

# Information on the obligation to cooperate

## Social Code, First Volume (SGB I)

### *Information on the obligation of persons in receipt of benefits to cooperate*

#### **§ 60 SGB I – Provision of information**

(1) A person who applies for or is in receipt of social security benefits shall

1. provide all information that is relevant to the benefit and, at the request of benefit provider responsible, authorise third parties to provide necessary information,
2. immediately give notice of changes to his/her circumstances that are relevant to the benefit or to the declarations that he/she has given in relation to the benefit,
3. indicate any evidence and, at the request of the benefit provider responsible, submit documents of proof or agree to their submission.

Sentence 1 also applies to a person who is required to repay a benefit.

(2) In so far as pre-printed forms are envisaged in respect of the information referred to in Paragraph 1, Sentence 1 Nos. 1 and 2, these should be used.

#### **§ 62 SGB I – Examinations**

A person who applies for or is in receipt of social security benefits shall at the request of the benefit provider responsible undergo a medical or psychological examination in so far as this is required for a decision on the benefit.

#### **§ 66 SGB I – Consequences arising from a lack of cooperation**

(1) If any person who applies for or is in receipt of social security benefits does not fulfil his/her obligations to cooperate in accordance with Sections 60 to 62 and 65 of SGB I and as a result significantly complicates a determination on the matter, the benefits provider may, without any further making of inquiries, wholly or partially cancel or withdraw the benefit until such time as cooperation is re-established, provided that the requirements for the benefit have not been determined. This also applies if by other means the applicant or recipient of the benefit intentionally obstructs a determination on the matter.

(2) If any person who applies for or is in receipt of a social security benefit because of a need for long-term care, inability to work, risk to or reduction of earning capacity, recognised consequences of injury or unemployment does not fulfil his/her obligation to cooperate in accordance with Sections 62 to 65 of SGB I, and having regard to all circumstances it is accepted that with all probability his/her ability to live independently as well as his/her ability to work, earning capacity and potential for placement is therefore curtailed or will not improve, the benefits provider may wholly or partially cancel or withdraw the benefit until such time as cooperation is re-established.

(3) Social security benefits may be denied or withdrawn on the grounds of a lack of cooperation only after the recipient has been informed in writing of consequences of this and he/she has not complied with the obligation to cooperate within an appropriate time period specified to him/her.

I have noted this instruction: \_\_\_\_\_  
Surname, First Name, Date