

# Managing parental leave and maternity leave

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## Enter maternity protection

- Open [Tab Employment - Maternity Protection / Parental Leave](#) <sup>1</sup>
- Click the "**Edit**" button to set the employee file to edit mode.
- Click on "**New**" to create a new dataset.
- Enter the **calculated birth date** of the child in the newly opened form.
- By checking "**Create/update employment entry for maternity leave**", suitable employment entries are automatically created or updated and displayed in the Employment tab.
- In the "**Authority notified**" field, you can enter the date on which you informed the Federal Labour Inspectorate in writing about the pregnancy and, if applicable, the management of the company medical care.
- **Legal maternity protection** is calculated automatically.
- In the area of **work restrictions**, it is possible to record all precautions taken to protect mother and child and all changes to the workplace with a date. This is for your documentation and information only.
- Once the child is born, the **actual date of birth** and the child's **name** can be entered in the appropriate fields.
- Since the maternity protection periods change during exceptional births, these can be adapted by setting the appropriate check mark for
  - premature birth
  - multiple birth
  - Caesarean section

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## Recording a leave / parental leave

- Open [Tab Employment - Maternity Protection / Parental Leave](#) <sup>2</sup>
- Tick "**Parental leave**" to put the corresponding fields into edit mode.
- By checking "**Create/update employment entry for maternity leave**", suitable employment entries are automatically created or updated and displayed in the Employment tab.
- In the "**Registration**" field, you can enter the date on which the employee notified you in writing of the parental leave.
  - [Arbeiterkammer - Österreich - Meldefristen](#) <sup>3</sup>
  - [Bundesministerium - Deutschland - Elternzeit](#) <sup>4</sup>
- The legal end of maternity/paternity leave is automatically entered in the "**End latest**" field on the basis of the actual date of birth.
- The "**From**" field is not prefilled, as some mothers take days of leave between maternity leave and paternity leave. Here you enter when the maternity/paternity leave begins.
- The planned end of the leave is entered in the "**To**" field.
- The "**Expected return**" field is updated automatically.
- Optionally there is the possibility for parents to share the parental leave and also the possibility that a parent takes a second parental leave can be taken into account.
- With a check mark at "**Split?**" a second waiting period can be entered with "**2nd part from**" and "**2nd part to**".

- The "**Expected return**" field is automatically updated again.
- In the "**Extended to**" field, a possible extension of the waiting period can be entered, but has no effect on the "Expected return" date (can be overwritten manually).

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For the employment entries "maternity leave" only the data "from" and "to" are used, but not the data "extended to" and "expected return"!

## Registering Parental Leave for Fathers

In order to register for a maternity leave for a father there are some things to consider:

- The check mark for "**Create/update employment entry for maternity protection**" must **not** be set.
- The "**expected date of birth**" must **not** be entered in the field provided.
- The **actual date of birth** is entered and then proceed as described above.

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Sobald in diesem Reiter ein Eintrag gespeichert wurde, wird die Schaltfläche "**x verbundene Dokumente**" sichtbar, um Dokumente hoch zu laden und mit diesem Datensatz zu verknüpfen. Eine Beschreibung dazu finden Sie unter , allerdings ist zu beachten den zu wählen.

As soon as an entry has been saved in this tab, the "**x connected documents**" button becomes visible in order to upload documents and link them to this data record. A description can be found under [Linking documents with disability or tax advantage](#)<sup>5</sup>, but please note that the [Tab Employment - Maternity Protection / Parental Leave](#)<sup>6</sup> must be selected.

## Legal Regulations Status 9/2017

	Austria	Germany
<b>Maternity protection incl. employment exclusion</b>	<b>8 weeks before</b> and <b>8 weeks after</b> the calculated date of birth or the actual childbirth, an absolute work ban applies.	<b>6 weeks before the delivery date</b> (earlier if confirmed by a doctor) and <b>8 weeks after the delivery date</b> .
<b>When is maternity protection extended after the birth?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In the case of multiple births, premature births and caesarean section, mothers must not work for <b>at least 12 weeks</b> after birth.</li> <li>• If the child is born earlier than calculated, maternity protection is extended by exactly this period after the birth. however, to a maximum of <b>16 weeks</b>.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In the case of premature or multiple births, the ban applies until <b>12 weeks after birth</b>.</li> <li>• If the baby arrives after the calculated delivery date, there are still <b>8 or 12 weeks of protection</b>.</li> <li>• If the child was born with a disability, the mother can apply for an extension of the protection period to <b>12 weeks</b>.</li> </ul>
<b>Parental leave</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parental leave begins after the end of the maternity protection period (usually eight weeks after the birth).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parental leave begins at the end of the maternity protection period.</li> </ul>

- The maternity leave can be **divided between the parents a maximum of two times**.
- A parental leave period must last **at least 2 months**.
- The duration of parental leave must be notified to the employer in writing. Please note the registration deadlines for parental leave!
- The parental leave, which is protected by employment law through protection against dismissal and dismissal, **lasts until the day before the child's 2nd birthday** at the most.
- If you wish to go on maternity leave in addition to this, a written agreement with the employer is absolutely necessary.
- During parental leave, you will **not receive any wages or salary**. However, you will receive **childcare allowance** during this period.
- The length of the period of parental leave does not have to correspond to the length of the childcare allowance.
- This is a **maximum of three years for each parent** and generally ends when the **child reaches the age of three**.
- If the employer agrees, a share of **up to one year** can also be taken later - until the **child reaches the age of eight**.
- During this time you are entitled to **parental allowance**.

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