
Cost-of-living benefit, energy allowance, rent subsidy...

1. Cost-of-living benefit

The cost-of-living benefit (allocation de vie chère, AVC) is a financial aid for low-income households. The purpose of this aid is to help these households cope with increases in the cost of living.

The AVC is paid by the national solidarity fund upon request and under certain conditions.

This request must be made between January 1st and September 30th at the latest. After this deadline, the request will be refused. The form is available on the website www.fns.lu (in French and German) or via the website www.myguichet.lu.

2. Energy allowance

An energy allowance has been introduced for low-income households. This allowance varies between a minimum of 200€ and 400€ depending on the income and the composition of the household. The maximum income ceilings to benefit are those of the cost-of-living benefit, increased by 25% (see table below).

The energy bonus is a temporary measure limited to the year 2022. The application to benefit from the energy bonus must be submitted until **September 30, 2022** at the latest. After this deadline, the application will be refused. The form is available on the website www.fns.lu (in French and German) or via the website www.myguichet.lu.

ATTENTION: People who have already applied for the cost-of-living benefit do not need to make a second application.

On the next page is a table explaining the income thresholds for the cost-of-living benefit and the energy allowance.

APPLICATION FOR A
COST-OF-LIVING BENEFIT/ ENERGY ALLOWANCE

Household	Cost-of-living benefit (AVC) + Energy allowance				Energy allowance			
	Gross income limits	Amount AVC + Energy allowance	Gross income range	Reduced amount AVC + Energy allowance	Gross income range	Amount Energy allowance	Gross income range	Reduced amount Energy allowance
1 pers.	max. 2,258.83 €	1,652 € + 200 €	2,258.84 € – 2,396.49 €	<1,652 € + 200 €	2,396.50 € – 2,823.54 €	200 €	2,823.55 € – 2,840.20 €	<200 €
2 pers.	max. 3,388.25 €	2,065 € + 250 €	3,388.26 € – 3,560.32 €	<2,065 € + 250 €	3,560.33 € – 4,235.31 €	250 €	4,235.32 € – 4,256.13 €	<250 €
3 pers.	max. 4,065.90 €	2,478 € + 300 €	4,065.91 € – 4,272.39 €	<2,478 € + 300 €	4,272.40 € – 5,082.38 €	300 €	5,082.39 € – 5,107.37 €	<300 €
4 pers.	max. 4,743.55 €	2,891 € + 350 €	4,743.56 € – 4,984.46 €	<2,891 € + 350 €	4,984.47 € – 5,929.44 €	350 €	5,929.45 € – 5,958.60 €	<350 €
5 pers.	max. 5,421.20 €	3,304 € + 400 €	5,421.21 € – 5,696.52 €	<3,304 € + 400 €	5,696.53 € – 6,776.51 €	400 €	6,776.52 € – 6,809.83 €	<400 €
6 pers.	max. 6,098.85 €	3,304 € + 400 €	6,098.86 € – 6,374.17 €	<3,304 € + 400 €	6,374.18 € – 7,623.57 €	400 €	7,623.58 € – 7,656.89 €	<400 €
7 pers.	max. 6,776.51 €	3,304 € + 400 €	6,776.52 € – 7,051.83 €	<3,304 € + 400 €	7,051.84 € – 8,470.63 €	400 €	8,470.64 € – 8,503.95 €	<400 €
8 pers.	max. 7,454.16 €	3,304 € + 400 €	7,454.17 € – 7,729.48 €	<3,304 € + 400 €	7,729.49 € – 9,317.70 €	400 €	9,317.71 € – 9,351.02 €	<400 €
9 pers.	max. 8,131.81 €	3,304 € + 400 €	8,131.82 € – 8,407.13 €	<3,304 € + 400 €	8,407.14 € – 10,164.76 €	400 €	10,164.77 € – 10,198.08 €	<400 €
10 pers.	max. 8,809.46 €	3,304 € + 400 €	8,809.47 € – 9,084.78 €	<3,304 € + 400 €	9,084.79 € – 11,011.82 €	400 €	11,011.83 € – 11,045.14 €	<400 €

Note that an applicant with income above the income limit may receive a reduced AVC/energy allowance. The amount of this allowance is the difference between the AVC/energy allowance amounts normally received by an applicant in a comparable situation and the portion of the annual income amount that exceeds the limit.

Source: fns.lu

3. Rent subsidy

The rent subsidy amounts to between 200 and 400 euros maximum per month (values as of August 1, 2022) depending on the size and composition of the household (see table on the following page).

Conditions of granting

YOU MUST

- legally reside in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg
- have signed a lease contract
- not have another accommodation than the one for which the rent subsidy is requested
- not have an income higher than the limit provided for by the law
- have a monthly rent higher than 25% of your net income
- have a regular income

YOUR ACCOMMODATION MUST

- be located in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg
- be a rental property on the private market, which has not been rented by a public organization (e.g. Fonds du Logement, SNHBM, commune, social real estate agency)
- serve as your main and permanent residence




Table of amounts

Amount for	Domestic community**							
	single person	without children	with 1 child	with 2 children	with 3 children	with 4 children	with 5 children	with 6 children
*values at 01.08.2022	200 €	280 €	320 €	360 €	400 €	400 €	400 €	400 €
Monthly income limit	3,126.83 €	4,800.49 €	5,664.27 €	6,405.55 €	6,960.63 €	7,736.22 €	8,522.80 €	9,287.38 €

* Attention: The rent subsidy decreases according to the income of the domestic community. The table shows the maximum amount that can be granted.

** A domestic community can consist of one or more adults with or without children.

Source: logement.public.lu

SUBMISSION OF THE APPLICATION

The applicant must submit his or her application to the Housing aid department of the Ministry of Housing, using a specific form (under „Services en linge / Formulaires“).

The form, duly filled in and signed, can be submitted to the Housing aid department by mail, directly at its offices or electronically at the email address: guichet@ml.etat.lu.

Please note: an application submitted electronically have ti be confirmed.

4. Other subsidies

In addition to the state benefits, several municipalities offer additional subsidies to their citizens. We strongly advise you to contact your municipality or the competent social office in order to obtain the necessary information on the existence of these aids and the steps to follow to obtain them.

The OGBL at your side

If you need help, do not hesitate to contact the information and assistance service of the OGBL via our Call Center at 26 54 37 77 or via our contact form contact.ogbl.lu. Our colleagues will be able to support you in your efforts and give you all the necessary information.