

Financing adult learning database

Name of the instrument - Local language	Bildungsgutschein
Name of the instrument - English translation	Education voucher
Scheme ID	349
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	Unemployed and employed people with risk of losing their job can apply for this training voucher covering 100% of course costs. No preferential treatment is applied. In addition, travel costs and other additional expenses can be funded. Funding is provided after mandatory counselling at the Federal Employment Agency, which decides on the funding on a case by case basis. The same person can apply for the scheme after a break of a particular period.
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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	§81 SGB III
Objective(s) and target(s)	Not available
Year of implementation	2003

Operation/management	The incentive is managed by the Federal Employment Agency. The support granted is decided on case by case basis.
Eligible group(s)	Unemployed and employed with risk of losing their job
Group(s) with preferential treatment	No preferential treatment
Education and training eligible	Any kind of training at a recognized training provider.
Source of financing and collection mechanism	Federal Employment Agency
Financing formula and allocation mechanisms	Beneficiaries receive funding to course fees, travel costs, accomodation and child care, depending on the status of the individual and the company size.
Eligible costs	100% funding of training costs, in certain cases also travel costs, accomodation and child care are eligible
Volumes of funding	Not available
Beneficiaries/take up	Not available
Organisation responsible for monitoring/evaluation	Federal Employment Agency
Most relevant webpage - in English	https://www.bmas.de/EN/Our-Topics/Initial-and-Continuing-Training/suppo... (English version of the website not updated)
Most relevant webpage - local language	https://www.bmas.de/DE/Themen/Aus-und-Weiterbildung/Weiterbildungsfoerd...
Recent changes	No recent amendment Recent changes in response to COVID-19 No changes
Sources	https://www.arbeitsagentur.de/karriere-und-weiterbildung/foerderung-ber... https://www.bmas.de/DE/Themen/Aus-und-Weiterbildung/Weiterbildungsfoerd... https://www.bbq.de/fragen-und-antworten-rund-um-den-bildungsgutschein/