

Financing adult learning database

Name of the instrument - Local language	Bildungsprämie
Name of the instrument - English translation	Continuing education grant
Scheme ID	52
Country	 Germany
Reporting year	2020
Type of instrument	Grant for individuals
Sub-type of instrument	Cost-related support
Type of entry	Single instrument

Short description	Individuals receive State-funded contributions to their costs for education and training. Specific groups defined by their status of vulnerability who are defined by being employed 15 hours or more per week, having an income of a maximum of EUR 20 000 per year (individual) or EUR 40 000 per year (household income) can apply for the grant. The eligible education and training activities include individual professionally related training. That means that the selected training measure for the participant must be relevant for his/her professional life - regardless of the current job. The co-funding share is 50% and max EUR 500 of the costs for training and education. No preferential treatment is applied. The scheme is governed by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research. The scheme can be used once in each calendar year.
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Level of operation	National
Name of a part of the country	Not applicable
Name of the region (for regional instruments)	Not applicable
Name of the sector (for sectoral instruments)	Not applicable
Relevance	Key instrument

Legal basis	Richtlinie zur Förderung von Prämiengutscheinen und Beratungsleistungen im Rahmen des Bundesprogramms Bildungsprämie
Objective(s) and target(s)	To support working persons who want to further improve their chances in their professions - especially those who previously could not bear the cost of training easily because of their low income.
Year of implementation	2008
Year of latest amendment	2017
Year of termination	2021
Operation/management	The scheme is governed by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research. The funding is based on the financial resources available in the framework of the ESF-funding period 2014-2020. Contributions to training providers who accept these vouchers are granted through project funding as a proportion of funding for further training or testing. The grant is 50% of the course fees up to a maximum amount of 500 per voucher.
Eligible group(s)	Less than 15 hours employed per week, income not above EUR 20 000 per year per individual or EUR 40 000 per year per household
Group(s) with preferential treatment	No preferential treatment
Education and training eligible	Education and training corresponding to professional interests of the applicant, not necessarily related to the current job.
Source of financing and collection mechanism	Public funding: Federal budget (50% of public support) European Social Fund (50% of public support)
Financing formula and allocation mechanisms	Public funding: 50% of eligible costs up to a maximum amount of 500 per voucher. Allocation: Contributions to training providers who accept these vouchers are granted through project funding as a proportion of funding for further training or testing. Vouchers can be reimbursed only after completion of the training.
Eligible costs	Fees
Volumes of funding	EUR 3 406 962 in 2017 EUR 4 437 620 in 2016 EUR 7 320 769 in 2015
Beneficiaries/take up	17 405 in 2017 14 368 in 2016 19 124 in 2015
Organisation responsible for monitoring/evaluation	Not applicable
Monitoring/evaluation reports available	KANTAR, fbb, IAW, 2019, Evaluation des Bundesprogramms Bildungsprämie (BiP) - Endbericht https://www.bibb.de/dokumente/pdf/BiP_Evaluation_Endbericht_final.pdf

Most relevant webpage - in English	Not available
Most relevant webpage - local language	http://bildungspraemie.info
Recent changes	<p>2017; age limit was removed; re-use each year is possible now. provide access to a larger group of beneficiaries</p> <p>Recent changes in response to COVID-19</p> <p>No changes</p>
Sources	<p>http://bildungspraemie.info/</p> <p>Richtlinie zur Förderung von Prämiengutscheinen und Beratungsleistungen im Rahmen des Bundesprogramms „Bildungsprämie“ (Federal Ministry of Education and Research: Directive on the promotion of education vouchers and advisory services under the federal program "education bonus"), https://www.bildungspraemie.info/_medien/downloads/BiP_RiLi_Ph3.pdf</p> <p>https://www.bibb.de/dokumente/pdf/BiP_Evaluation_Endbericht_final.pdf</p>