

Unemployment benefits

Do you receive unemployment benefits (ALG I) and want to work with Smart?

Processing your orders via Smart is also possible to a limited extent if you are receiving unemployment benefit at the same time. However, the rules regarding permitted additional income must be taken into account. If you regularly work more than 15 hours a week, you can no longer receive unemployment benefits. Agentur für Arbeit has summarized important information in a [leaflet](#).

At Smart, you can earn EUR 165 from a mini-job without having your ALG1 reduced, or EUR 100 if you receive Bürgergeld.

Do you have an order that exceeds the maximum allowed amount? Then you can deregister from the Agentur für Arbeit for the duration of the execution of the project and be employed by Smart with a higher salary for this period. It is also possible that you will still receive unemployment benefit, but your social benefit will be reduced. You always have to inform Agentur für Arbeit about any additional income.

If you receive unemployment benefits at the same time, your budget must always be paid out accordingly, i.e. you are not allowed to 'bunker' your budget and bill higher, but only have a mini-job paid out to you.

You should inform us as soon as you receive ALG I or Bürgergeld. We can then arrange a consultation if necessary.

Your employment with Smart is ending and you want to apply for unemployment benefits (ALG I)?

If you have been employed for 12 months in the last 5 years, you can apply for unemployment benefits (ALG I).

Unemployment registration is not automatic after your contract ends. You should register in person at the *Arbeitsagentur* 3 months before the end of your employment. See the [website of the Arbeitsagentur](#) for more information.

After you end your employment with Smart and register as unemployed, we will send the certificate of employment to the employment agency.

Please always actively inform us that you need the certificate of employment (Arbeitsbescheinigung).

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