

## **Support from the Jobcenter: Allowance available for Digital Devices needed for Homeschooling**

Leipzig's Jobcenter can subsidise PCs and laptops for homeschooling.

In Corona times, distancelearning has become part of everyday life for many pupils. Unfortunately, not all families can afford digital devices such as computers, tablets or smartphones. To ensure equal access to education for all, families can apply to the Job Centre for an additional support to the basic social security payments ("Mehrbedarf als Grundsicherungsleistung").

An allowance of up to 350 euro per pupil as a rule can be given. Such costs can also be claimed backdated to the 01.01.2021.

You have to make an extra application for this benefit.

### **The following conditions must be met:**

- Pupils up to the age of 25 are entitled to the allowance.
- The pupils attend a general or vocational (Berufsschule) school.
- Digital devices are not available on loan from the school.

Entitlements to ALGII (unemployment benefit II) may also need to be checked.

### **What you need to do:**

- Go to the site: <https://jobcenter-leipzig.de/geldleistungen/mehrbedarfe/> .
- Open the following Jobcenter form: "Erklärung Schule digitale Endgeräte" (Declaration on digital devices for school).
- Have the school fill out page 1, "Bescheinigung der Schule – digitale Endgeräte" (School certification on digital devices). The school confirms that your child participates in digital distance learning (homeschooling) and that no digital device is provided by the school on loan.
- You must complete page 2 "Anzeige des Mehrbedarfs nach § 21 Abs. 6 SGB II für die Beschaffung eines digitalen Endgerätes" (Notification about additional needs according to § 21 Section 6 SGB II for the procurement of a digital device) in German.
- Submit the completed form to your benefits team at the Job Centre.
- You will then receive a decision from your benefits team or will be contacted for any queries.

**Important! If you buy a digital device, keep the receipt!**