

**Saarland Transport Association (saarVV) fare price reform as of July 1, 2021.
New concessionary monthly travel cards "Fair Ticket" and "Fair Ticket Plus"**

Dear transport users,

affordable travel is an essential aspect of social inclusion. For this reason, one of the aims of the Saarland public transport fare reform, which comes into practice on 1/7/2021, is to lower prices so that tickets are affordable for everyone, making travel accessible for all. The Saarland Ministry of Transport is investing up to 15 million euros per year to make this happen. The fare reform will introduce reduced-cost monthly travel cards for welfare benefit recipients in all districts and in the Saarbrücken Regionalverband area with the support of the Saarland Ministry of Transport. These monthly tickets "schlauVV Fair Ticket" and "schlauVV Fair Ticket Plus" entitle the holder to an unlimited number of journeys throughout Saarland using the saarVV network. There are two options to choose from; the Fair Ticket and the Fair Ticket Plus.

The **Fair Ticket** is valid from Monday to Friday **from 9am** on all buses and trains in Saarland. It is valid all day on Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays, i.e. even before 9am. The Fair Ticket costs **€29.00** as a **monthly travel card**. The Fair Ticket Plus is valid all day on all buses and trains in Saarland and costs **€39.00** as a **monthly travel card**.

Both tickets are priced below the amount foreseen for travel in social security provision. Social Welfare services issue entitlement certificates for the purchase of these concessionary monthly cards and a Fair Ticket or Fair Ticket Plus can only be bought by showing one of these. Entitled persons are those receiving benefits according to SGB II, SGB XII, AsylbLG and WoGG during the applicable authorised period, however this is limited to 1 year.

School children and apprentices are not eligible for the purchase of Fair Tickets. Separate season tickets are available to them, the costs of which can be reimbursed in the context of Education and Participation support provisions and Saarland student support legislation.

Please note that the ticket is only valid in conjunction with an entitlement certificate as well as a photo ID or electronic residence permit issued by a German authority or asylum seeker documentation.

The entitlement certificate is for **personal use only** and may not be passed on to others. If welfare benefits are stopped prematurely, your entitlement certificate will become invalid. The entitlement to purchase concessionary monthly travel cards will no longer apply.

To help you purchase a Fair Ticket, we have attached the entitlement certificate required for this purpose. The entitlement certificate can be renewed **on application** to your Social Welfare office if you continue to be entitled. The reference number / customer number printed on the entitlement certificate must be transferred onto the monthly travel card. Monthly travel cards without this information are invalid. This also applies if the entitlement certificate has expired. You can purchase a Fair Ticket or Fair Ticket Plus at transport service ticket sale points or at ticket machines. Many transport services in the saarVV also offer the option of buying a ticket from the bus driver.

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This entitlement certificate serves as proof / ID for the purchase of a reduced price monthly "Fair Ticket" or "Fair Ticket Plus" travel card

1. The entitlement certificate is for personal use only and may not be passed on to others.
2. The Fair Ticket and Fair Ticket Plus are only valid in conjunction with an entitlement certificate. Photo ID must also be presented upon request during checks. This must be in the form of a valid EU identity card, a German or international passport, an electronic residence permit issued by a German authority or an officially issued immigration document.
3. The reference number / customer number must be transferred onto the monthly travel card.

To create a convenient format for ticket purchase and ticket inspection, the entitlement certificate can be folded or cut along the marked lines. It is important that the information within the border is readable.

Entitlement certificate for purchasing a Fair Ticket / Fair Ticket Plus

Mr / Ms / Mx:

First name:
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Last name:
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Postcode, place of residence:
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Date of birth:

Reference number or customer number:
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Valid until: xx.yy.zzzz

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