

GIS¹-INFORMATOIN LEAFLET REGISTRATION AND FEE EXEMPTION FOR PEOPLE IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE AND PROTECTION WITHIN THE FRAME OF BASIC CARE

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REPORTING OBLIGATION / COMPULSORY LICENSE FEE

In general, according to the Broadcasting Fees Act (RGG – *Rundfunkgebührengesetz*), there is an obligation to pay fees as soon as there are any broadcasting receivers in a building. Therefore, a building counts as the biggest unit, according to the RGG.

The obligation to pay fees is not given if fees are already being paid for a location (see reporting obligation).

Excerpt from: RGG, Federal Law Gazette (BGBl.) I, no. 159/1999
Federal law regarding the collection of broadcasting fees

Obligation to pay fees, reporting obligation according to the Broadcasting Fees Act (RGG – Rundfunkgebührengesetz)

§ 2. (1) *Any person who operates a broadcasting receiver within the meaning of § 1 (1) in buildings (broadcasting subscriber) shall pay fees in accordance with § 3. The operation of a broadcasting receiver is equivalent to its operational readiness.*

(2) *The obligation to pay fees pursuant to § 1 does not apply if*

1. *the broadcaster has been granted an exemption (§ 3 (5)) or the fees referred to in § 3 have already been paid for the location.*

Broadcasting reception equipment is television reception equipment (including radio) and/or radio reception equipment.

DEFINITION OF THE LOCATION

“What is location in the sense of the RGG?”

The RGG answers this question:

Excerpt from: RGG, Federal Law Gazette (BGBl.) I, no. 159/1999
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§ 2 (2) RGG

“Location is the dwelling or other premises or a closed association of premises with a single purpose where a broadcasting reception system is operated.”

BASIS OF CLAIM – TWO-STEP PROCEDURE/ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE

Legal basis for eligibility:

§ 47 (1) der Telecommunications Fee Regulations (FGO – *Fernmeldegebührenordnung*), FGO Federal Law Gazette (*BGBL.*), no. 170/1970

Net income of a household

This is the net income of ALL persons living in a household. This means the sum of all income in money or monetary value after compensation with losses and reduced by the statutory deductions (e.g., social security contributions, wage tax). (Only German version available.)

- [Anzurechnende und nicht anzurechnende Einkommen](https://www.gis.at/befreien/haushaltseinkommen/einkuenfte)
<https://www.gis.at/befreien/haushaltseinkommen/einkuenfte>

The net household income may not exceed the statutory standard exemption rate. (Only German version available.)

- [Aktuelle Richtsätze:](https://www.gis.at/befreien/haushaltseinkommen)
<https://www.gis.at/befreien/haushaltseinkommen>

Deductible expenses:

If the net income exceeds the relevant amounts, the applicant can claim the following deductible expenses (only German version available):

- [Übersicht der abzugsfähigen Ausgaben](https://www.gis.at/befreien/haushaltseinkommen/abzuege)
<https://www.gis.at/befreien/haushaltseinkommen/abzuege>

What you need for an exemption application and enclosed documents:

- A correct and completed application (if the grant is desired, it is necessary to register the operator). (Only German version available.)

[Antrag auf Befreiung von Rundfunkgebühren und den damit verbundenen Abgaben und Entgelten und/oder auf Zuerkennung einer Zuschussleistung zu Fernsprechentgelten](https://www.gis.at/fileadmin/user_upload/Documents/AV_EAG_ONLINE_22.pdf)
https://www.gis.at/fileadmin/user_upload/Documents/AV_EAG_ONLINE_22.pdf

- Confirmation of receipt of the benefits received from the basic care (from an official body - a confirmation from the accommodation provider, as well as only the “blue card” (*blaue Karte*) and the “white card (*weiße Karte*) within the framework of the asylum procedure” are not sufficient).
- Exemption may be granted for a maximum of five years; as a rule, a decision is issued for one to two years.
- In the event of a move, a new application must be submitted with all documents.

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Telecommunications fee subsidies

- The telecommunications fee subsidy is payable only once per person; only one subsidy may be received per household.
- In the event of a positive decision, the notification/voucher must be redeemed at the respective operator.
- Exemption may be granted for a maximum of five years; as a rule, a decision is issued for one to two years.
- In the event of a move, a new application must be submitted with all documents.

Application form for exemption from broadcasting fees and all costs involved and/or for a contribution/grant of Telecommunications fee subsidies (only German version available)
https://www.gis.at/fileadmin/user_upload/Documents/AV_EAG_ONLINE_22.pdf

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Exemption Calculator

With the exemption calculator you can calculate easily and without obligation whether the eligibility requirements for an exemption from the broadcasting fees, a subsidy for the telecommunication fee or EAG-cost exemption (*EAG - Erneuerbaren-Ausbau-Gesetz*; Austrian law for the “extension” of renewable energy) are met.

The Online-Tool guides you through a two-step procedure of exemption:

Step 1: Examination of the legal basis for entitlement (basic data)

Step 2: Calculation of the net household income (input)

There is an option to add personal data to the application under point “complete” (“*vervollständigen*”). At the end, an application form for exemption, a checklist including all necessary documents, as well as the calculation result in personalized form are available to under “Download”.

GIS CONTACT INFORMATION

Please send the filled-in form and all necessary documents to the following address:

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