



Moving with Confidence

Your step-by-step guide to applying for relocation support from the **BARMER Care Fund** — financial assistance designed for individuals with recognised care grades (1–5) who need a safer, more accessible home.

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Navigating care fund applications can feel overwhelming. This guide breaks the process into clear, manageable steps — from understanding your eligibility to receiving written approval and completing your move with confidence.

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Understanding the BARMER Care Fund

The BARMER Care Fund exists to ensure that people with care needs can live safely and independently — or receive care more effectively — in a home that truly works for them.



What Is the BARMER Care Fund Relocation Support?

The BARMER Care Fund provides targeted subsidies to individuals with officially recognised care needs. These subsidies fund **housing adjustments or relocations** that meaningfully improve the individual's living environment.

Whether you need to move to a fully barrier-free flat or adapt your existing home with ramps, widened doorways, or accessible bathrooms, the BARMER Care Fund can help cover the costs — so that financial barriers do not stand between you and a safer home.

The Core Aim

To create a living environment that either **restores self-sufficiency** or makes **caregiving more manageable** — improving quality of life for both the individual and their carers.

Who Is Eligible?

Eligibility is straightforward: any person with a **recognised care grade (Pflegegrad 1 to 5)** may apply. The key condition is that the planned move or modification must fulfil at least one of the following criteria:



Enable Caregiving

The new home or modification makes it possible for a carer to provide necessary support



Significantly Ease Caregiving

The change substantially reduces the physical or logistical burden on caregivers



Restore Independent Living

The relocation or adaptation allows the individual to manage daily life with greater autonomy

📌 Care Grade 1 is included — even those with the lowest recognised grade are fully eligible to apply, provided the above conditions are met.

Chapter 2

Financial Support Available

The 2025 care reform brought significant improvements to the subsidy amounts available — ensuring meaningful financial relief for those who need it most.



How Much Can You Receive?

Following the **2025 care reform**, the BARMER Care Fund increased its maximum subsidy amounts. Here is what eligible individuals and households can expect:

€4,180

Per Person

Maximum subsidy available per eligible individual with a recognised care grade

€16,720

Per Household

Combined maximum for households where multiple members have care needs

1–5

Care Grades Covered

All five officially recognised Pflegegrade are eligible for this support

What Costs Are Covered?

The subsidy is designed to cover **costs directly related to improving the living environment**. Eligible expenses generally fall into the following categories:



Moving Expenses

Professional removal services, packing materials, and transportation costs associated with relocating to a more suitable home.



Barrier-Free Modifications

Structural adjustments such as ramps, widened doorways, stair lifts, and accessible bathroom conversions to enable independent living.



Other Necessary Adjustments

Additional adaptations that improve accessibility or caregiving conditions, subject to individual approval by the BARMER Care Fund.

 **Important:** Costs incurred *before* receiving written approval from BARMER will not be reimbursed. Always apply first.

Multiple Household Members

Good News for Families

If more than one person with care needs lives in the same household, **each individual may submit a separate application**. The subsidies stack, up to the household maximum of **€16,720**.

How It Works in Practice

For example, a household with two care-grade-recognised members could potentially receive up to €8,360 per person — totalling the full household cap. Each application is assessed on its own merits, and both must meet the eligibility conditions independently.

There is no specific limit on the number of times you may apply over your lifetime, provided each application meets the current eligibility criteria.

Chapter 3

The Application Process

Applying for BARMER Care Fund relocation support involves four clearly defined steps. Follow them in order — and always secure approval *before* you move.



Overview: Four Steps to Funding



Each step builds on the last. Skipping ahead — particularly moving before receiving written approval — risks losing your entitlement to reimbursement. Take the process one stage at a time.

Submit Your Application

Begin by completing the official **Application for Housing Environment Improvement** (*Antrag auf Wohnumfeldverbesserung*). In some cases, a detailed written request may suffice — but it must contain all the necessary information to support your case.

Your Application Must Include:

- A clear explanation of why the relocation or modification is necessary
- Photos documenting current barriers or accessibility challenges in your home
- Relevant medical or care-related documentation supporting your request

Submit directly to BARMER before taking any action related to your move or modification. The official application form is available on the BARMER website.

- 📌 **Tip:** Be as specific as possible in your justification. The more clearly you explain the impact of current barriers on daily life, the stronger your application.

Obtain a Professional Cost Estimate

A formal cost estimate from a **qualified service provider** is a mandatory part of your application. This document gives BARMER the financial basis to assess and approve your request.

Choose a Specialist

Select a moving company or contractor with proven experience in barrier-free or care-fund-supported relocations. Generic providers may not understand the documentation requirements.

What the Estimate Should Cover

The quote must itemise all relevant costs — removal services, adaptation work, materials — so that BARMER can evaluate each component against eligible expense categories.

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Butler Umzüge GmbH specialises in BARMER-financed relocations and provides detailed, application-ready cost estimates — **free of charge within Berlin.**



STEP 3 OF 4

Wait for Written Approval

What Happens During Review?

Once your application is submitted, the BARMER Care Fund will evaluate its necessity. They may also determine whether **other benefit providers** — such as accident insurance or pension funds — should bear part of the costs before BARMER steps in.

You will be notified in writing once a decision has been reached. Only then may you proceed.

Plan Your Timeline Wisely

Processing times vary based on case complexity and the fund's current workload. **Apply well in advance** of your intended moving date to avoid delays. Do not sign rental contracts, book removal services, or begin any modifications until you hold written approval in hand.



STEP 4 OF 4

Proceed with Your Relocation

With written approval secured, you are ready to move forward. This is the moment to coordinate with your chosen moving company and begin the relocation or modification as planned.

Stay Within Scope

Ensure all expenses align with the approved cost estimate to avoid reimbursement issues

Keep All Receipts

Retain invoices and proof of payment for every expense related to the approved move

Submit for Reimbursement

Once costs are incurred, submit documentation to BARMER promptly for reimbursement processing

Crafting a Strong Justification

Your written justification is one of the most important parts of your application. A compelling, well-structured explanation significantly improves your chances of approval. Here is what to address:

1 Describe Current Barriers

Explain in concrete terms what features of your current home make daily life difficult or unsafe — narrow corridors, steps, inaccessible bathrooms, or lack of space for caregiving equipment.

2 Explain the Impact on Daily Life

Detail how these barriers affect your independence, your ability to receive care, or your carer's ability to assist you effectively and safely.

3 Show How the Move Solves the Problem

Clearly connect the planned relocation or modification to the resolution of the issues described. Be specific about how the new home or adaptation will improve your situation.

Documents You Will Need

Prepare your paperwork carefully before submitting. Having everything in order will speed up the review process and reduce the risk of delays or requests for additional information.

1

Completed Application Form

The official BARMER Antrag auf Wohnumfeldverbesserung, or a detailed written request covering all required information

2

Written Justification

A clear explanation of why the move or modification is necessary, referencing your specific care needs and current barriers

3

Photographic Evidence

Photos of your current home illustrating the barriers or accessibility challenges that necessitate the move or adaptation

4

Professional Cost Estimate

A detailed, itemised quote from a qualified moving company or contractor experienced in care fund-supported relocations

Critical Reminder

Apply First. Always.

This cannot be overstated: **do not begin any relocation activities or home modifications before receiving written approval from BARMER.** Any costs incurred before approval is granted may be entirely ineligible for reimbursement — regardless of how valid your care needs are.

Chapter 4

How Butler Umzüge GmbH Can Help

Partnering with a specialist moving company can make the entire process significantly smoother — from preparing your application documents to completing your barrier-free move.



About Butler Umzüge GmbH

Butler Umzüge GmbH is a professional moving company based in Berlin with extensive, hands-on experience in care fund-supported relocations across Germany and Europe. They understand the specific documentation, timelines, and requirements of BARMER-financed moves — making them a trusted partner for individuals navigating this process.

Their team is trained to handle barrier-free relocations with the sensitivity and professionalism that individuals with care needs deserve.

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What Butler Umzüge GmbH Offers



Detailed Cost Estimates

Application-ready quotes that meet BARMER's documentation requirements — provided **free of charge for customers within Berlin.**



Specialist Barrier-Free Relocations

Tailored moving services for individuals with mobility needs, including careful handling of medical equipment and assistive devices.



Medical Support During Moves

Where needed, Butler Umzüge can coordinate medically supported relocations — ensuring the safety and comfort of individuals throughout the process.

Why Choose a Specialist Provider?

Not all moving companies understand the nuances of care fund applications. Choosing a specialist like Butler Umzüge GmbH offers distinct advantages throughout the process:

→ Application-Ready Documentation

Cost estimates are formatted precisely to meet BARMER's requirements — reducing the risk of requests for additional information that could delay your approval.

→ Tailored, Compassionate Service

Every move is planned around the individual's specific care needs — ensuring a safe, dignified, and well-organised relocation experience.

→ Experience with Care Fund Processes

Having handled numerous BARMER-financed moves, Butler Umzüge understands common pitfalls and how to avoid them — saving you time and stress.

→ No Travel Costs Within Berlin

For customers relocating within Berlin, no additional Anfahrt (travel) costs are charged — keeping your expenses within the approved budget.



Chapter 5

Frequently Asked Questions

Below are clear answers to the questions most commonly asked by applicants and their carers.

Who Qualifies and How Much Is Available?

Who qualifies for relocation support?

Any individual with a recognised care grade from 1 to 5 can apply, provided the planned move or modification enables caregiving, significantly eases it, or restores independent living. Care Grade 1 is fully included.

How much financial support is available?

As of the 2025 care reform: up to **€4,180 per person**. For households with multiple care-grade-recognised members, the combined maximum is **€16,720**. Each person's application is assessed independently.

Can family members in one household apply separately?

Yes. Each individual with care needs may submit their own application. Subsidies can be combined up to the household cap of €16,720. Both applications must independently meet the eligibility criteria.

Application Timing and Process

Can I apply after I've already moved?

No. Applications must be submitted and approved **before** any relocation or modification begins. Costs incurred prior to written approval are not eligible for reimbursement under any circumstances.

How long does processing take?

Processing times vary by case complexity and fund workload. There is no fixed timeframe. Apply **well in advance** of your planned move — ideally several weeks or months ahead.

What happens after I submit?

BARMER reviews your application for necessity and checks whether other benefit providers may be responsible. You will receive **written confirmation** before you are permitted to proceed.

Coverage and Eligible Expenses

Does the subsidy cover all moving costs?

The subsidy covers costs **directly related to improving the living environment**. This includes removal services, barrier-free modifications, and necessary accessibility adjustments. Specific coverage depends on individual approval — not all costs are automatically included.

Can I use this for home modifications instead of relocating?

Yes. The BARMER Care Fund supports both relocations and in-place home adaptations. Installing a ramp, widening doorways, converting a bathroom to accessible use — all of these qualify if they meet the eligibility conditions.

Can this subsidy be combined with others?

Potentially, yes. BARMER will first assess whether other benefit providers — such as accident insurance schemes or pension funds — bear any responsibility. Depending on your circumstances, multiple sources of support may be combined. Consult BARMER directly for guidance on your individual case.

Choosing Your Moving Company

You are free to choose any moving company for your BARMER-supported relocation. However, there are strong reasons to select one with specialist experience in care fund moves:

Any Company Is Permitted

BARMER does not restrict you to a pre-approved list of providers. You have full freedom of choice.



Specialists Are Recommended

Companies experienced in care fund moves — like Butler Umzüge GmbH — provide correctly formatted estimates and understand BARMER's requirements.



Accurate Documentation Matters

Incorrectly formatted cost estimates are one of the most common reasons for delays. A specialist provider reduces this risk significantly.

Geographic Scope and Application Limits

Are There Geographic Restrictions?

No explicit geographic limitations apply to this subsidy. The programme is available to eligible BARMER members across Germany. However, it is always advisable to confirm your specific situation with BARMER or a specialist provider.

Can I Apply More Than Once?

There is no fixed limit on the number of applications you may submit over your lifetime. Each application is assessed on its own merits. You must demonstrate that each new relocation or modification meets the eligibility criteria at the time of application.



Chapter 6

Enhancing Quality of Life Through Accessible Living

Beyond the practical and financial aspects, this programme represents something more meaningful — the opportunity to live with greater dignity, safety, and independence.

The Bigger Picture

For individuals with care needs, the home environment is not merely a backdrop to daily life — it is the foundation of safety, dignity, and wellbeing. Barriers in the home can limit independence, increase the risk of falls, and place additional physical strain on carers.

The BARMER Care Fund's relocation support recognises this reality. By investing in accessible living, it enables individuals to remain active participants in their own lives — and supports carers in providing effective, sustainable help.

A well-adapted home can reduce reliance on institutional care, support longer periods of independent living, and improve emotional wellbeing for both the individual and their family.

The financial assistance available through BARMER is not just a subsidy — it is an investment in quality of life that pays dividends for everyone involved.

Benefits of a Barrier-Free Home



Greater Independence

Barrier-free design allows individuals to move through their home safely and freely — reducing dependence on others for everyday tasks.



Easier Caregiving

Accessible layouts make it safer and less physically demanding for carers to provide assistance — protecting both the carer's and the individual's wellbeing.

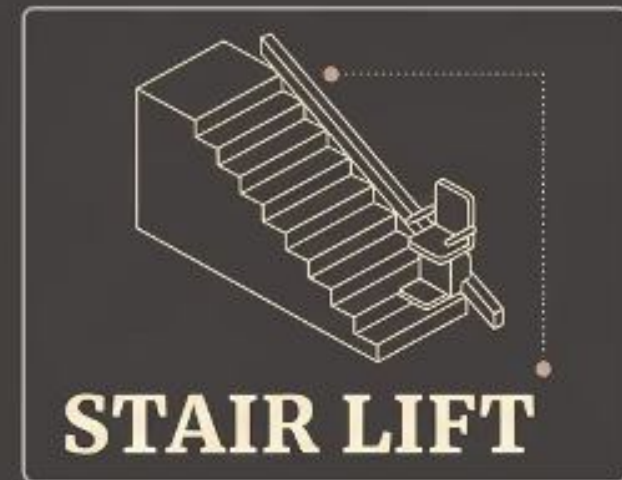
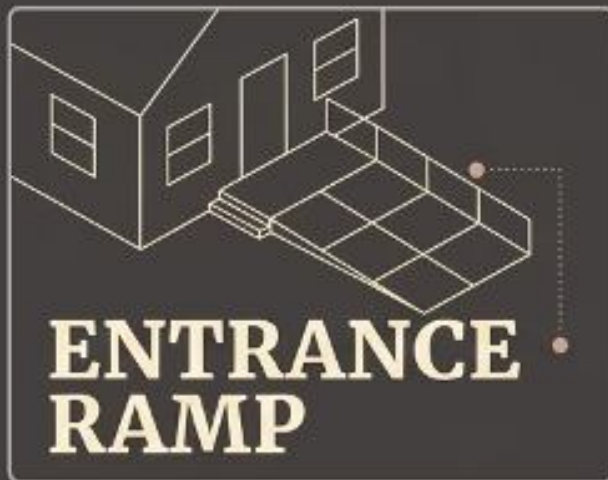


Improved Wellbeing

A home that fits one's needs promotes confidence, reduces anxiety, and contributes to a significantly better overall quality of life.

Common Types of Barrier-Free Modifications

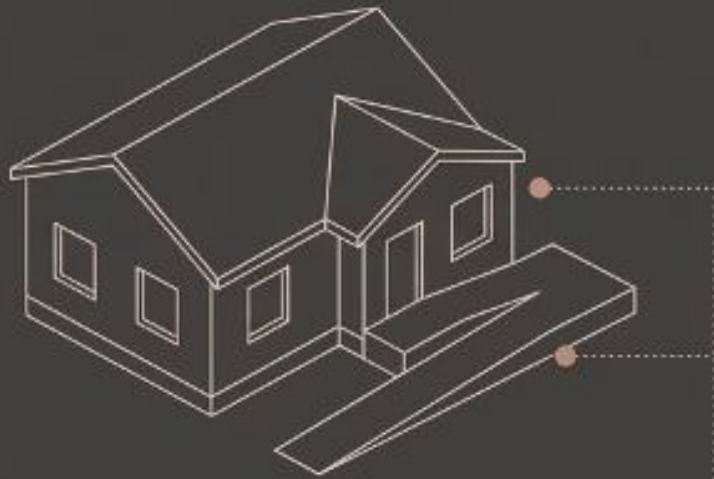
Not every applicant needs to relocate. Sometimes, adapting the existing home is the right solution. The BARMER Care Fund supports a wide range of in-home modifications:



Relocation vs. Home Modification — Which Is Right for You?

Both options are eligible for BARMER funding. The right choice depends on your individual circumstances, the extent of barriers in your current home, and your longer-term care needs.

Relocation



- Suitable when home cannot be adequately adapted
- Fully accessible design
- Fresh start, but higher upfront costs

Home Modification



- Adapt property to make it accessible
- Less disruptive, preserves familiar environment
- Community connections

Discuss your options with your carer, GP, or a specialist provider like Butler Umzüge GmbH before deciding which route to pursue.

Chapter 7

Key Takeaways

A summary of the most important points to carry forward as you begin your application journey.



What You Need to Remember

Apply Before You Act

Submitting and receiving written approval before any relocation or modification begins is the single most critical rule. There are no exceptions — costs incurred before approval are not reimbursed.

Significant Funding Is Available

Up to €4,180 per person and up to €16,720 per household following the 2025 care reform — amounts that can meaningfully offset the costs of a move or adaptation.

All Care Grades Are Eligible

Whether you hold Care Grade 1 or Care Grade 5, you are entitled to apply. The programme is designed to serve the full spectrum of care needs.

Specialists Make It Easier

Partnering with an experienced provider like Butler Umzüge GmbH ensures your cost estimates and documentation meet BARMER's requirements from the outset.

Your Next Steps



Contact Butler

Gather Docs

Submit
BARMER

Await
Approval

Proceed Move

Start with a free, no-obligation consultation with Butler Umzüge GmbH to understand your options and get the documentation you need to submit a strong application to BARMER.

Useful Resources

The following resources will support you throughout the application process:

BARMER Application Form

Download the official *Antrag auf Wohnumfeldverbesserung* directly from the BARMER website to begin your application.

[Download Application Form →](#)

BARMER Service Page

Visit the official BARMER service page for up-to-date information on housing environment improvement support and to find contact details for your local office.

[BARMER Service Page →](#)

Butler Umzüge GmbH — BARMER Moves

Learn more about Butler Umzüge's specialist services for BARMER-financed relocations and request your free cost estimate.

[Butler Umzüge BARMER Page →](#)

Ready to Take the First Step?

You do not have to navigate this process alone. Butler Umzüge GmbH is here to guide you from the very first enquiry through to a safe and successful move into a home that truly works for you.

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