



### Special information:

Emergency aid for self-employed persons, companies and freelancers in Baden-Württemberg available from 25 March 2020

The state of Baden-Württemberg has decided to provide immediate aid to companies affected by the Corona crisis. The subsidies granted under the programme do not have to be repaid.

From the evening of 25 March 2020, the services can be accessed via an electronic application procedure. The procedure will take place in two steps.

### Retrieval of the application forms

The link for retrieving the form will be made available on Wednesday evening on the website of the Ministry of Economic Affairs Baden-Württemberg.

<https://wm.baden-wuerttemberg.de/de/startseite/>

The application form must be printed out, filled in and signed.

### Submission of applications (upload)

The completed applications must be saved or printed in PDF format. The applications will be uploaded on a specially created page, which will also be available from Wednesday evening at [www.bw-soforthilfe.de](http://www.bw-soforthilfe.de). The applications will be processed and checked by the responsible chambers of the Chamber of Industry and Commerce or the Chamber of Crafts. They are then forwarded to the L-Bank, which approves and pays out the aid. Entrepreneurs or freelancers who do not belong to a chamber are supported by the IHK.

Details of the application procedure will also be posted on the Chambers' websites in the course of the day.

<https://www.bw.ihk.de/>

<https://www.handwerk-bw.de>

### 1. How high is the subsidy?

Emergency aid is graduated according to the number of employees and amounts to up to three months' total aid:

- > 9,000 euros for solo self-employed persons and entrepreneurs with up to 5 employees
- > 15,000 Euro for entrepreneurs with up to 10 employees
- > 30,000 euros for entrepreneurs with up to 50 employees



Emergency aid is provided as a one-off non-repayable grant. The amount of the subsidy is determined by the liquidity bottleneck or slump in sales caused by the corona crisis.

## **2. Who is being funded?**

Funded are:

- > Solo self-employed persons whose income contributes significantly to the household income
- > enterprises with up to 50 employees
- > charitable social enterprises
- > Members of the liberal professions with up to 50 employees

Applicants must be micro-enterprises or small and medium-sized enterprises ('SMEs') as defined by the EU.

The applicant's head office must be located in Baden-Württemberg. If aid has already been applied for in another federal state, the applicant is not entitled to apply for aid. This also applies if another business establishment already receives assistance.

## **3. What are the other requirements?**

A prerequisite for funding is that the applicant is in a situation of economic hardship or considerable liquidity shortages directly caused by the corona pandemic. This must be affirmed in lieu of an oath on the application form. An economic emergency that already existed before 11 March 2020 cannot be considered.

The chambers and associations will offer online advice on determining eligibility to apply.

An economic situation threatening the existence of the company is assumed if

- > for the month in which the application is made, the turnover or fee income is at least 50% compared to an average monthly turnover in the same quarter of the previous year;
- > a plant closure is ordered;
- > short-term liabilities (rents, loans, etc.) cannot be paid.

## **4. What else needs to be considered?**

The applicant is obliged to disclose all information necessary for the examination of the application so that the eligibility can be verified.

Other compensation payments (e.g. under the Infection Protection Act, from company insurance policies or short-time work compensation for GmbH shareholder-managers) must be disclosed and are taken into account in the amount of the subsidy. This also applies to other state aid from the Federal Government or the EU.

## **5. What is the legal basis?**

The relevant directive will enter into force on 25 March 2020 and will apply provisionally until the end of 2020, and can be found under the following link.



<https://wm.baden-wuerttemberg.de/de/service/foerderprogramme-und-aufrufe/liste-foerderprogramme/soforthilfe-corona/>

## **6. Further assistance**

An overview of further aid for companies that get into financial difficulties as a result of the Corona crisis can be found in an overview of loans, suspension of repayments and guarantees provided by L-Bank.

[200319\\_LBank\\_Factsheet\\_Help\\_offers.pdf](#)

Further loans for companies are granted by the KfW. You can find out more about this on the following KfW page:

<https://www.kfw.de/KfW-Konzern/Newsroom/Aktuelles/KfW-Corona-Hilfe-Unternehmen.html>



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The contact persons of our law firm who are known to you are also available here. In addition, you will find the contact persons who have been particularly involved in the above-mentioned topics.

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