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## Information on the switch to the VGN 365-euro ticket

On January 1, 2026, the district of Neustadt an der Waldnaab and the city of Weiden in der Oberpfalz will join the VGN (Greater Nuremberg Transport Association). The districts of Amberg-Sulzbach and Tirschenreuth are already part of the transport association.

Therefore, all students who have previously received tickets as part of the free school transport program will no longer receive a DeutschlandTicket (Germany Ticket) from January 2026 onwards, but rather the VGN 365-euro ticket.

## 1. How the 365-Euro Ticket Works

The 365-Euro Ticket consists of two parts: the network pass and the monthly value stamp with the network pass number printed on it.

Only both parts together constitute a valid VGN travel ticket.

The network pass can be applied for online at https://smaxi.vgn.de starting December 8, 2025. Students and/or their parents are responsible for applying. There are no costs involved. Students aged 16 and older can create their own account. Parents must register for younger students.

The following documents are required for the application:

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The corresponding vouchers are ordered and paid for by the responsible district office. They are then distributed to the schools and handed out to all students.

Further information on applying for the network pass can be found here: VGNsmaxi FAQ: <a href="https://smaxi.vgn.de/faq">https://smaxi.vgn.de/faq</a>

## 2. Validity Area of the 365-Euro Ticket

Unlike the previously issued Germany Ticket, the 365-Euro Ticket is not valid nationwide. It is only valid on buses and trains within the entire VGN network area. https://www.vgn.de/verbundgebiet/

However, the 365-Euro Ticket can be used not only for travel to school, but also for leisure activities and holidays.

All VGN public transport (2nd class) throughout the entire network area can be used as often as desired per year, regardless of the fare zones listed on the network pass.