

FAMILY BENEFITS

in Styria/Austria

2019



TYPE OF BENEFIT	PERSONS ENTITLED TO BENEFIT	AMOUNT OF BENEFIT	DURATION OF BENEFIT	WHEN AND WHERE TO APPLY
SINGLE PARENT / GUARDIAN TAX CREDIT	TAX RELIEF FOR SINGLE PARENTS For taxpayers with a child who are NOT living in a matrimonial or similar partnership for more than 6 months a calendar year. 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.	<i>After the end of each calendar year</i> Apply to the local tax office as part of the employee tax assessment or income tax return and/or accompanied by a separate application. Further information available at: www.help.gv.at
SINGLE EARNER TAX CREDIT	TAX RELIEF FOR SINGLE EARNERS IN A FAMILY PARTNERSHIP WITH AT LEAST ONE CHILD For taxpayers co-habiting as a couple for at least 7 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.	<i>After the end of each calendar year</i> Apply to the local tax office as part of the employee tax assessment or income tax return and/or accompanied by a separate application. Further information available at: www.help.gv.at
PROVINCE OF STYRIA: SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN'S "ACTIVE HOLIDAY" WEEKS	FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR ORGANISED CHILDREN'S HOLIDAYS 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 "TWO AND MORE" 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".	<i>By no later than 31 July of the current year.</i> Styrian Regional Government. Apply to: Amt der Steiermärkischen Landesregierung Abt. 6 Bildung und Gesellschaft, Fachabteilung Gesellschaft; Karmeliterplatz 2, 8010 Graz Tel.: 0043 316 877-2647, E-mail: abt06gd-foem@stmk.gv.at Further information available at: www.zweiundmehr.steiermark.at
CHILDCARE ALLOWANCE (KBG) income-dependent or flat-rate as KBG account	FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR PARENTS TO CARE FOR THEIR YOUNG CHILD / CHILDREN For families entitled to family allowance; joint household with the child / children; completion of obligatory Mother-and-Child Pass investigations. Parents receive the flat-rate childcare allowance or childcare allowance account regardless of their employment before the child's birth. For income-dependent childcare allowance, the parent must have been in employment subject to health and pension insurance in Austria for 6 months before the birth, in addition to the general requirements. PLEASE NOTE CAREFULLY: Restrictions based on additional earnings limits! PLEASE NOTE CAREFULLY: 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.	Child allowance account: The total sum of the child allowance is the same for everyone. The longer one receives it, the lower the daily amount. The daily amount depends on the individually selected duration of benefits and ranges from €14.53 per day to a maximum of €33.88 per day. In certain cases of hardship, an extension of the maximum of 91 days is possible beyond the maximum amount which one parent alone is entitled to. Income-dependent child allowance: 12 months for one parent. Extension up to the 14th month of the child's life at the latest if the 2nd parent receives at least 2 months of child allowance. The amount depends on the income, but not more than €66 per day (approx. €2,000 per month) Increase for multiple births (only applies to child allowance accounts!): The selected daily amount increases by 50% for every 2nd or further multiple child. Partnership bonus: Parents receive an additional €1,000 partnership bonus on application if they divide the care approximately equally (50:50 to 60:40).	The period the child allowance account is claimed can be flexibly chosen from a minimum of 365 to a maximum of 851 days (= approximately 12 to 28 months) from the birth of the child for one parent or from a minimum of 456 to a maximum of 1,063 days (= approximately 15 to 35 months) from the birth of the child if claimed by both parents. If both parents claim the allowance, it should be noted that at least 20% of the period is reserved for the second parent. PLEASE NOTE CAREFULLY: By choosing the period you want to claim the allowance you automatically also choose the daily amount. The choice is also binding for the other parent! A one-off change is possible under certain conditions.	<i>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.</i> Apply to the health insurance organisation with which the applicant is or was most recently (co-)insured. Further information available at: www.bka.gv.at www.sozialversicherung.at
SUPPLEMENT TO THE FLAT-RATE CHILDCARE ALLOWANCE (KBG)	SUPPLEMENT TO KBG (= CHILDCARE ALLOWANCE) FOR PARENTS ON LOW INCOMES For recipients of KBG (= childcare allowance); 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 €6,800 per calendar year and the second parent or the partner a maximum of €16,200 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).	<i>An application should be made at the same time as the application for childcare allowance.</i> Apply to the health insurance organisation with which the applicant is or was most recently (co-)insured. Further information available at: www.sozialversicherung.at
FAMILY ALLOWANCE	FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR ALL PARENTS (INCLUDING SINGLE PARENTS) IN AUSTRIA For all parents (including single parents) with children below the age of 18, irrespective of income or occupation. The focal point of their life is in Austria. 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.	<i>Staggered according to the child's age:</i> Up to the age of 3: €114.00 per month from the age of 3: €121.90 per month from the age of 10: €141.50 per month from the age of 19: €165.10 per month <i>Staggered according to siblings (total amount of family allowance is increased in total):</i> 2 children: + €14.20 per month 3 children: + €52.20 per month 4 children: + €106 per month 5 children: + €160 per month 6 children: + €214.20 per month for each further child: + €52 per month (per child) School start allowance For each child aged between 6-15: an extra €100 in September.	Primarily for children below the age of 18. No entitlement during military or community service. 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. Additional income limit for the child of €10,000 per calendar year from the age of 20 onwards. No age limit in the case of children who have reached the age of majority and are permanently unable to work. Can be backdated for a maximum period of 5 years. Monthly disbursement since September 2014.	<i>After the birth of the child.</i> <i>New as of May 2015:</i> <i>No separate application is required for family allowance when a child is born.</i> Apply to your local tax office. Further information available at: www.help.gv.at
SUPPLEMENTARY FAMILY ALLOWANCE	FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR CHILDREN WITH A DISABILITY 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).	€155.90 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. <i>Requires special application; may be backdated for a period of up to 5 years.</i>	Apply to your local tax office. Further information available at: www.help.gv.at
TRAVEL ALLOWANCES FOR APPRENTICES	FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR TRAVEL TO APPRENTICESHIP SITE For serving apprentices who are entitled to family allowance; distance to apprenticeship site must be at least 2 km (except apprentices with disabilities); 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") and the journey is made at least 3 times a week HOME TRAVEL SUPPORT For apprentices if they require alternative accommodation for the purpose of training.	Travel Allowance: up to 10 km: €5.10 per month over 10 km: €7.30 per month Home Travel Support (staggered according to distance): € 19 to € 58 per month	For as long as the apprenticeship is being served; for a maximum period of 9 months in one calendar year.	<i>After the end of each calendar year until the end of the following calendar year.</i> Apply to your local tax office. Further information available at: www.help.gv.at
FAMILY BONUS PLUS	TAX DEDUCTION For taxpayers with children who claim family allowance. It is possible to distribute the tax relief among spouses or partners and parents who live apart.	The level of tax relief: depends on the income of the taxpayer(s). For the exact calculation of tax relief, please use the Family Bonus Plus calculator of the Austrian Ministry of Finance (BMF) at www.finanz.at/steuern/familienbonus-plus/	Annual one-off or monthly consideration, if the requirements are met.	<i>After the end of one calendar year, possible for the first time from 2020 for the year 2019.</i> Apply to your local tax office as part of the employee tax assessment or income tax return. <i>Possible for the year 2019 as part of payroll accounting for the employer.</i> Further information available at: www.bmf.gv.at
FAMILY SUPPORT FOR MULTIPLE BIRTHS	ONE-OFF GRANT INDEPENDENT OF INCOME FOR MULTIPLE BIRTHS 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.	<i>The application must be submitted during the children's first year of life.</i> Styrian Regional Government. Apply to: Amt der Steiermärkischen Landesregierung A6 Bildung und Gesellschaft, Fachabteilung Gesellschaft Karmeliterplatz 2, 8010 Graz, Tel.: (0316) 877-4027 E-Mail: abt06gd-foem@stmk.gv.at Further information available at: www.zweiundmehr.steiermark.at
FAMILY HARDSHIP FUND	ONE-OFF INTERIM ASSISTANCE IN CASES OF EMERGENCY For families in involuntary financial hardship caused by an extraordinary event (illness, disability, death...). For families with at least one child and entitled to family allowance; and for expectant mothers.	Depends on the specific circumstances.	One-off interim assistance payment, i.e. no series of payments.	<i>When acute and unprovoked financial distress is suffered.</i> Federal Chancellery of Austria Apply to: Bundeskanzleramt, Untere Donaustraße 13-15, 1020 Vienna Tel.: 0800-240 262 Further information available at: www.bka.gv.at
FAMILY LEAVE BONUS	PATERNITY LEAVE MONTH AND FAMILY TIME BONUS FOR EMPLOYED FATHERS Fathers who are in permanently paid employment subject to health and pension insurance in Austria 6 months before the start of their entitlement to benefits, can dedicate themselves to their family immediately after the birth and interrupt their employment (in agreement with the employer). They must be entitled to and claim family allowance, live in a joint household with the mother and child and have their focal point of life in Austria. Non-Austrians must additionally have their legal residence in Austria.	€22.60 per day (approx. €700 per month) as well as health and pension insurance.	For 28 to 31 days.	<i>Granted on application, at the earliest on the day of birth and at the latest within 91 days from the day of birth of the child.</i> The application must be submitted to the health insurance institution where the father was insured as a gainfully employed person on the last day before the start of the family leave. Further information available at: www.bka.gv.at
PROVINCE OF STYRIA: JOSEF KRAINER RELIEF FUND	ONE-OFF INTERIM ASSISTANCE PAYMENT IN CASES OF EMERGENCY 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.	<i>When acute, temporary and unprovoked financial distress is suffered.</i> Styrian Regional Government. Apply to: Amt der Steiermärkischen Landesregierung Landesamtsdirektion, Burgring 4, 8010 Graz Tel.: (0316) 877-2963, E-Mail: lad-sts@stmk.gv.at Further information available at: www.verwaltung.steiermark.at
CHILD TAX CREDIT	FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR PARENTS 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.	<i>No separate application required.</i> Apply to your local tax office. Further information available at: www.help.gv.at
AMS: CHILDCARE ALLOWANCE	6-MONTH ALLOWANCE TO COVER CHILDCARE COSTS For parents who start a job / attend training as part of labour market promotion / to support or secure participation in the start-up programme and at the same time give children paid childcare. Maximum monthly gross income of the applicant for support is €2,300. The AMS childcare allowance is granted up to the age of 15 of the child to be cared for or in the case of proven disability up to the age of 8. The child must live in the same household.	Amount varies: depending on the amount of the applicant's gross monthly income, maximum €300 per month.	26 weeks (so 6 months per allowance request), maximum of 156 weeks per child (3 years)	<i>Timely consultation and support agreement with the Austrian Employment Office before the start of work, training and support. No personal consultation necessary if the request is made via the e-AMS account.</i> Apply to the competent regional office of the Arbeitsmarktservice (AMS – Austrian Employment Office); at the applicant's place of residence. Different eligibility conditions possible regionally. Further information available at: www.ams.at

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A6 Fachabteilung Gesellschaft

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PROVINCE OF STYRIA: CHILDCARE ALLOWANCE	SUPPORT FOR CHILDCARE 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 €63.76 per month.	For the period in which use is made of the facility (this period of time must amount to at least 4 weeks!).	<i>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.</i> 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: kin@stmk.gv.at Further information available at: www.kinderbetreuung.steiermark.at
CHILD TAX CREDIT	TAX RELIEF For parents entitled to a child tax credit or a maintenance tax credit for their child for over 6 months each calendar year.	€440 per child and year from assessment year 2016. If both parents claim child tax credit, the amount is set at €300 each. Single parents receive €440 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.	<i>After the end of each calendar year. Retrospectively possible for the years 2014 – 2018.</i> Apply to your local tax office as part of the employee tax assessment or income tax return. Further information available at: www.help.gv.at
ADDITIONAL CHILD ALLOWANCE	TAX DEDUCTION For single parents/sole earners who receive family allowance for more than 6 months for a child and pay no or little tax (income tax below €250 before deductions). There is no entitlement to the additional child allowance if at least 330 days per year of unemployment benefit / minimum income protection or social security benefit is received.	Tax deduction of up to €250 per child per year.	Annual one-off consideration, if the requirements are met.	<i>After one calendar year, possible for the first time from 2020 for the year 2019.</i> Apply to your local tax office as part of the employee tax assessment / income tax return. Further information available at: www.bmf.gv.at
PROVINCE OF STYRIA: ALLOWANCES FOR APPRENTICES	FINANCIAL SUBSISTENCE SUPPORT FOR APPRENTICES AGED BETWEEN 15 AND 25 For apprentices residing in Styria (for at least 1 year); annual family income up to €246,500; net compensation for apprentice must not exceed €900 per month.	Between €70 and €700 per year.	For the entire period of the apprenticeship. A new application must be submitted each year.	<i>By no later than 31 December of the current calendar year.</i> Styrian Regional Government. Apply to: Amt der Steiermärkischen Landesregierung A 11 Soziales, Arbeit und Integration, Burggasse 9, 8010 Graz Tel.: (0316) 877-7914, E-Mail: abteilung11@stmk.gv.at Further information available at: www.soziales.steiermark.at
ALLOWANCE FOR FAMILIES WITH THREE OR MORE CHILDREN	FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES WITH THREE OR MORE CHILDREN 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 backdated for a maximum period of 5 years.	<i>After the end of the calendar year.</i> Apply to your local tax office as part of the employee tax assessment or income tax return. Further information available at: www.help.gv.at
CARE LEAVE BENEFIT FOR CARE LEAVE / PART-TIME CARE OR FAMILY HOSPICE CARE / PART-TIME FAMILY HOSPICE CARE	FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR CARERS AND FAMILY CARERS 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. Apply to the Styrian office of the Social Ministry Service (Sozialministeriumservice Landesstelle Steiermark).	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.	<i>Care leave and part time care:</i> 1 to 3 months <i>Family hospice care leave and part-time family hospice care leave:</i> 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.	<i>As the occasion arises.</i> Social Ministry Service. Apply to: Sozialministeriumservice Landesstelle Steiermark Babenbergerstraße 35, 8020 Graz Tel.: (0316) 7090 Further information available at: www.sozialministeriumservice.at
SCHOOL GRANTS (FROM SCHOOL YEAR 9/10)	FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR SCHOOLCHILDREN FROM LOW-INCOME FAMILIES (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): 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.	<i>School grant:</i> up to €1,130 per year <i>Accommodation grant:</i> up to €1,380 per year <i>Travel expenses grant:</i> €105 per year <i>Exceptional school grant:</i> up to €750 per month	All applications are limited until 31 December of the calendar year.	<i>School, accommodation and travel expenses grant should be submitted by 31 December of the year in which the particular school year started.</i> <i>At schools for gainfully employed persons: a separate application for each semester is required: Winter semester: by 31 Dec. Summer semester: by 31 May.</i> <i>New application every year submitted to the responsible school grant authorities.</i> Applications are available from schools or to download at www.schuelerbeihilfen.bmukk.gv.at Further information available at: www.bmbwf.gv.at www.bildung-stmk.gv.at
SCHOOL TRAVEL SUPPORT	FINANCIAL SUPPORT IN CASES WHERE FREE TRAVEL PASSES FOR SCHOOLCHILDREN CANNOT BE ISSUED For schoolchildren and trainees (with a compulsory work placement) whose parent(s) is / are receiving family allowance on their behalf; minimum 2 km distance from school (except for children with disabilities).	For a maximum of 10 months depending on the means of transport, length and frequency of journey to school.	For each school year.	<i>By no later than 30 June of the following year.</i> Apply to your local tax office Further information available at: www.help.gv.at
SCHOOLCHILDREN'S / APPRENTICES' TICKET (FREE TRAVEL PASS FOR SCHOOLCHILDREN / APPRENTICES)	FREE TRAVEL PASS FOR USE OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT For schoolchildren / apprentices under the age of 24, 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; primary residence or school/apprenticeship must be in Styria.	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.	<i>At the start of the school year / year of apprenticeship.</i> Apply to the competent transport company (note that the school / site of apprenticeship will often process the application for you). Further information available at: www.verbundlinie.at
TAX DEDUCTIBILITY OF CHILDCARE COSTS	TAX DEDUCTIONS FOR PARENTS For taxpayers with children under 10 years of age (children with disabilities under 16 years of age), who are entitled to the child deduction for at least 6 months in the calendar year. Childcare costs (e.g. kindergarten, crèche, after-school care, childminder, holiday camp) are tax-deductible. Childcare must be provided at an institutional establishment or by an appropriately qualified person.	An amount of up to €2,300 per child can be tax deducted per year as an extraordinary tax burden.	Annually until the child reaches the age of 10, children with disabilities up to the age of 16.	<i>After the end of one calendar year, retrospectively possible for the years 2014 – 2018.</i> Apply to your local tax office as part of the employee tax assessment / income tax return. Further information available at: www.help.gv.at
"TOP-TICKET" FOR YOUNG PEOPLE	ANNUAL SEASON TICKET FOR YOUNG PEOPLE OFFERING FREE TRAVEL ON BUSES, TRAINS AND TRAMS THROUGHOUT STYRIA 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 under the age of 24, 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 walk, cycle or occasionally use transport services to get to school.	Total cost: €110. After the self-payment contribution has been taken into account, the "Top-Ticket" free travel pass for schoolchildren and apprentices costs €86.40.	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).	<i>At the start of the school year / year of apprenticeship.</i> Apply to the competent transport company. Further information available at: www.verbundlinie.at
ADVANCE MAINTENANCE PAYMENTS (ADVANCE ALIMONY PAYMENTS)	ADVANCE PAYMENT FROM THE AUSTRIAN STATE FOR UNDER-AGE CHILDREN WHO ARE OWED MAINTENANCE (ALIMONY) For minors with Austrian, EU or EEA citizenship and habitual residence in Austria who do not live in the same household as the parent who owes maintenance. <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 €609.85 per month. <i>Indicative advance payment rate:</i> up to the age of 6: €214 per month from 6 to 14: €305 per month from 14 to 18: €397 per month	For a maximum period of 5 years, after which a new application must be submitted.	<i>After an unsuccessful order of execution for current maintenance payments or when particular circumstances make the receipt of child maintenance appear unlikely.</i> Apply to the competent guardianship court (district court). Further information available at: www.help.gv.at
TAX CREDIT FOR MAINTENANCE PAYMENTS	TAX BENEFIT FOR PARENTS WHO ARE LIVING APART 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.	<i>After the end of each calendar year.</i> Apply to your local tax office as part of the employee tax assessment or income tax return or with a separate application. Further information available at: www.help.gv.at
FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR FAMILY CARERS FOR REPLACEMENT CARE	REIMBURSEMENT OF COSTS FOR FAMILY CARERS IN CASES WHERE THEY THEMSELVES REQUIRE FINANCIAL SUPPORT (REPLACEMENT CARE) 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>Annual maximum limits: (Care allowance scale):</i> Levels 1, 2, 3: €1,200 Level 4: €1,400 Level 5: €1,600 Level 6: €2,000 Level 7: €2,200 <i>For caring for a person with dementia or a minor (staggered according to care allowance level)</i> Levels 1, 2, 3: €1,500 Level 4: €1,700 Level 5: €1,900 Level 6: €2,300 Level 7: €2,500	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.	<i>Before the start of disablement or, if this is not possible, close to the time of disablement.</i> <i>The one-off financial payment shall be granted later on.</i> Social Ministry Service. Apply to: Sozialministeriumservice, Landesstelle Steiermark Babenbergerstraße 35, 8021 Graz, Tel.: 05 99 88 Further information available at: www.sozialministeriumservice.at
MATERNITY ALLOWANCE / MATERNITY ASSISTANCE FOR WOMEN FARMERS OR FOR SELF-EMPLOYED WORKING MOTHERS	COMPENSATION FOR LOSS OF EARNINGS INCURRED BY MOTHERS DURING THEIR PROTECTION PERIOD 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: €55.04 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).	<i>Social assistance: by no later than 3 months before the expected date of birth.</i> Social Insurance Agency for Farmers (SVB). Apply to: Sozialversicherungsanstalt der Bauern (SVB), Tel.: (0316) 343-0 Further information available at: www.svb.at Social Insurance Institution for Industry (SVA). Apply to: Sozialversicherung der gewerblichen Wirtschaft (SVA), Tel.: 05 08 08-0 Further information available at: www.sva.or.at
MATERNITY ALLOWANCE FOR NON SELF-EMPLOYED WORKING MOTHERS	COMPENSATION FOR LOSS OF EARNINGS INCURRED BY MOTHERS DURING THEIR PROTECTION PERIOD For non-self-employed persons who are fully insured by virtue of their occupation (that is to say, their income EXCEEDS €446.81 per month) and for voluntarily self-insured people working a low number of hours (that is to say, their income IS LESS THAN €446.81 per month).	Average net earnings over the last 3 calendar months before maternity leave starts. €9.30 per day for voluntarily 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).	<i>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.</i> Apply to the competent health insurance organisation (Krankenkasse). Further information available at: www.sozialversicherung.at
PROVINCE OF STYRIA: HOUSING BENEFIT	HOUSING BENEFIT SUPPORT FOR PEOPLE ON LOW INCOMES 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.	Staggered according to size of household and family income. For 1 person: €143 maximum / For 2 people: €178.75 maximum / For 3 people: €193.05 / For 4 people: €207.35 / For 5 people: €214.50 / For 6 people: €221.65 / For 7 people: €222.80 / For 8 people: €235.95	Payment for a maximum period of one year from the date of application, after which an application for a further extension must be submitted.	<i>At any time.</i> Styrian Regional Government. Apply to: Amt der Steiermärkischen Landesregierung A 11 Soziales, Arbeit und Integration, Referat Beihilfen und Sozialservice Burggasse 7-9, 8010 Graz, Tel.: (0316) 877-3748 E-Mail: beihilfenundsozialservice@stmk.gv.at Further information available at: www.soziales.steiermark.at
PROVINCE OF STYRIA: "TWO AND MORE" STYRIAN FAMILY PASS	PASS ENTITLING FAMILIES TO DISCOUNTS OFF LEISURE, CULTURE AND EDUCATION SERVICES 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 „TWO AND MORE“ parent education service provider.	Valid until the (youngest) child has reached the age of majority.	<i>At any time after the birth of the child and receipt of family allowance</i> Styrian Regional government. Apply to: Amt der Steiermärkischen Landesregierung A6 Bildung und Gesellschaft, Fachabteilung Gesellschaft Karmeliterplatz 2, 8010 Graz Tel.: (0316) 877-3927, E-Mail: familie@stmk.gv.at Further information available at: www.familienpass.steiermark.at