

Many applications for the Interim financial aid for students in pandemic-related emergency situations fail because...

...students did not read the guidelines and FAQ before they submitted their application. And since the guidelines have changed, it is even more important to read them, especially if this is not the first time that you apply!

There have been many incomplete requests already for the applications in April and we had to answer many questions and follow up which would not have been necessary if students had read the guidelines and the FAQ beforehand. These questions slow the process down and the payments to students get delayed because of the high workload.

Here the most important changes for the new application period:

- You cannot simply repeat the same reasons for financial hardship that you have given for the winter term 2020/21, you need to rethink and rephrase your application.
- If your financial hardship was created by the pandemic but has not started within the month that you are applying or the previous month (e.g. when you lost your job or the financial support), you need to clearly prove that you have tried to improve the situation yourself. This can for example be shown by rejection letters for jobs that you have applied for in the current month or the two previous months.
- If you have tried to apply for a job in the two months prior to your application for the Interim financial aid you need to prove this by providing at least two applications and the corresponding rejection letters. If you cannot provide these documents due to the pandemic, you need to write a declaration in which you describe your applications and the efforts that you have made.
- You need to show a financial proof in the form of a bank account statement of the previous month and the current month. This bank statement has to be delivered for **all accounts** that you have immediate access to. The Interim financial aid is calculated on the basis of the bank account balances on the day just before you submitted the applications.
- If you receive "Kurzbeitergeld" (short term employee benefits) you are not eligible for this Interim financial aid for students.

More information and a complete list of all regulations for this Interim financial aid are available online:

<https://www.studentenwerke.de/de/content/ueberbrueckungshilfe-fuer-studierende>.