

Service national de la jeunesse





POCKET MONEY

FOR AU PAIRS

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

In Luxembourg, the status of an au pair is governed by the law of 18 February 2013. This law aims to protect both the au pair and the host family by setting clear rules to ensure a balanced and respectful relationship.



- **Amount:** The au pair receives monthly pocket money equivalent to 1/5 of the minimum social wage. This amount is adjusted according to indexation.
- **Use:** This money is intended to cover the au pair's personal expenses (outings, transport, small pleasures, etc.).
- **Payment:** Ideally, the money should be transferred into a bank account in the au pair's name. If this is not possible, a dated and signed receipt from both parties should be issued to avoid misunderstandings.



WHAT THE HOST FAMILY MUST PROVIDE

In addition to pocket money, the family is committed to:

- Providing accommodation and daily meals.
- OEnrolling the au pair in a language course.
- Registering the au pair with social security (CCSS) so they are covered by health insurance.
- Taking out civil liability insurance.



WORKING HOURS AND TASKS

- **Working Time:** The au pair may work up to 25 hours per week, no more. Overtime is not allowed, even if requested.
- Main Tasks: Looking after the children (watching them, taking them to school, playing with them, helping with homework, etc.).
- Light Household Tasks Related to the Children: Ironing their clothes, preparing simple meals, doing small errands, tidying their rooms.

SOME IMPORTANT RULES TO REMEMBER



- Pocket money is a for of compensation, not a salary.
- Tasks and schedules must be clearly defined in advance to avoid misunderstandings.
- Overtime is not permitted, even with mutual agreement.
- Compliance with the law is essential for a smooth and enjoyable experience on both sides.
- The au pair's pocket money cannot be deducted from taxes.



Before the stay begins, take the time to discuss all these points together. Good communication and respect for the rules are the foundation for a rewarding and enriching experience for both the au pair and the host family.

For more information, you can consult the **Law of 18 February 2013 on young au pairs** directly.

