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Data protection: Membership data will only be used as defined by the statutes. My personal data will be collected, processed and used by IG Metall and its trade union shop stewards in compliance with the data protection provisions of the EU General Data Protection Regulation (EU-GDPR) and the Federal Data Protection Act in order to set up and administer

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For the metal and electrical industry in North Rhine-Westphalia

According to the collective bargaining agreement of the IG Metall for the metal and electrical industry in North Rhine-Westphalia, jobs in the field of engineering are usually classified in pay groups **12 to 14.** This is based on the work task described for these pay groups. The specific requirements of the job are decisive for the classification. The 35-hour week applies. The individual regular weekly working time can be extended to up to 40 hours for individual employees - but only if the employee concerned agrees to the extension of working time. They are then entitled to the pay corresponding to the respective working hours.



Entgeltgruppe 13 (Pay Group Level) Valid from 2025	up to the 18th month of employment	after the 18th month of employment	after the 36th month of employment
Average monthly salary until March = incl. 10% performance bonus	5,287.00 €	5,597.00 €	6,219.00 €
Collectively agreed monthly salary from April = incl. 10% performance bonus on average.	5,392.00 €	5,710.00 €	6,343.00 €
One-off payment in February	600.00€	600.00€	600.00€
Additional pay B in February	580.00€	580.00€	580.00€
Additional pay A (27.5%) in July	1,483.00 €	1,570.00 €	1,744.00 €
T-money (18.4%) in July	992.00 €	1,051.00 €	1,167.00 €
Collectively agreed annual salary = incl. holiday allowance and christmas bonus* for a 35-hour week	73,274.00 €	78,092.00€	87,891.00 €
Collectively agreed annual salary = incl. holiday allowance and christmas bonus* for a 40-hour week	83,654.00€	89,167.00 €	100,358.00€
Entgeltgruppe 13 (Pay Group Level) Valid from 2026	up to the 18th month of employment	after the 18th month of employment	after the 36th month of employment
Average monthly salary until March = incl. 10% performance bonus	5,392.00€	5,710.00 €	6,343.00 €
Collectively agreed monthly salary from April = incl. 10% performance bonus on average.	5,559.00€	5,887.00 €	6,540.00 €
Additional pay B in February	847.00 €	847.00 €	847.00 €
Additional pay A (27.5%) in July	1,529.00 €	1,619.00 €	1,799.00 €
T-money (18.4%) in July	1,023.00 €	1,083.00 €	1,203.00 €
Collectively agreed annual salary = incl. holiday allowance and christmas bonus* for a 35-hour week	74,998.00€	79,961.00 €	90,044.00€
Average monthly salary until March for a 40-hour week = incl. 10% performance bonus on average.	6,162.00 €	6,526.00€	7,249.00 €
Average monthly salary from April for a 40-hour week = incl. 10% performance bonus on average.	6,353.00 €	6,728.00 €	7,474.00 €
Additional pay B in February	968.00 €	968.00€	968.00€
Additional pay A (27.5%) in July	1,747.00 €	1,850.00 €	2,055.00 €
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T-money (18.4%) in July	1,169.00 €	1,238.00 €	1,375.00 €

<sup>\*</sup>Special payments (e.g. Christmas bonus) depend on the length of service. The tables refer to the shortest period of employment.

Entgeltgruppe 14 (Pay Group Level) Valid from 2025	up to the 12th month of employment	after the 12th month of employment	after the 24th month of employment	after the 36th mont of employment
Average monthly salary until March = incl. 10% performance bonus	6,005.00€	6,381.00 €	6,757.00 €	7,509.00 €
Collectively agreed monthly salary from April = incl. 10% performance bonus on average.	6,125.00 €	6,509.00€	6,892.00 €	7,659.00 €
One-off payment in February	600.00€	600.00€	600.00€	600.00 €
Additional pay B in February	580.00€	580.00€	580.00€	580.00 \$
Additional pay A (27.5%) in July	1,684.00 €	1,790.00 €	1,895.00 €	2,106.00 =
T-money (18.4%) in July	1,127.00 €	1,198.00 €	1,268.00 €	1,409.00 \$
Collectively agreed annual salary = incl. holiday allowance and christmas bonus* for a 35-hour week	83,072.00€	88,856.00€	94,705.00 €	105,879.00
Collectively agreed annual salary = incl. holiday allowance and christmas bonus* for a 40-hour week	94,855.00€	101,468.00€	108,153.00€	120,923.00 \$
Entgeltgruppe 14 (Pay Group Level) Valid from 2026	up to the 12th month of employment	after the 12th month of employment	after the 24th month of employment	after the 36th mont of employment
Average monthly salary until March = incl. 10% performance bonus	6,125.00 €	6,509.00€	6,892.00€	7,659.00 =
Collectively agreed monthly salary from April = incl. 10% performance bonus on average.	6,315.00 €	6,711.00 €	7,105.00 €	7,896.00 \$
Additional pay B in February	847.00 €	847.00 €	847.00 €	847.00 \$
Additional pay A (27.5%) in July	1,737.00 €	1,846.00€	1,954.00 €	2,171.00 \$
T-money (18.4%) in July	1,162.00 €	1,235.00 €	1,307.00 €	1,453.00 €
Collectively agreed annual salary = incl. holiday allowance and christmas bonus* for a 35-hour week	85,082.00€	91,035.00€	97,042.00€	108,540.00
Average monthly salary until March for a 40-hour week = incl. 10% performance bonus on average.	7,000.00€	7,439.00 €	7,877.00 €	8,753.00 €
Average monthly salary from April for a 40-hour week = incl. 10% performance bonus on average.	7,217.00 €	7,670.00€	8,120.00€	9,024.00 \$
Additional pay B in February	968.00€	968.00€	968.00€	968.00 \$
Additional pay A (27.5%) in July	1,985.00 €	2,109.00 €	2,233.00 €	2,482.00 \$
T-money (18.4%) in July	1,328.00 €	1,411.00 €	1,494.00 €	1,660.00 \$
Collectively agreed annual salary = incl. holiday allowance and christmas bonus* for a 40-hour week	97,234.00 €	104,042.00€	110,906.00€	124,045.00

<sup>\*</sup>Special payments (e.g. Christmas bonus) depend on the length of service. The tables refer to the shortest period of employment.







**SALARIES FOR ENGINEERS** 2025-2026

> IG METALL Nordrhein-Westfalen

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# **CURRENT SALARIES**

The earnings data for more than 60,000 engineers were analysed for this brochure, standardised to a working week of 38 hours.

The WSI's Lohnspiegel Database shows that employees in companies covered by collective agreements have a clear advantage: They get paid more!

## Advantage 1: Higher basic salaries with a collective agreement

The basic salaries for engineers are significantly higher in companies covered by collective agreements. Depending on the occupation, the difference is between 660 and 970 euros per month. Overall, there is a wage premium of 16 per cent with a collective agreement for engineering professions. New research findings show that managerial and other employees not expressly listed in collective agreements benefit from the higher pay levels in companies covered by collective agreements.



Salary levels in engineering professions	Typical gross monthly wages according to professional experience, in euros (full-time)			Salary plus in companies bound by collective agreements*		
Engineering Profession	career starters	5 years	10 years	20 years	in Euro	in %
Electrical engineer	4,730 €	5,450 €	6,050 €	6,800€	930 €	16%
Research and development engineer	4,860 €	5,610 €	6,260 €	7,120 €	950 €	16%
Machine construction engineer	4,640 €	5,300 €	5,910 €	6,740 €	970 €	18%
Project engineer	4,590 €	5,430 €	6,110 €	6,980€	900€	16%
Software engineer	4,560 €	5,320 €	5,900 €	6,580 €	660€	11%
Business engineer	4,780 €	5,580 €	6,350 €	7,420 €	950 €	16%
Total engineering professions	4,580 €	5,300€	5,890 €	6,650€	900€	16%

<sup>\*</sup> with 10 years of professional experience.

Note: Monthly salaries based on 38 hours per week (excluding special payments and overtime pay). Engineering professions as defined by the Federal Employment Agency, but excluding construction planning, architecture and land surveying professions.

Source: WSI-Lohnspiegel-Datenbank (REL 2-99) www.lohnspiegel.de

## **Advantage 2: Better prospects of regular** special payments with a collective agreement

In addition, the prospects for special payments are significantly better with a collective agreement. Without a collective agreement, only 40 per cent of engineers receive holiday allowance, compared to 75 per cent with a collective agreement. There is also a clear advantage when it comes to Christmas bonuses: 44 per cent receive these without a collective agreement, compared to 78 per cent with a collective agreement.

otal engineering professions				
without a collective agreement	with a collective agreement			
40%	75%			
44%	78%			
	a collective agreement 40%			

<sup>\*\*</sup> Holiday pay excluding public sector employees.

**Note:** Engineering professions as defined by the Federal Employment Agency, but excluding construction planning, architecture and land surveying profession.

**Source:** WSI-Lohnspiegel-Datenbank (REL\_2-99).

## Female engineers earn 8 percent less on average

According to calculations by the Federal Statistical Office, women in Germany earn 16 percent less than men. However, at an average of 8 percent, the gap between female engineers and their male colleagues is smaller than in many other professions. Across all professions, the adjusted gender pay gap is 6 percent for equal and equivalent jobs. Collective agreements create more reliability for female engineers and prevent arbitrariness on the part of employers.

Gender pay gap: women to men*	Gross monthly salary	
Engineering Profession	Euro	%
Electrical engineer	-400€	-7
Research and development engineer	-410 €	-7
Machine construction engineer	-330 €	-6
Project engineer	-400 €	-7
Software engineer	-490 €	-8
Business engineer	-530 €	-8
Total engineering professions	-490 €	-8

<sup>\*</sup> with 10 years of professional experience

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## **Working hours:** the basis for comparing salaries

In addition to the annual salary or the monthly salary, the individual regular working hours per week is an important calculation parameter for comparing salaries. To compare hourly salaries, we assume an average monthly working time of 4.35 weeks/month: Annual salary/(12 \* 4.35 \* workinghours per week) = hourly salary.

## Works council: the guardian of money & time

The works council monitors compliance with laws and collective agreements in the company. In accordance with the Works Constitution Act, it has substantial competences: It controls the classification into the correct pay group, has co-determination rights in the event of regrouping as well as in the scheduling and distribution of working hours.

The next works council elections will take place between March and May 2026. For a strong representation of your interests: Vote for the IG Metall team on the works council! All companies with at least five employees can elect a works council. We take care of this and provide support. You can get more information from your local IG Metall.

# **INCOME, WORKING HOURS, WORKING CONDITIONS:** A QUESTION OF POWER

Our experience in collective bargaining and in negotiations between the works council and company management shows: IG Metall and the works council often don't get very far with good arguments alone. Our success depends first and foremost on how strong we are and how much pressure we can put on employers. The more people are organised in IG Metall, the stronger our negotiating position and the more we can achieve for the employees. Therefore: Become a member of IG Metall!

### Useful Internet ressources

www.igmetall.de - Extensive information on labour and social law, co-determination, social and socio-political issues and the services of IG Metall (> english button). Collective agreement information on current collective agreements, pay group tables for our sectors (> Tarif). Everything about co-determination, labour law, health protection – and how we enforce good work together with the employees (> Im Betrieb).

www.itk-entgeltanalyse.igmetall.de - The the largest annual data survey in the ICT industry nationwide. A good guide for salary negotiations with valuable information on jobs and earning opportunities in the ICT sector.

www.i-connection.info - IG Metall network for employees and works councils from IT and engineering sectors.

www.metallrente.de - MetallRente is the pension scheme set up jointly by IG Metall and Gesamtmetall. Information on old-age provision, occupational disability, reduced earning capacity and care.

www.lohnspiegel.de - The free wage and salary check provides information on over 500 occupations. Compare your salary in just a few steps and get a personal evaluation!



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