



Statute on providing relief for families regarding childcare costs of 18 December 2018

The City of Mannheim supports the upbringing, education and care of children by making a financial contribution to the costs of childcare within the scope of the funds provided in the budget.

Based on Sect. 4 of the Municipal Code as amended on 24 July 2000 (Law Gazette p. 582, ber. 698), the City Council therefore approved the following statute on 18 December 2018:

1 Funding purpose

- (1) The benefits set out in this statute are meant to provide financial relief for parents, other legal guardians, foster parents and other persons in paying the costs / fees for a child visiting a daycare centre or kindergarten of a municipal, private or other childcare institution of the municipality of Mannheim.
- (2) The benefits of the City of Mannheim are subject to public law.

2 Prerequisites for receiving the benefits

- (1) The benefits are only granted to cost / fees debtors (hereinafter referred to as debtors) who have to pay costs / fees for the care of a child in a daycare centre or kindergarten of a municipal, private or other childcare institution of the municipality of Mannheim provided the principal residence of the child is in Mannheim.
- (2) The benefits are only paid towards the costs / fees that are charged for the use of childcare services. No benefits are paid for the cost of food.

3 Allowance to reduce the costs / fees for kindergarten

- (1) a) As of 01 September 2018, children will receive an allowance for visiting a day care facility from the second year of attending kindergarten up to the time they enter school.
b) This allowance is granted provided that the child was born before 01 October 2014 or has reached the age of three and since then has demonstrably visited a daycare facility for more than 12 months (taking into account the closing times), that its principal place of residence is in Mannheim and that it is visiting a daycare facility within the municipality of Mannheim.
- (2) a) As of 01 September 2019, all children will receive an allowance for visiting a day care facility from the first year of attending kindergarten up to the time they enter school.
b) This allowance is granted provided that the child's principal place of residence is in Mannheim, that it has reached the age of three and that it is visiting a daycare facility within the municipality of Mannheim.
- (3) The allowance amounts to € 105 per month and is only granted for the months for which the payment of costs / fees is compulsory.
Should the costs charged by the kindergarten exceed the amount of the allowance, the debtor shall bear the difference.
Should the parents' contribution / the amount of the childcare fee to be paid by the debtor be less than the amount of the allowance, then the allowance will only be paid up to the amount of the fixed parents' contribution / childcare fee.
No additional allowance under Sect. 4 (1) is granted.
- (4) The Mannheim City Council can redetermine the amount of the allowance and also decide its discontinuation at any time. There is therefore no legal entitlement to the benefit or to a certain amount of the benefit.

4 Allowance to reduce the costs / fees for daycare centres and kindergartens for recipients of the housing allowance

- (1) Should a debtor receive the housing allowance under the Housing Allowance Act (WoGG), an allowance is granted for the care of a child in a daycare centre and/or kindergarten within the municipality of Mannheim.

- (2) For each month in which the child is cared for in a daycare centre or a kindergarten within the municipality of Mannheim, the amount of the allowance corresponds to the applicable childcare fee which one-child households are charged for the attendance of a regular kindergarten by the municipal institution (Department for Daycare Facilities for Children).
- (3) In order to receive the allowance, a copy of the current housing allowance notice must be submitted to the municipal or the private institution. The allowance is only granted for the period of time stated in the current housing allowance notice.
- (4) The provisions of Sect. 3 (3) sentences 2 and 3 and Sect. 3 (4) shall apply mutatis mutandis.

5 Offsetting of allowances

- (1) Under this statute, the allowances are not paid directly to the debtors. The allowances granted by the City of Mannheim are directly offset against the contributions / fees charged by the municipal, private and other institutions.
- (2) When using the kindergarten services of a private or other institution, the payment of the allowance to reduce the respective fees is made to the institution in the amount specified in Sect. 3 (3) and Sect. 3 (4). A separate invoice is issued to settle the account between the Youth Welfare Office and private and/or other institutions. The payments are earmarked and oblige the private and other institutions to offset these exclusively against the fees that are due for the use of the respective offer.

6 Refund

- (1) The debtors are obliged to inform the respective facility management or attended facility in writing of any change in the child's place of residence in due time.
- (2) If debtors do not fulfil their obligation under subsection 1, the City of Mannheim may demand repayment of the allowance with retroactive effect from the month following the date on which the prerequisites for granting the allowance no longer existed.

7 Effective date

This "Statute on providing relief for families regarding childcare costs" comes into effect retroactively on 01 September 2018. At the same time, the "Statute on providing relief for families regarding childcare costs" (City Council resolution of 03 May 2018) shall cease to apply.