://www.bmbf.gv.at">www.bmbf.gv.at</a>  Styrian Regional Government. Apply to: Amt der Steiermärkischen Landesregierung A6 Bildung und Gesellschaft Tel.: (0316) 877-7902 <a href="http://www.verwaltung.steiermark.at">www.verwaltung.steiermark.at</a>  Application forms are available from the schools.
<b>SCHOOL TRAVEL SUPPORT</b>	<b>FINANCIAL SUPPORT IN CASES WHERE FREE TRAVEL PASSES FOR SCHOOLCHILDREN CANNOT BE ISSUED</b> For schoolchildren and trainees (with a compulsory work placement) whose parent(s) is / are receiving family allowance on their behalf; do not attend a state school or a school under public law; minimum 2 km distance from school (except for children with disabilities).	Varies between € 4.40 and € 39.40 for a maximum of 10 months depending on the means of transport, length and frequency of journey to school. Validity is extended to a maximum of 11 months in the case of trainees.	For each school year.	By no later than 30 June of the following year.	Apply to your local tax office <a href="http://www.bmf.gv.at">www.bmf.gv.at</a> <a href="http://www.bmfj.gv.at">www.bmfj.gv.at</a>
<b>SCHOOLCHILDREN'S / APPRENTICES' TICKET (FREE TRAVEL PASS FOR SCHOOLCHILDREN / APPRENTICES)</b>	<b>FREE TRAVEL PASS FOR USE OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT</b> For schoolchildren / apprentices whose parent(s) is / are receiving family allowance on their behalf; and regularly use public transport to get from their home to reach their state school / site of apprenticeship; minimum 2 km distance from school (except for children with disabilities).	One free travel pass per academic year / year of apprenticeship; each pupil / apprentice is required to contribute € 19.60 from their own funds.	For each school year / year of apprenticeship. Valid on workdays from Monday to Saturday and during short holidays (but not in the summer holidays) between the pupil's / apprentice's home and state school / site of apprenticeship.	At the start of the school year / year of apprenticeship.	Apply to the competent transport company (note that the school / site of apprenticeship will often process the application for you).  Further details are available at <a href="http://www.verbundlinie.at">www.verbundlinie.at</a>
<b>"TOP-TICKET"</b>	<b>ANNUAL SEASON TICKET FOR YOUNG PEOPLE OFFERING FREE TRAVEL ON BUSES, TRAINS AND TRAMS THROUGHOUT STYRIA</b> The "Top-Ticket" complements the simple "free one-route ticket" for a fixed route from and to the school/apprenticeship site; it is valid on all days of the week and during all holidays, including the summer holidays; for pupils and apprentices, whose parent(s) receive family allowance for them, primary residence or school / apprenticeship must be in Styria. The "Top-Ticket" is also available for pupils at boarding schools who only travel from / to boarding school at weekends, and for all those who occasionally use transport services for school travel.	Total cost: € 99. After the self-payment contribution has been taken into account, the "Top-Ticket" free travel pass for schoolchildren and apprentices costs € 79.40.	From 1 September to 30 September of the following year on each day of the week (that is to say both from Monday to Sunday as well as in the summer holidays).	At the start of the school year / year of apprenticeship.	Apply to the competent transport company. Further details are available at <a href="http://www.verbundlinie.at">www.verbundlinie.at</a>
<b>ADVANCE MAINTENANCE PAYMENTS (ADVANCE ALIMONY PAYMENTS)</b>	<b>ADVANCE PAYMENT FROM THE AUSTRIAN STATE FOR UNDER-AGE CHILDREN WHO ARE OWED MAINTENANCE (ALIMONY)</b> For children below the age of majority with Austrian citizenship and legally residing in Austria; parent(s) must be EU nationals, stateless or recognised refugees.  <i>On the basis of a maintenance order:</i> Advance payment for children in the event that an enforceable order of execution exists but the alimony debtor has not paid current maintenance contributions or particular circumstances make the receipt of child maintenance appear unlikely.  <i>Indicative advance payment rate:</i> Advance payment for children if it has not been possible to establish the level of maintenance or the parent owing alimony is serving a prison sentence.	<i>On the basis of a maintenance order:</i> Up to the amount of the maintenance sum set out in the order of execution but no more than € 570.14 per month.  <i>Indicative advance payment rate:</i> up to the age of 6: € 200 per month from 6 to 14: € 286 per month from 14 to 18: € 371 per month	For a maximum period of 5 years, after which a new application must be submitted.	After an unsuccessful order of execution for current maintenance payments or when particular circumstances make the receipt of child maintenance appear unlikely.	Apply to the competent guardianship court (district court). <a href="http://www.bmj.gv.at">www.bmj.gv.at</a> <a href="http://www.bmfj.gv.at">www.bmfj.gv.at</a>
<b>TAX CREDIT FOR MAINTENANCE PAYMENTS</b>	<b>TAX BENEFIT FOR PARENTS WHO ARE LIVING APART</b> The parent demonstrably paying legal maintenance for a child who does not live in the same household is entitled to a monthly tax credit for maintenance payments.	1st child: € 29.20 2nd child: € 43.80 3rd child and each further child: € 58.40	Annual one-off review providing all requirements have been fulfilled.	After the end of each calendar year.	Apply to your local tax office as part of the employee tax assessment or income tax return or with a separate application. <a href="http://www.bmf.gv.at">www.bmf.gv.at</a>
<b>FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR FAMILY CARERS</b>	<b>REIMBURSEMENT OF COSTS FOR FAMILY CARERS IN CASES WHERE THEY THEMSELVES REQUIRE FINANCIAL SUPPORT (REPLACEMENT CARE)</b> For "principal carers" who have looking after a close relative for at least one year. Dependency on care: care allowance level 3, or care allowance level 1 for minors and persons suffering from dementia.  <i>Net monthly income limits:</i> Care of one person; care allowance levels 1–5: € 2,000 Care of one person; care allowance levels 6–7: € 2,500	Refunding of actual costs incurred through professional/private care support  <i>Maximum limits per year (staggered according to care allowance levels):</i> Levels 1, 2, 3: € 1,200 Level 4: € 1,400 Level 5: € 1,600 Level 6: € 2,000 Level 7: € 2,200	For at least one week (4 days in the case of minors or persons suffering from dementia) but for no more than 4 weeks a year.	Before the start of disablement or, if this is not possible, close to the time of disablement.  The one-off financial payment shall be granted later on.	Social Ministry Service. Apply to: Sozialministeriumservice Landesstelle Steiermark Babenbergerstraße 35, 8021 Graz Tel.: 05 99 88 <a href="http://www.sozialministeriumservice.at">www.sozialministeriumservice.at</a>
<b>MATERNITY ALLOWANCE / MATERNITY ASSISTANCE FOR WOMEN FARMERS OR FOR SELF-EMPLOYED WORKING MOTHERS</b>	<b>COMPENSATION FOR LOSS OF EARNINGS INCURRED BY MOTHERS DURING THEIR PROTECTION PERIOD</b> For full-time and part-time women farmers as well as spouses, daughters, granddaughters and daughters-in-law working full-time on farms. For self-employed mothers with compulsory insurance cover under a commercial health insurance scheme; employment of an assistant (20 hours a week) during the protection period.	The social assistance is in the form of a replacement worker ("benefit in kind").  Maternity allowance: € 52.07 per day	For the entire protection period (that is to say for 8 weeks before and 8 weeks after the birth of the child; for 12 weeks in the case of premature, multiple or surgical delivery; for a maximum total of 16 weeks).	Social assistance: by no later than 3 months before the expected date of birth.  Maternity allowance: separate for the time before and after the birth or subsequent payment of complete sum.	Social Insurance Agency for Farmers (SVB). Apply to: Sozialversicherungsanstalt der Bauern (SVB) Dietrich-Keller-Straße 20, 8074 Raaba Tel.: (0316) 343-0 <a href="http://www.svb.at">www.svb.at</a>  Social Insurance Institution for Industry (SVA). Apply to: Sozialversicherung der gewerblichen Wirtschaft (SVA) Körblergasse 115, 8010 Graz Tel.: 05 08 08 <a href="http://www.sva.or.at">www.sva.or.at</a>
<b>MATERNITY ALLOWANCE FOR NON SELF-EMPLOYED WORKING MOTHERS</b>	<b>COMPENSATION FOR LOSS OF EARNINGS INCURRED BY MOTHERS DURING THEIR PROTECTION PERIOD</b> For non-self-employed persons who are fully insured by virtue of their occupation (that is to say, their income EXCEEDS € 405.98 per month) and for self-insured people working a low number of hours (that is to say, their income IS LESS THAN € 405.98 per month).	Average net earnings over the previous 3 months.  € 8.80 per day for self-insured people working a low number of hours under Article 19a of the General Social Security Act (ASVG).	For the entire protection period (that is to say for 8 weeks before and 8 weeks after the birth of the child; for 12 weeks in the case of premature, multiple or surgical delivery; for a maximum total of 16 weeks).	An application should be lodged with the relevant health insurance company (Krankenkasse) about 8 weeks prior to the due date of birth; please submit a doctor's note confirming the start of the protection period to your employer by no later than 12 weeks prior to the due date of birth.	Apply to the competent health insurance organisation ( <i>Krankenkasse</i> ). <a href="http://www.sozialversicherung.at">www.sozialversicherung.at</a>
<b>PROVINCE OF STYRIA: HOUSING BENEFIT</b>	<b>HOUSING BENEFIT SUPPORT FOR PEOPLE ON LOW INCOMES</b> For publicly funded rented apartments or lease purchase apartments; for persons who have reached the age of majority; the apartment for which housing benefit is being sought must be the principal place of residence; submission of a fully paid-up principal tenancy agreement in writing; income must not exceed maximum authorised thresholds, Austrian nationality or nationality with equal-status rights.  Rules for non-subsidised rented apartments: Maximum rent charged for non-subsidised rented apartments max. € 8.18 incl. VAT / m <sup>2</sup> , max. € 10.64 incl. VAT / m <sup>2</sup> for apartments up to 35 m <sup>2</sup> . Special rules apply to owner-occupied apartments.	Staggered according to size of household and family income.  For rented apartments: for 1 person: max. € 143 for 2 persons: max. € 174.40 for each further person: plus € 24.20 each	Payment for a maximum period of one year from the date of application, after which an application for a further extension must be submitted.	At any time.	Styrian Regional Government. Apply to: Amt der Steiermärkischen Landesregierung Abt. 11 Soziales Referat Wohnbeihilfe Dietrichsteinsplatz 15, 8011 Graz Tel.: (0316) 877-3748 E-mail: wohnbeihilfe@stmk.gv.at <a href="http://www.soziales.steiermark.at">www.soziales.steiermark.at</a>
<b>PROVINCE OF STYRIA: "TWO AND MORE" STYRIAN FAMILY PASS</b>	<b>PASS ENTITLING FAMILIES TO DISCOUNTS OFF LEISURE, CULTURE AND EDUCATION SERVICES</b> For all families with their principal place of residence in Styria and at least one child under 18 years of age entitled to family allowance.	Some discounts are also available in other federal provinces; special family discounts on the network of the Styrian transport authority ("Verkehrsverbund Steiermark"); also valid as an education voucher pass worth € 20 per family / year for parents attending fee-based parent and family education events organised and staged by a recognised service provider.	Valid until the child has reached the age of majority.	At any time after the birth of the child.	Styrian Regional Government. Apply to: Amt der Steiermärkischen Landesregierung Abt. 6 Bildung und Gesellschaft Fachabteilung Gesellschaft und Diversität Karmeliterplatz 2, 8010 Graz Tel.: (0316) 877-3927 E-mail: familie@stmk.gv.at <a href="http://www.familienpass.steiermark.at">www.familienpass.steiermark.at</a>