

Social Protection Package III adopted by parliament

Apart from a few amendments, the existing regulations have been extended to 31.12.2021. This also applies for easier access to basic welfare benefits. Also, all welfare recipients will receive a one-off payment.

Extension of the regulations for easier access to benefits pursuant to SGB II

The regulations for easier access to basic welfare benefits have been extended to 31.12.2021. During this period, the special regulations of § 67 SGB II relating to assets and accommodation costs will remain valid.

Also in 2021: One-off payment of 150 € for children

Parents will receive a one-off child bonus of 150 € for each child in addition to child benefit. This payment will total 150 €. This child bonus is only paid for children that are eligible for child allowance. This child bonus is not counted as income on top of the Jobcenter payments.

New: One-off payment of 150 € for SGB II – recipients

Adult benefit recipients will receive a one-off payment of 150 €. Even grown-up children that still live with their parents or one parent will receive this payment, if they do not receive child benefit.

This one-off payment does not need to be claimed, it will be paid automatically with the next benefit payment transfer.

Changed: Rules for provisional approvals

Since March 2020 provisionally approved benefits were only finally determined if the benefit recipient submitted a claim. For approval periods starting as of 01.04.2021, the final determination of provisional approvals will once again be conducted by the Wuppertal Jobcenter without the necessity to submit a claim.

To do this, the Wuppertal Jobcenter will need to request documents and certificates at the end of the provisional approval in many cases. The final determination for periods that end as of 01.04.21 will not automatically use the average income in the calculations.