



## Terms used in official statistics



### Housing allowance

#### Definition:

The housing allowance is a common and temporary form of financial aid. The amount of housing allowance is the difference between the housing expenses incurred by the standard usable floor space of an occupied dwelling unit and that part of the expenses incurred by the person to whom the benefit is granted.

In calculating the amount of the allowance, the following expenses (incurred by the household) are taken into consideration: expenses related to rent, maintenance costs, and charges for heat energy, water and liquid waste collection. The housing allowance is temporary - granted for a period of 6 months with an option of renewal in the event of further fulfilment of the statutory requirements. Payment of housing allowances has been- pursuant to Article 10 (1) of the Act of 21 June 2001 on Housing Allowances - at the gmina's own discretion.

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