



**Dear Parent or Guardian,**

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to the various benefits in the areas of education and participation for children and young people as well as the differences between the berlinpass and the berlinpass-BuT.

Get an overview here, and make use of the benefits in the areas of education and participation that are available for your child/ your children.

**Differences between the berlinpass & the berlinpass-BuT**

	berlinpass	berlinpass-BuT
<b>Difference</b>	The berlinpass provides proof that social welfare benefits are being received in order to obtain benefits.	The berlinpass-BuT is the entitlement to make use of the benefits that are available in the areas of education and participation. It provides proof of the need for support and can be presented at schools, youth welfare offices and day care centres.
<b>How to make an application</b>	<p>Required documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Copy of the notification of social welfare benefits</li> <li>• 1 passport photo (please write your name on the back)</li> <li>• Personal ID document, for example, your identity card or passport, in the form of a copy</li> <li>• If applicable, substitute certificate (if no original is available)</li> </ul>	<p>The benefits are considered to have been applied for with the new and/or continued application for approval. All that is required is proof that the child attends a day care centre or a general school or vocational school (school certificate / Schulbescheinigung).</p>
<b>Eligible groups</b>	<p>The application is made at the Citizens' Registration Office (<i>Bürgeramt</i>).</p>	<p>Children and young people from families who receive unemployment benefit II, social benefit, social assistance, child benefit, housing benefit or benefits according to the Asylum Seekers' Benefits Act.</p> <p>The benefits are granted to children and young people until they reach the age of 25. This also includes children and young people attending general and vocational schools, as well as students at vocational schools (e.g. attendance at a sixth form college, OSZ) until the age of 25.</p> <p>Exception: apprentices who are in receipt of a training allowance do not receive benefits from the education package.</p>



<b>What benefits discounts are available?</b>	An overview of all the "possible uses" is available here: <a href="https://www.berlin.de/sen/soziales/soziale-sicherung/berlinpass/angebote/">https://www.berlin.de/sen/soziales/soziale-sicherung/berlinpass/angebote/</a> Examples include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Buying the <b>Sozialticket S</b>: With the berlinpass, you are entitled to buy the Berlin-Ticket S (fare zone AB) for 27.50 euros.</li> <li>• Museums, theatres, concerts, cinemas, swimming baths</li> <li>• Zoo, zoological garden, botanical garden</li> <li>• Libraries</li> <li>• Courses at a centre for adult education (<i>Volkshochschule</i>) or a school of music</li> </ul>
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**Irrespective of the berlinpass-BuT, other benefits are also available in the scope of education and participation.**

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The benefits are granted to children and young people until they reach the age of 25. This also includes children and young people attending general and vocational schools, as well as students at vocational schools (e.g. attendance at a sixth form college / OSZ), until the age of 25.

#### Exceptions:

- The benefits for partaking in culture, sport and leisure events can only be claimed up to the age of 18.
- Apprentices who are in receipt of a training allowance do not receive benefits from the education package.

#### **Benefits:**

#### Participation in trips that last several days and are offered by kindergartens and schools

To make use of this specific benefit, an application must be submitted to the Job Centre; the payment will then be made to the teacher or onto the school trip account upon presentation of the proof. Exception: if customers have already paid to take part in such a trip themselves, or if they have not yet been approved for benefits (including BuT), they are able to submit the proof of payment to the Job Centre, and the Job Centre will then pay the costs that are incurred in advance. The application for Alg II (unemployment benefit II) must have been submitted in advance.

#### Money to buy personal school equipment (for example, pens, binders, school folders)

The school certificate (e.g. *Schülerausweis I*) must be presented at the Job Centre at the start of the claim. The school equipment is then paid for automatically as an individual benefit in the form of a fixed amount every six months in August and February in each school year.

#### Culture, sports and leisure (for example, music lessons, courses at cultural institutions, membership of (sports) clubs, equipment)

The costs of membership/participation in community activities in the areas of sport, leisure, cultural education (for example, baby swimming/massage, music lessons, sports/cultural association, activities in the field of community cultural education). Upon presentation of the proof of participation (for example, the contract), a fixed amount of € 15 is paid per child/month for the duration of the period of the grant.

In addition, up to €15 per child/month can be provided for expenses for purchases of equipment and rental fees upon presentation of the invoice. Furthermore, in the case of travel costs to tournaments or performances outside fare zone AB, for example, up to €15 per child/month can be provided if proof is presented.

#### Other offers:

Families portal (<https://familienportal.de/familienportal/familienleistungen/bildung-und-teilhaben>)

Sport in Berlin – promotion of sports (<https://www.berlin.de/sen/innernes/sport>)

Sports clubs in Steglitz-Zehlendorf (<https://www.berlin.de/ba-steglitz-zehlendorf/politik-und-verwaltung/gaemter/schul-und-sportamt/sportar-tikei.84199.php>)

Reading book boxes (<https://librieo.de/>)

Free children's books from *Einfach vorlesen* of the Stiftung Lesen (<https://www.einfachvorlesen.de>)

#### School transport expenses

All students at a primary school, secondary school or grammar school (*Schülerausweis I*) are eligible to travel by bus and train free of charge in Berlin. Tickets are available online at [www.bvg.de](http://www.bvg.de).

School students who are holders of a *Schülerausweis II* (secondary schools, including sixth form colleges / OSZ) are eligible to have the costs of purchasing a Berlin-Ticket S reimbursed by the Job Center. After presenting your berlinpass, you will be given the Berlin-Ticket S from the BVG.

If you have any questions about the berlinpass-BuT or any other benefits in the area of education and participation, please do not hesitate to contact us,

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