

Your Guide to the Bildungsgutschein

What is the Bildungsgutschein?

If you are looking for work, threatened by unemployment or self-employed, you have a good chance of receiving an education voucher (Bildungsgutschein).

The Bildungsgutschein is administered by the federal employment agency (Bundesagentur für Arbeit) to cover course costs for people living and registered in Germany who fulfil certain eligibility criteria.

You might be eligible for the Bildungsgutschein if you meet one of the following requirements:

- You are unemployed
- You are at risk of losing your current job
- You need training to improve your chances of professional integration

How can you apply?

You need to **schedule an appointment with your local employment agency** (Jobcenter or Arbeitsamt). You can find your local agency here.

As an applicant **you can choose the training course** as well as the provider yourself. We are very proud that DataScientest is an approved provider to deliver training financed by the Bildungsgutschein since 2022!

Please note that there is no legal entitlement for the Bildungsgutschein, your agent will decide whether you are a suitable candidate.











What happens at the appointment?

You will have an appointment with an agent at the Jobcenter/Arbeitsamt to discuss your case. At the appointment you will have to explain why you want to take the training course with DataScientest and how it will improve your professional situation as well as your chances of finding a job.

Here are some questions your agent might ask you:

Which efforts have you made to find a job?

- Explain that you have tried to find a job but that you do not have the necessary skills.
- 💡 Bring a **list of job openings** that you have applied to, get feedback on why you have been rejected.
- 💡 You want to **demonstrate that further training is necessary** for you to succeed.

How do you envision your career trajectory evolving after completing this training program?

You want to explain how this training will help you get a job.

Is it a job in high demand on the labour market?

- 💡 There is a significant skill shortage in the German IT Industry.
- 💡 We recommend you to look at some job offers on job sites like LinkedIn, Stepstone or Indeed.
- 💡 You can bring a Screenshot or a copy of some suitable openings to the appointment.

Will you be able to complete the training successfully, is it too hard for you?

- 💡 Keep in mind that your agent wants to find the best solution for you and to succeed.
- Show them that you are motivated and committed to take the course.
- 💡 Having passed our placement test, you meet the prerequisites for your desired training course with us!

Next steps

After receiving your Bildungsgutschein from the Jobcenter/Arbeitsamt we will help you with the remaining steps.

Please send us a PDF of your Bildungsgutschein so we can draft a contract for you and get you started with the course!

Congrats on joining the DataScientest family!



Checklist for your appointment

- A copy of your passport or ID
- Proof of residence and registration

(Meldebescheinigung)

- Our offer letter for your training at DataScientest
- An up-to-date copy of your CV
- A list of job openings relevant to the course and job offers that you have applied to

