

Financing adult learning database

Name of the instrument - Local language	BAFöG (Basisausbildungsförderungsgesetz)
Name of the instrument - English translation	Federal Training Assistance Act (BaFöG)
Scheme ID	230
Country	 Germany
Reporting year	2020
Type of instrument	Grant for individuals
Sub-type of instrument	Lump-sum support
Type of entry	Single instrument

Short description	<p>Individuals receive state-funded contributions to their costs for education and training. Nearly all groups of learners can apply for the grant. Personal conditions for entitlement to a grant are German citizenship or residence status listed in § 8, the general suitability for the chosen training and the age limit of 30 years (35 years for master studies). The eligible education and training activities include nearly all kinds of training and education measures (e.g. secondary general education (e.g. primary, intermediate and comprehensive schools, high schools) from class 10, Vocational schools, Technical and specialized secondary schools, Higher technical schools and academies and Universities). Beneficiaries receive a lump sum based on the individual criteria. Training costs for which funding can be received can go up to a maximum amount of EUR 861. The share, as well as the maximum amount, do not differ for different groups. There is no limitation to re-use the grant.</p>
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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	Bundesgesetz über individuelle Förderung der Ausbildung (Bundesausbildungsförderungsgesetz - BAföG) in der Neufassung vom 07.12.2010 (BGBl. I S. 1952), geändert durch Art. 11 Abs. 3 G v. 22.11.2011 I 2258, Art. 1 G v. 6.12.2011 I 2569, Art. 19 G v. 7.12.2011 I 2592 und 8. Juli 2019 (BGBl. I S. 1048)
Objective(s) and target(s)	BAföG enables adolescents and young adults to complete an apprenticeship that corresponds to their suitability and inclination - even if their parents cannot finance this training.
Year of implementation	1971
Year of latest amendment	2019
Operation/management	The implementation of the Bafög is managed at regional level by so-called Studierendenwerke
Eligible group(s)	Personal conditions for entitlement to a grant are in principle the German citizenship or residence status listed in § 8, the general suitability for the chosen training and the age limit of 30 years (35 years for master studies).
Group(s) with preferential treatment	No preferential treatment
Education and training eligible	Secondary general education (e.g. primary, intermediate and comprehensive schools, high schools) from class 10 [§ 2 para. 1 no. 1 BAföG], Vocational schools, which do not require a completed vocational training, including classes of all forms of basic vocational training (e.g. "Berufsvorbereitungsjahr"), from class 10 [§ 2 para. 1 no. 1 BAföG], Technical and specialized secondary schools, which do not require completed vocational training [§ 2 para. 1 no. 1 BAföG], Vocational schools and technical schools, which do not require a vocational qualification as long as they provide a professional degree in an at least two-year training course [§ 2 para. 1 no. 2 BAföG], Technical and specialized secondary schools, that require a completed vocational training [§ 2 para. 1 no. 3 BAföG], Abendhauptschulen, Berufsaufbauschulen, Abendrealschulen, evening schools and colleges [§ 2 para. 1 no. 4 BAföG], Higher technical schools and academies [§ 2 para. 1 no. 5 BAföG], Universities [§ 2 para. 1 no. 6 BAföG].
Source of financing and collection mechanism	Federal budget
Financing formula and allocation mechanisms	Students at higher vocational schools, academies and universities receive the funding half as a grant and half as an interest-free government loan. The individually obtained trainees costs (specific requirements) are crucial for the funding, however, they cannot be determined individually due to the large number of applicants, but are calculated by the (abstract) requirements. It is oriented at the costs that a student typically requires for their

	<p>livelihood (food, shelter, clothing, etc.) and that they will need for their education (textbooks, travel expenses for training center etc.). The monthly rates are situated between EUR 216 and 670 . From this basis the own income and assets of the trainees as well as the imputed income of their spouse or registered partner and their parents is deduced.</p>
Volumes of funding	<p>Volume of funds disbursed for students decreased slightly in the last three years due to the decreasing number of students funded.</p>
Beneficiaries/take up	<p>Number of students funded decreased slightly in the last three years.</p>
Organisation responsible for monitoring/evaluation	<p>Federal Ministry of Education and Research</p>
Most relevant webpage - in English	<p>https://www.studentenwerk-karlsruhe.de/en/finanzen/bafoeg/</p>
Most relevant webpage - local language	<p>https://www.bafög.de/</p>
Recent changes	<p>2019; There is more funding for more students. With the BAföG reform on August 1, 2019, the group of people who can receive funding has expanded. The middle class in particular benefits from the improvements in the Federal Training Assistance Act (BAföG). For the 2019/2020 school year and the start of the 2019/2020 winter semester, the requirement rates rose. This includes a significant increase in housing supplements for people who do not live with their parents. The increases in the income tax allowances ensure that even more students receive BAföG. BAföG for schoolchildren is completely free. Improved loan terms make it easier for students to plan their entry into professional life after graduation. This allows young people to concentrate fully on their school education or studies.</p> <p>Recent changes in response to COVID-19</p> <p>In the event of delays in training due to pandemics or exams postponed after the end of the standard period of study, BAföG will continue to be granted for a reasonable period of time. The submission date for assessments has also been postponed.</p>
Sources	<p>https://www.xn--bafg-7qa.de/de/das-bafoeg-372.php</p> <p>https://www.bafoeg-rechner.de/</p> <p>https://www.destatis.de/DE/Themen/Gesellschaft-Umwelt/Bildung-Forschung...</p> <p>https://www.bmbf.de/files/21%20bafoeg%20bericht.pdf</p>