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# Advance maintenance payment approval

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Modul	Sachverhalt
Leistungsschlüssel	99107021017000
Leistungsbezeichnung I	Advance maintenance payment approval
Leistungsbezeichnung II	Information on maintenance advance for children of single parents
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Freigabestatus Katalog	fachlich freigegeben (gold)
Freigabestatus Bibliothek	fachlich freigegeben (gold)
Begriffe im Kontext	
Leistungstyp	Leistungsobjekt mit Verrichtung
Leistungsgruppierung	Sozialleistungen (107)
Verrichtungskennung	Bewilligung (017)
SDG-Informationsbereich	Geburt, Sorgerecht für Minderjährige, elterliche Pflichten, Vorschriften für Leihmutterschaft und Adoption, einschließlich Stiefkindadoption,

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	Unterhaltspflichten für Kinder bei grenzüberschreitenden familiären Gegebenheiten
Lagen Portalverbund	Trennung mit Kind (1020500)
Einheitlicher Ansprechpartner	Nein
Fachlich freigegeben am	10.02.2023
Fachlich freigegeben durch	Ministry for Children, Youth, Family, Equality, Refugees and Integration of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia
Handlungsgrundlage	<p>The maintenance advance is regulated in the Maintenance Advance Act (UhVorschG).  <a href="http://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/uhvorschg/BJNR011840979.html">http://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/uhvorschg/BJNR011840979.html</a>  <a href="https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/uhvorschg/BJNR011840979.html">https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/uhvorschg/BJNR011840979.html</a></p>
Teaser	Care, education, job, household: single parents bear most of the responsibility alone. Financial worries are added to this if the other parent does not pay any or regular maintenance for the child. In this situation, single parents can apply for maintenance advance.
Volltext	<p>What is maintenance advance?</p> <p>Maintenance advance is a special family benefit for children of single parents. Single parents who do not receive any or regular maintenance for their child can apply for maintenance advance. This is an advance payment for missing maintenance payments from the other parent.</p> <p>If it would actually be possible for the other parent to pay maintenance, the state reclaims the maintenance advance paid.</p> <p>How much is the maintenance advance?</p> <p>The amount of the maintenance advance depends on the age of the child and since January 1, 2023 (after deduction of child benefit) is as follows per month</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• for children aged 0 to 5 up to 187 euros,</li> </ul>

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- for children aged 6 to 11 up to 252 euros,
- up to 338 euros for children aged 12 to 17.

Where can I get advice?

The youth welfare office in your place of residence is responsible. Find your local youth welfare office here.

## Erforderliche Unterlagen

You will need the following documents to apply:

- Application form
- Birth certificate of the child
- If available: Proof of paternity for children born outside of a marriage
- If available: Maintenance order

Please complete the application for maintenance advance carefully. This may result in you having to provide further evidence in your specific case.

## Voraussetzungen

When can I get maintenance advance?

You can receive maintenance advance if

- your child is under the age of 18,
- your child lives in your household and
- your child receives no or no regular maintenance from the other parent or the maintenance payments are below the statutory minimum maintenance.

You can also receive maintenance advance if the other parent is involved in looking after the child. However, you must have the main responsibility for raising the child. Maintenance advance is also paid if you have joint custody with the other parent.

For a child aged 12 to 17, one of the following two conditions must also be met:

- Your child is not dependent on benefits under the Second Book of the German Social Code (SGB II, also often referred to as Hartz IV) or
- You receive SGB II benefits and have at least 600 euros gross per month at your disposal without child benefit.

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There is no income limit for single parents who do not receive SGB II benefits.

When is maintenance advance not paid?

In the following cases, you cannot receive an advance on maintenance payments for your child:

- If you are married or partnered with a new partner and live together.
- If you live with the other parent, whether married or not.
- If your child lives with the other parent.
- If you do not provide information about the other parent.
- If you do not cooperate in establishing paternity or clarifying the whereabouts of the other parent.

## Kosten

## Verfahrensablauf

## Bearbeitungsdauer

The processing time varies depending on where you live.

## Frist

Can I apply for advance maintenance payments retroactively? As a rule, you will receive maintenance advance from the month in which you submitted the application. The maintenance advance can also be paid retroactively for the month before the application was made if the legal requirements were already met at that time. This also includes the fact that maintenance payments were claimed from the other parent. If you are entitled to advance maintenance payments, you should therefore lose no time in submitting your application.

## weiterführende Informationen

How is the maintenance advance calculated? The amount of the maintenance advance is based on the statutory minimum maintenance, which in turn depends on the age of your child. Child benefit is deducted in full from the maintenance advance. Orphan's benefits that a child receives after the death of one parent and maintenance payments from the other parent are also deducted from the maintenance

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	advance. In the case of children who are no longer attending a general school, other income of the child is also deducted from the maintenance advance under certain conditions, for example a training allowance.
Hinweise	
Rechtsbehelf	• Contradiction
Kurztext	<p>Prerequisites:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Child maintenance is not paid or only paid in part</li> <li>• The child is resident or habitually resident in Germany</li> <li>• Foreign children are only entitled if they have certain residence permits.</li> <li>• Children up to the age of 17</li> <li>• Parent is a single parent (e.g. also widowed)</li> <li>• Parent and child must live in the same household</li> </ul> <p>Amount from 01.01.2023 (after deduction of child benefit):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children from 0 to 5 years up to 187 euros per month</li> <li>• Children from 6 to 11 years up to 252 euros per month</li> <li>• Children from 12 to 17 years up to 338 euros per month</li> </ul>
Ansprechpunkt	
Zuständige Stelle	
Formulare	<p>You can apply for advance maintenance payments at the youth welfare office responsible for your place of residence.</p> <p>You can find the youth welfare office for your town or district here.</p>
Ursprungsportal	Unterhaltsvorschuss Bewilligung, Advance maintenance payment approval