

BAföG for students from Ukraine



Eligible for BAföG

In this document, we would like to explain to you how **BAföG applies** to students who come from Ukraine: If you are in possession of a residence permit according to § 24 of the Residence Act (AufenthG) or have applied for a corresponding residence permit according to § 24 AufenthG, you are able to receive BAföG funding via § 61 BAföG.

If you have not yet applied for the residence title according to § 24 AufenthG, there is another possibility to receive BAföG benefits as an international student according to § 8 Abs. 3 Nr. 2 BAföG, if at least one parent has been gainfully employed in the Federal Republic of Germany for at least three years in the last six years or if you yourself have resided in the Federal Republic of Germany for 5 years prior to the start of your studies and have been legally gainfully employed. Here is our info sheet on § 8 BAföG: <https://www.stwhh.de/en/> ~ Study Financing ~ Students from abroad.

Additionally, there are other requirements to be met in BAföG:

- a. You have not exceeded the age limit of 45 years at the beginning of the studies.
- b. Eligible education: Only full-time courses of study at a German university are eligible for BAföG funding. Please check with us, whether the subject you are studying qualifies as eligible education according to BAföG.

The BAföG office will check whether BAföG funding is possible on the basis of your educational and professional background. Generally, a Bachelor's degree and subsequently a Master's degree can be supported. The BAföG office will also check previous periods of study, even if you have changed or dropped out of a course of study. If you have any questions, please call us at the telephone number below. If you have already completed a course of study in your country of origin before fleeing, but are studying here in Germany, the BAföG office will check whether the studies in Germany can still be supported.

Not eligible for BAföG

If you are studying online at a university in Ukraine (online), BAföG funding cannot be granted. In this case, please contact our colleagues at the Counselling Center for Social & International Affairs - BeSI, so you can receive advice on alternative financing options such as Bürgergeld: <https://www.stwhh.de/en/> ~ Our Counselling Services ~ Counselling Centre for Social and International Affairs – BeSI.

Should you feel that you do not meet one of the basic BAföG requirements, please contact us, as there are exceptions to the rule.

If this is not the case, please contact our colleagues at the Counselling Center for Social & International Affairs - BeSI regarding the financing of your studies: <https://www.stwhh.de/en/> ~ Our Counselling Services ~ Counselling Centre for Social and International Affairs – BeSI.

BAföG Application

For the BAföG application please have a look at www.stwhh.de ~ Studienfinanzierung ~ BAföG.

Together with the BAföG application, you must submit your parents' documents of income from the calendar year before last, e.g. tax assessment notice, earnings statement from December or similar. Based on your parents' income from the year before last, the BAföG office will calculate whether some of the parental income will be taken into account. If you are unable to obtain your parents' income documents due to your special situation, please contact us at the telephone number below.

If your parents currently have less income, you can also submit a so-called 'Aktualisierungsantrag', so the BAföG office will check if they can update your parents' income: www.stwhh.de ~ Downloads ~ BAföG ~ Aktualisierung.

You can also find information on parent-independent BAföG here: www.stwhh.de ~ Downloads ~ BAföG ~ Elternunabhängiges BAföG.

Please note that the application must be submitted in German and that the clerk responsible for you will only correspond with you in German.

Further Counselling at BeSI

No matter if you have the Ukrainian citizenship or are a third-country national: You can receive further counselling for alternative financing, residency questions and financial emergencies from the Counselling Center for Social & International Affairs – BeSI: <https://www.stwhh.de/en/> ~ Our Counselling Services ~ Counselling Centre for Social and International Affairs – BeSI.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us:

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