

Studying with support from Keva

If your earlier training and employment history does not equip you to switch to a job suited to your health, Keva can compensate you for pursuing additional education or re-training.

What to take into account in planning studies

Compensation in rehabilitation within the earnings-related pension system is only available for a single qualification. Consequently, Keva will not provide support for the completion of two separate qualifications even when the qualifications together constitute a study module suited to your particular needs. Priority is given to publicly provided education and training that is free of charge.

Keva will not pay compensation for the completion of basic or general education. Only vocational education and education leading to a qualification qualify you for support.

Applying for education

The application for education should be filed in the context of general education application procedures, as no places in education are specifically set aside for vocational rehabilitation customers. Keva will not compensate for expenses arising from eventual entrance examinations. You should discuss your plan of education with a rehabilitation specialist at Keva before submitting your application to ensure that the education you intend to pursue qualifies you to receive support from Keva.

Apprenticeship training

You should consult your local apprenticeship office to learn about apprenticeship training opportunities and also discuss the matter with your employer. Once a suitable apprenticeship position is located, the apprenticeship contract should be prepared in conjunction with the employer and the local apprenticeship office. The apprenticeship office will be responsible for sourcing the theoretical knowledge instruction required.

The employer will conclude a fixed-term employment contract with you for the duration of the apprenticeship training and pay you the salary specified in the contract. Keva's rehabilitation benefit is paid to the employer for the duration of the apprenticeship training. The employer is required to pay your salary also for periods of theoretical knowledge instruction.

Blended learning programmes

Blended learning programmes take place in multiple learning environments and provide adults with a flexible means of completing a vocational qualification alongside work. Support may be provided for education in blended learning programmes when the studies are full-time or if practical training

is pursued alongside the studies. If the programme only requires infrequent days of onsite training, you should discuss the programme with Keva's rehabilitation specialist.

Once you have been accepted

The rehabilitation application or the rehabilitation plan application provided to you with a preliminary decision on right to rehabilitation issued to you earlier should be returned to Keva along with a copy of your acceptance notice. If you have been accepted into apprenticeship training, please enclose with the rehabilitation plan application returned by you to Keva also a copy of your apprenticeship contract and the employment contract concluded for the duration of the apprenticeship when the details of the employment contract are not included in the apprenticeship contract.

The application processing time is approximately two weeks.

Rehabilitation benefits

The rehabilitation allowance or rehabilitation increment is only payable for the duration of active rehabilitation. You will be issued a decision on the rehabilitation allowance or rehabilitation increment once you have returned the start of studies notification to Keva after your studies have started.

In apprenticeship training the rehabilitation benefit is paid to the employer. When the rehabilitation allowance is higher than the salary, Keva will pay the difference to you.

While you are receiving rehabilitation benefit, you may earn a maximum of 743.84 euro per month (level in 2016) without your earnings having an effect on the payment of the benefit. The income limit may also be higher depending on the standard earnings used to calculate the rehabilitation benefit. Employment may not hamper your studies, however.

Other items of note

When you are issued a favourable education decision, you will also be provided with a letter of instructions for students that is available on Keva's website as well. Keva also sends an information letter to its students twice annually before the start of each term.