

Financing adult learning database

Name of the instrument - Local language	Nordrhein-Westfalen: Bildungsscheck
Name of the instrument - English translation	North Rhine-Westphalia: education cheque
Scheme ID	56
Country	 Germany
Reporting year	2020
Type of instrument	Grant for companies
Sub-type of instrument	Support for direct costs
Type of entry	Example for a group of instruments

Short description	Employers with less than 250 employees in North Rhine-Westphalia can apply for the state funded grant (voucher system). Only job-related education and training activities are eligible. The grant is co-financed by the ESF. The co-funding share is 50% of the costs for education and training (max 500 EUR). There is no preferential treatment. Re-use is possible each calendar year. An employer can receive up to ten voucher per year (yet not more than one per employee). A corresponding voucher is available for individuals.
Short description of the related instruments	Not applicable

Level of operation	Regional
Name of a part of the country	Not applicable
Name of the region (for regional instruments)	North Rhine-Westphalia
Name of the sector (for sectoral instruments)	Not applicable
Relevance	Key instrument
Legal basis	Arbeitnehmerweiterbildungsgesetz Nordrhein-Westfalen (Act on further training for employees North Rhine-

	Westphalia)
Year of implementation	2006
Year of latest amendment	2020
Operation/management	Government body involved: Ministry for Labour, Integration and Social Affairs in North Rhine Westphalia
Eligible group(s)	Employers with less than 250 employees and employees with an income between EUR 20 000 and EUR 40 000; self-employed and people re-entering the labour market
Group(s) with preferential treatment	No preferential treatment
Education and training eligible	Education and training related to the current (or future) profession.
Source of financing and collection mechanism	Länder's budget and ESF
Financing formula and allocation mechanisms	Public co-funding: 50% of eligible costs; max. value of a voucher EUR 1 000 (i.e. up to EUR 500 public co-funding); a company may receive max. 10 vouchers in a calendar year. The voucher is provided to the learner before training takes place. Training institution receives money upon completion of the course.
Eligible costs	Fees
Volumes of funding	Not available
Beneficiaries/take up	Not available
Organisation responsible for monitoring/evaluation	Not available
Most relevant webpage - in English	Not available
Most relevant webpage - local language	https://www.weiterbildungsberatung.nrw/finanzierung/bildungsscheck/indi...
Recent changes	2020, slight adaption of the eligibility criteria Recent changes in response to COVID-19 Advisory service is available online / phone
Sources	https://www.weiterbildungsberatung.nrw/foerderung/bildungsscheck/betrie... https://www.weiterbildungsberatung.nrw/foerderung/bildungsscheck/faq