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Parental leave in Austria is:

- € 1342
- 28 months
- Share 50% (between parents)

7 % of women and 11 % of men in employment are not eligible for parental leave.

This factsheet is based on an eligibility study of how many women and men aged 20-49 would be eligible for parental leave if they had a child in 2017 and the reasons behind their non-eligibility.⁽¹⁾

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- ✓ Employees
- ✗ Self-employed
- ✓ Same-sex parents
- ✗ Non-citizens⁽²⁾ (except asylum seekers)

In the EU-28⁽³⁾:

- 15 countries restrict access to employees with short working duration before birth (not Austria)
- The self-employed are not eligible in 10 countries (including Austria)
- 11 countries do not allow access for same-sex parents (not Austria)
- 19 countries limit access to refugees or asylum seekers (including for access for asylum seekers in Austria)

In Austria, self-employment is the only employment-related reason for non-eligibility for parental leave.

Gender	Eligible for parental leave	Not eligible for parental leave
Women	89.2%	10.8%
Men	88.9%	11.1%

Reasons for non-eligibility for parental leave:

- Self-employment
- Not eligible for parental leave

(1) Reasons for non-eligibility include refugees and asylum seekers when they apply for inclusion in the allocation system (reasons for eligibility).
 (2) Women share categories: non-dimensional and non-EU/EEA citizens, EU country residents, refugees and asylum seekers.
 (3) The facts are dated before the 2017th European election.

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