

# Information

## Statutory Pension Insurance

### General Information

Pension insurance provides lifelong protection against the financial risks entailed by reduced earning capacity, an advanced age or death.

### Who is insured?

All persons are compulsorily insured who are employed by others or are vocational trainees with the exception of civil servants. Self-employed workers don't have to pay for the Retirement Pension Insurance.

### Benefits

Benefits of retirement pension insurance are:

- old-age pensions
- pensions on account of reduced earning capacity
- pensions on account of the insured person's death (for example, widows/widowers pension, orphans pension)
- rehabilitation (participation) benefits

The extent of benefits that can be claimed under pension insurance depends on the amount of contributions paid.

### Contribution

- The contribution amount depends both on an employee's assessable annual income up to a defined contribution assessment limit, which is adjusted each year (2019: 80,400.00 € [(West Germany); 73,800.00 € (East Germany)] and on the contribution rate.
- In 2018, the generally applicable contribution rate for retirement pension insurance is 18.6 %.
- The employer pays a half of the insurance contribution and the employee pays the other half

### More information

[www.bmas.de/EN](http://www.bmas.de/EN) -> Our Topics -> Pensions -> Statutory Pension Insurance

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