# How to Get the RepairBONUS in Berlin: A Simple Step-by-Step Guide

#### Quick Overview:

Berliners, you can now get up to **€200** to repair your household electronics instead of throwing them away!

This is part of the new **ReparaturBONUS** program, initiated by the **Berlin Senate Department for the Environment, Mobility, Consumer and Climate Protection**, designed to **extend the life of your devices, reduce waste**, and **promote sustainability**.

Repairing your broken electronics not only saves you money but also helps the environment. **Repair Circle** is here to make the process even easier by **connecting you with local repair shops** in just a few clicks.

# Step-by-Step Guide to Claim Your RepairBONUS in Berlin:

1. Check Your Eligibility

- You must be a resident of Berlin and at least 18 years old.
- Only **individuals** can apply (businesses, organizations, and schools are **not eligible**).

#### 2. Repair Your Device

- Repairs must be carried out after the start of the **RepairBONUS program**, which launched on **September 17, 2024**.
- Eligible devices include electronic devices and household appliances. You can check the full **list of eligible devices** <u>here</u>.

#### 3. Get Your Invoice

- The repair must cost at least €75 (including VAT).
- Ensure that your invoice clearly shows:
  - Your full name ( same as in your bank account)
  - Date
  - Labor costs,
  - Spare parts,
  - **VAT**.
- All of these costs are eligible for funding.
- If you had repairs done at a **Repair Café**, you can be reimbursed **100% of the spare parts cost** (minimum spare part cost of €25), but donations to the café itself are not covered.

#### Important Note about Repair Cafés:

Most Repair Cafés in Berlin operate on a **donation basis**. While the **RepairBONUS program** covers **spare parts**, it **doesn't cover donations** for the service itself. Be generous when donating, as these volunteers give their time and skills to benefit the community.

You can find a list of Repair Cafés in Berlin here.

### 4. Apply Online

To apply for the RepairBONUS, follow these steps:

- Register and log in to the official application portal here.
- Complete the application form and upload all required documents, such as:
  - Your **invoice** for the repair,
  - **Proof of payment** (like a bank transfer receipt),
  - **Project information** (details about the repair).

Make sure to have all the required documents in a digital format to upload during the application.

## How to Use the Application Portal:

- **Applications are only accepted online**—you cannot submit applications via paper or email.
- We recommend using Mozilla Firefox or Google Chrome to avoid technical issues.
- You can easily **upload and edit** your application and documents in the system at any time.
- Communication about your application will also be handled through the portal. You may be asked for **additional documents** during the review process, so keep an eye on your email.

#### Steps in the Online Application Process:

- 1. **Information about the Grant Recipient**: Fill in your personal details as the applicant. (verify with your passport or residence permit, along with your anmeldung document)
- 2. **Account Name**: Provide your bank account details for reimbursement. This requires you to take a picture of the card and upload.
- 3. **Information about the Project**: Describe the repair and include details about the repair shop or café.
- 4. Proof of Payment: Attach your invoice and proof of payment.
- 5. **Submission**: Review everything and submit your application.

## 5. Get Paid

- If your application is approved, the RepairBONUS will reimburse **50% of your repair costs**, up to **€200**.
- The reimbursement will be transferred directly to the bank account provided in your application.

• The grant amount will be paid out in one sum to the account specified by the applicant. The bank account must be in Germany.

## Important Information about Invoices & Proof of Payment:

- Your **invoice** must include:
  - Full names and addresses of both the service provider and recipient,
  - **Tax number** or **VAT ID** of the service provider,
  - Invoice date and service period,
  - Itemized list of services and parts, with tax and total cost.
- For **proof of payment**, you'll need to upload:
  - A **bank statement** showing the payment,
  - If using **PayPal** or a **credit card**, upload the relevant monthly account statement as well.

### How Repair Circle Can Help:

Not sure where to get your device fixed? **Repair Circle** helps you find the best local repair shops quickly, and you can even get a **free cost estimate** for your repair. We connect you with reliable technicians who specialize in your device.

#### Why Choose Repair Circle?

- Local connections: We work with trusted local repair shops.
- Free estimates: Unsure about the repair cost? Get a free repair quote before making any decisions.
- **Seamless process**: Just enter your device and issue, and we'll do the rest, connecting you with the most suitable repair professionals.

## Let's Make a Difference Together

By choosing to **repair instead of replace**, you can help **reduce e-waste**, extend the life of your devices, and contribute to a more sustainable future. **Tag someone** who might benefit from this!

Apply for the RepairBONUS: Official Portal

Check Eligible Devices: Full Device List

<sup>🔧</sup> Get a Free Repair Quote Now: Repair Circle

# **Checklist for RepairBONUS Application**

- 1. Proof of Eligibility:
  - Berlin residency (Must be 18 years or older).
  - Personal information such as name, address, and email.
  - Passport, residence permit and Anmeldung.

## 2. Repair Invoice with VAT:

- Full **names and addresses** of the company providing the repair service and the service recipient.
- The company's tax number or VAT identification number.
- Date of issue of the invoice.
- **Invoice number** and description of the service provided.
- **Cost breakdown**: Labor, spare parts, VAT, and total sum.
- Applicable tax rate clearly mentioned.
- 3. Proof of Payment:
  - **Bank statement** or detailed printout from online banking showing:
    - Bank and **account holder's** information.
    - **IBAN**, booking date, recipient's name, invoice number, and the exact amount paid.
  - For **PayPal** or similar services, provide a **monthly statement** and a detailed view of the relevant payment transaction.
  - If payment was made via credit card, you'll also need the credit card statement and proof of the debit from your current account.