

The Berlinpass-BuT: Benefits, Application and Renewal

What is the difference between the "berlinpass" and the "berlinpass-BuT"?

- The **berlinpass** offers discount access to activities of culture, sport and leisure to all eligible holders. The berlinpass can also be used at the BVG as Berlinticket "S".
- The **berlinpass-BuT**, which requires a separate application, offers children more benefits from the education and participation package for example, **Additional Learning at Schools (Förderkurse)** until the age of 25.

Who can receive the "berlinpass-BuT" and where is it available?

All people who have their permanent residence in Berlin and they or their parents receive one of the following benefits, are eligible for the "berlinpass-BuT":

- Unemployment benefits (ALG II) or social benefits via the Jobcenter.
- Social assistance via the Social Security Office (Sozialamt).
- Benefits according to the Asylum Seekers Benefits Act (AsylbLG) via the State Office for Refugee Affairs / LAF or the Social Security Office (Sozialamt).
- Housing assistance or child allowance through the Municipal Office (Bürgeramt).

Which documents are necessary for the initial application as well as the renewal of the "berlinpass-BuT"?

- If you are applying for the first time, please present a current **school certificate**, a **school contract** or a **student ID** as well as a **passport photo** of your child to the relevant authorities. When the services are extended, the berlin-pass-BuT is also automatically extended.
- If you are entitled to **housing assistance (Wohngeld)** or **child allowance (Kinderzuschlag)**, you must additionally fill out a **separate application** in order to receive the berlinpass-BuT, which can be found at www.intellego.de/but. After the approval's (Bewilligung) period has expired, all documents must be completed and submitted **again**.
- You can **apply for the berlinpass-BuT yourself** from the age of **16**. To do this, you need the proof of approval (Bewilligungsbescheid) - your own or that of your parents-, a passport photo and ID card.

Which special provisions apply due to the current Corona-Pandemic?

- **Attention:** only the berlinpass (**without BuT**) is automatically extended until 28.2.21.
- The **berlinpass-BuT** is, as customary, **only extended or issued** by the responsible authorities, **if and when the benefits are extended as well**. (These include as previously mentioned: ALG II, social assistance, social benefits, housing assistance, child allowance and benefits according to AsylbLG).

What to keep in mind when applying or renewing the Berlinpass-BuT.

- Applications for benefits and for the "berlinpass-BuT" can usually be sent **by mail** or directly dropped in the mailbox of the relevant authorities (Behörde). However, the approval renewal (Weiterbewilligung) of the ALG II can also be done online.
- When applying for benefits for the first time, please enclose a **school certificate** (Schulbescheinigung), a **school contract** (Schulvertrag), or your child's **student ID**.
- At the moment, it's not necessary to submit a passport photo.
- To be on the safe side, please enclose a **brief note** asking for a current berlinpass BuT to be issued.
- The **berlinpass-BuT** should then be sent to you together with the benefit approval (Leistungsbewilligung).
- Please let us know if you encounter any problems with **the application or renewal of the berlinpass-BuT**. We are happy to help.
- As an alternative to the berlinpass-BuT, you can send us a **copy of your proof of benefits (Leistungsbescheid) or proof of approval (Bewilligungsbescheid)** so that your child can continue to participate in Additional Learning classes.



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