

Support for businesses in Saarland due to the corona pandemic

You have employees and need options to keep them employed as long as possible?

- The programme „**Kurzarbeitergeld**“ from the German Employment agency may help you.
- There are very specific steps to take and requirements, read more here: <https://www.arbeitsagentur.de/news/corona-virus-informationen-fuer-unternehmen-zum-kurzarbeitergeld>
- Your **tax advisor/Steuerberater** can help you!
- Do you have to lay some employees off? Speak to a **legal advisor/Rechtsanwalt**.

You need flexible solutions to keep money in the bank and stay solvent?

- You can reduce your tax prepayments/Steuervorauszahlungen or tax backpayments/Steuerzahlungen. Call us or speak with the local Tax Office/Finanzamt.
- **Soforthilfen der Bundesregierung:** <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-de/themen/coronavirus/soforthilfen-beschlossen-1733604>
- The state government is planning an **emergency financial support programme for small and medium-sized businesses in Saarland/ Soforthilfe der Landesregierung:** <https://www.saarland.de/254842.htm>
- More information for financial help for businesses in Saarland: <https://www.sikb.de/node/211>

You need to reduce your running business costs?

The following might help. You, however, do not have a legal claim to these options and should negotiate with your respective business partners on an individual basis.

- Pause or reduction of credit and loan payments.
- Pause or reduction of rental costs.
- Negotiation of flexible payment deadlines with suppliers and business partners.

You have no income currently due to the corona crisis - unemployment and social welfare funding:

- For business owners **WITHOUT** voluntary unemployment insurance:
 - Fill out the form „Hauptantrag Antrag auf Leistungen zur Sicherung des Lebensunterhalts nach dem Zweiten Buch Sozialgesetzbuch (SGB II)“.
 - More information here: <https://www.arbeitsagentur.de/arbeitslosengeld-2/finanziell-absichern>
- For business owners **WITH** voluntary unemployment insurance:
Contact the local Agentur für Arbeit.

Appointments at Jobcenter

- NO personal appointments are taking place due to the corona pandemic.
- You will not be punished for not attending a previously schedule appointment at this time.
- You are not required to cancel or reschedule appointments at this time.
- You can still contact the Jobcenter by telephone, online and via post.

You are still receiving benefits from the Jobcenter-Saarbrücken, you started your own business, and you are expecting a lower income/revenue as of March 2020 due to corona.

You can adjust your level of income from self-employment by notifying the Jobcenter.

- Fill a new „vorläufiges EKS“ form out for the timeframe March-August as realistically as possible.
- Attach a short statement explaining that due to corona you need to adjust your income (use the sample text attached!)
- Send the form with statement via post to respective Jobcenter.

Jobcenter-Saarbrücken
Team 886
Kundennummer/BG-Nummer
Hafenstraße 18
66111 Saarbrücken
oder an das zuständige Jobcenter

[Sample letter for the Jobcenter to adjust your expected income from self-employment](#)

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Or address of your local
Jobcenter!

Date

Sehr geehrte Damen und Herren,

wegen eines Rückgangs der Kundschaft im Rahmen der Corona-Krise macht mein Unternehmen schon seit Anfang März weniger Umsatz als geplant. Diese Situation wird sich voraussichtlich verschlechtern. Aus diesem Grund möchte ich mein geschätztes Einkommen aus Selbstständigkeit anpassen.

Im Anhang finden Sie einen neuen EKS-Formular.

Mit freundlichen Grüßen

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General information in different languages:

<https://www.integrationsbeauftragte.de/ib-de/amt-und-person/informationen-zum-coronavirus>

For freelancers:

Nationwide: <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-de/themen/coronavirus/hilfen-fuer-kuenstler-und-kreative-1732438>

In Saarland: <https://dock11.saarland/creative-hub/kuk-corona/>

Labor law:

<https://www.bmas.de/DE/Presse/Meldungen/2020/corona-virus-arbeitsrechtliche-auswirkungen.html>

<https://selbststaendige.verdi.de/beratung/corona-infopool/>

Saarland's regulations on business closings

https://www.saarland.de/dokumente/dienststelle_LAS/Allgemeinverfuegung_zum_Vollzug_des_Infektionsschutzgesetzes_13032020.pdf

IHK Saarland (Chamber of Industry and Commerce) updates:

<https://www.saarland.ihk.de/ihk-saarland/Integrale?SID=7776FA3898FA770C37AD443635FA917E&MODULE=Frontend&ACTION=ViewPage&Page.PK=2219>

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