

Non-contributory dependants' Insurance

At TK, you can insure your family members at no extra cost. Here, you can find out more about the eligibility criteria and conditions for non-contributory dependants' insurance.

Who is eligible for dependants' insurance?

If you are insured with TK, you can insure the following family members at no additional cost:

- your married partner or civil partner¹
- biological and adopted children
- children of children covered by dependants' insurance
- stepchildren and grandchildren who live in your household
- stepchildren and grandchildren who are primarily supported by you as the insured member but do not live in your household
- foster children, provided you are not employed as their caretaker

What requirements must be met?

Your family members

- regularly reside in Germany,
- are not themselves a member of a health and long-term care insurance,
- are not exempt from compulsory statutory health insurance (e.g. as a civil servant), with the exception of marginal employments,
- are not exempt from the obligation to hold insurance themselves,
- are not full time self-employed as their main occupation,
- do not have a regular total monthly income that exceeds 455 EUR. If a family member is engaged in marginal employment the income may be up to 450 EUR per month.

What counts towards the total income?

Total income includes the following:

- gross wages from employment (including expected one-time payments such as a Christmas bonus)
- earnings from self-employment
- income from rent and leases
- income from capital assets (e.g. interest income from one-time payments such as redundancy pay, severance packages and life insurance policies)
- pension (e.g. survivor pensions, foreign pensions)
- taxable alimony payments

¹ civil partners pursuant to the Lebenspartnerschaftsgesetz [German Civil Partnership Act]

- one-time or monthly redundancy or severance payments because of the termination of an employment

Total income does not include income-related or professional expenses, write-offs, saver's allowances, parental benefits, child benefits, housing subsidies, BAföG [funding received from the German Federal Training Assistance Act] or amounts credited towards a pension during child-raising periods. Supplements paid in consideration of marital status and payments such as one-time life insurance pay-outs also do not count towards the total income.

What are the age limits?

In principle, children can be covered by non-contributory dependants' insurance up until their 18th birthday, and if they are not employed yet, even up to their 23rd birthday.

Children may be covered by non-contributory dependants' insurance up to their 25th birthday if they

- are still attending school (exception: evening school/distance learning),
- are enrolled in vocational training without pay,
- are enrolled in a study programme, or
- are taking a gap year to do voluntary work in the social or environmental sector ("voluntary social year" or "voluntary ecological year") in accordance with the Jugendfreiwilligendienstgesetz [German Youth Voluntary Services Act] or are doing a youth voluntary service year in a foreign country without receiving pay.

Has your child's education been postponed due to military or voluntary service? Then your children can continue to be covered by the non-contributory dependants' insurance after their 25th birthday for the period of time that the service lasted, but for a maximum of 1 year.

Children with disabilities can remain permanently insured by non-contributory dependants' insurance if

- they are unable to support themselves, even when they reach adulthood, and
- the disability is of unforeseeable duration, but there is a high probability that it will last longer than 6 months and
- the disability began during the age limits mentioned and non-contributory dependants' insurance was



only excluded because another insurance cover had priority at that time.

We will be happy to personally explain to you what documents and verification we need for this purpose.

Special criteria for married partners and civil partners¹

During maternity leave or parental leave, you can only insure your married partner or civil partner¹ if they were already previously covered by statutory health and long-term care insurance.

My married partner or civil partner¹ is not covered by a statutory health insurance fund. Can I still insure my child with TK non-contributory dependants' insurance?

If your married partner or civil partner¹ is related to the child, you can only insure your child under TK non-contributory dependants' insurance at no additional cost if your married partner or civil partner¹

- earns a regular monthly income of less than 5,212.50 EUR **or**
- his or her income is lower than yours.

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When does non-contributory dependants' insurance end?

If the requirements are no longer met, non-contributory dependants' insurance will be terminated. It also terminates as soon as the primary member is no longer insured with TK. Under certain conditions, the insured family members may then be entitled to our benefits for a maximum of 1 additional month.

Important note: Please inform us of any changes that could affect your non-contributory dependants' insurance. Such changes can include, e.g., if family members take out their own insurance for the first time or if your marital status or income changes.

For more information, please visit [tk.de](https://www.tk.de) and enter **search code 2005700** into the search field².

² We regret, but this information is currently only available in German