

Information for courses starting as of 1.4 2018

Learn German – it is worth it!

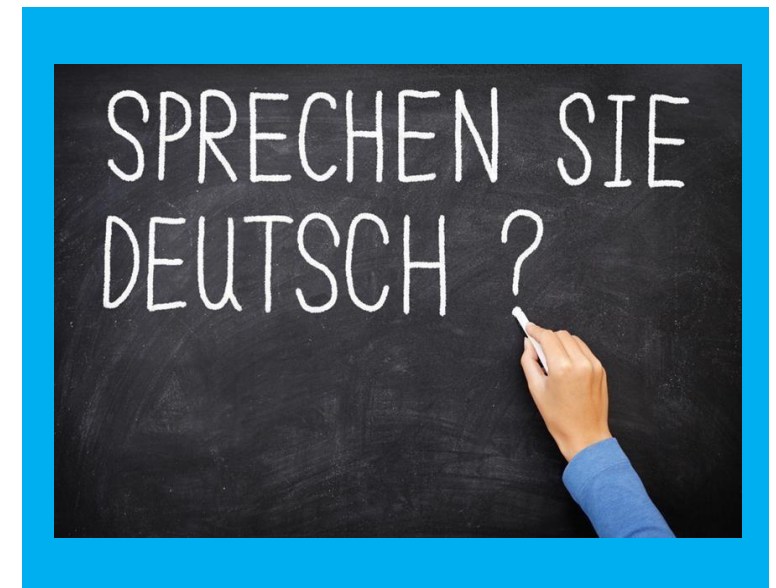
The federal government and the Canton support people resident in the Canton St. Gallen in visiting a literacy or German course up to level B1.

They are authorised to receive discounts of **up to 200 literacy and 200 German lessons**, if the following conditions are met:

- They have their place of resident in the Canton St. Gallen
- Their taxable income is below CHF 40,000.– for individuals or below CHF 55,000.– for couples and families
- For persons subject to withholding tax and persons without tax assessment, 75 percent of the gross annual income are calculated as taxable income.
- Their taxable income amounts less than CHF 50,000.–
- They own a foreigner's work permit B, C, L or Swiss citizenship
- Their courses are not paid by any other institution (e.g. social welfare office, AHV-IV pension service, RAV, SUVA, employer)
- They are obliged to attend the course at least 80 percent of the time
- Retrospectively, i.e. after a course has been finished, no discounts can be reimbursed.

In case you comply with these requirements and your application is accepted, the language school is entitled to issue an invoice with the discounted rate to you. The reductions can be used for different accredited German schools of the Canton.

Choose an [accredited school](#) from the list and fill out the [application](#) together with the language school to receive the course reductions. The school will forward this with your authorisation to the Office for Social Affairs. Additional information can be found on the website of the Canton at: www.deutschkurse.sg.ch.





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Procedure to receive preferential rates



1 Course participants (CPT) register at a school.

2 The CPT confirms towards the language school and the Office for Social Affairs (OSA) that the conditions are met.

3 The application is forwarded by the language school via email to the OSA.
→ Applications can be constantly submitted. However, this needs to be arranged before the course end is reached.
→ Only those applications are accepted, which are submitted by using the official application form of the OSA.

4 The application is checked by the OSA within three weeks (after receipt). The language schools are kindly asked to refrain from invoicing during these three weeks.
→ If the language school receives no information from the OSA via email during these three weeks (after receipt), the preferential rates are granted as applied for.
→ Retroactively, i.e. after a successfully finished course, no preferential rates can be requested.

5 The OSA reserves the right to check the stated information of the CPT and to request documents for this purpose.