

## Financing adult learning database

<b>Name of the instrument - Local language</b>	Nordrhein-Westfalen: Bildungsscheck
<b>Name of the instrument - English translation</b>	Northrhine-Westphalia: education cheque
<b>Scheme ID</b>	391
<b>Country</b>	 Germany
<b>Reporting year</b>	2020
<b>Type of instrument</b>	Grant for individuals
<b>Sub-type of instrument</b>	Cost-related support
<b>Type of entry</b>	Example for a group of instruments

<b>Short description</b>	<p>Employees with an annual taxable income between EUR 20 000 and EUR 40 000 as well as individuals re-entering the job market and self-employed, residents in North Rhine Westphalia can apply for the State-funded grant (voucher system). Employees in the public service are excluded from the scheme. The eligible education and training activities focus on defined professional qualifications and technical skills or key skills. The co-funding share is 50% of the costs for education and training (max EUR 500). The same applicant can use the scheme once in each calendar year.</p>
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<b>Level of operation</b>	Regional
<b>Name of a part of the country</b>	Not applicable
<b>Name of the region (for regional instruments)</b>	North Rhine Westfalia
<b>Name of the sector (for sectoral instruments)</b>	Not applicable
<b>Relevance</b>	Key instrument
<b>Legal basis</b>	Arbeitnehmerweiterbildungsgesetz Nordrhein-Westfalen (Act on further training for employees North Rhine Westphalia)
<b>Objective(s) and</b>	To promote the participation of employees in SMEs in

<b>target(s)</b>	continuing vocational training.
<b>Year of implementation</b>	2006
<b>Year of latest amendment</b>	2020
<b>Operation/management</b>	The grant is governed by the Ministry of Labour of North Rhine Westphalia. The regional agencies are responsible for the implementation, guidance, etc.
<b>Eligible group(s)</b>	Employees with an income between EUR 20 000 and 40 000; self-employed and people re-entering the labour market
<b>Group(s) with preferential treatment</b>	No preferential treatment.
<b>Education and training eligible</b>	Education and training for professional qualifications and technical skills or key skills
<b>Source of financing and collection mechanism</b>	Regional budget (the North Rhine-Westphalian Ministry of Labour) and ESF
<b>Financing formula and allocation mechanisms</b>	Public co-funding: up to 50% of eligible costs; max. value of a voucher 500; The voucher is provided to the learner before training takes place. Training institution receives money upon completion of the course.
<b>Eligible costs</b>	Fees
<b>Volumes of funding</b>	Not available
<b>Beneficiaries/take up</b>	Not available
<b>Most relevant webpage - in English</b>	Not available
<b>Most relevant webpage - local language</b>	<a href="https://www.mags.nrw/bildungsscheck">https://www.mags.nrw/bildungsscheck</a>
<b>Recent changes</b>	2020, slight adaptations of eligibility criteria  Recent changes in response to COVID-19  The mandatory advisory service does not need to be personal at the moment
<b>Sources</b>	<a href="https://www.weiterbildungsberatung.nrw/foerderung/bildungsscheck/indivi...">https://www.weiterbildungsberatung.nrw/foerderung/bildungsscheck/indivi...</a>