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WHAT IS THE STATE FAMILY PASS?

The State Family Pass [*Landesfamilienpass*] was introduced in 1979 as part of a program to support families. It is a non-means-tested, voluntary benefit offered by the State.

WHAT IS THE STATE FAMILY PASS USED FOR?

With the State Family Pass and the associated voucher card, which is re-issued each year, families can currently visit numerous attractions such as castles, gardens or museums throughout Baden-Württemberg up to 20 times free of charge or for a reduced admission fee.

WHO CAN APPLY FOR THE STATE FAMILY PASS?

The State Family Pass is available for:

- o Families with at least three children eligible for child benefits [*Kindergeld*] who live in the same household as their parents;
- o Single-parent families with at least one child eligible for child benefits within their household;
- o Families with a severely disabled child eligible for child benefits;
- o Families eligible for Hartz IV [unemployment benefit] or child allowance [*Kinderzuschlag*] and with at least one child eligible for child benefits within their household;
- o Persons entitled to housing benefits;
- o Families which receive benefits in line with the German Asylum Seekers Benefits Act (*Asylbewerberleistungsgesetz, AsylbLG*) and have at least one child within their household.

WHO CAN USE THE STATE FAMILY PASS ALONGSIDE THE CHILDREN?

In 2019, the State Family Pass was changed to be even better geared toward the needs of families and their children. Up to four other adults can now be entered onto the Family Pass alongside a child, such as the children's separated biological parent, grandma and/or granddad or a family companion. Previously, such adults were excluded from the benefits of the Pass. Two of the registered adults can then take advantage of the State Family Pass discount on excursions with the children. The basic requirements for obtaining the Family Pass remain the same. It cannot be used in the absence of a child or children.

WHERE CAN I GET THE STATE FAMILY PASS?

You can apply for the State Family Pass at the town hall [*Bürgermeisteramt*] of your municipality of residence. You will also find further information there.

WHY DO I NEED THE VOUCHER CARD WITH THE STATE FAMILY PASS?

The voucher card — which you can collect every year from the responsible office in your town or municipality — contains tokens for state-owned and privately owned institutions as well as any other offers.

Upon presentation of the State Family Pass and the vouchers, you and your children can visit the state-owned castles and gardens and state-owned museums in Baden-Württemberg or one of the privately owned locations on offer free of charge or at a reduced admission fee.

The vouchers with specific designations entitle the holder to a one-time free or reduced admission to the institution named. With the ‘Other properties’ vouchers, you can visit the other state-owned palaces, gardens and museums free of charge, several times a year.

For special events, please find out in advance whether entry is free of charge.

CAN WE ALSO VISIT VENUES WITHOUT VOUCHER CARDS?

You can also visit numerous free venues upon presentation of the State Family Pass. You can find these in the list of privately owned institutions on our website. Here are a few examples:

- o Oberrheinische Narrenschau
- o Waldburg Castle
- o Pforzheim Jewellery Museum
- o Schiller National Museum and Museum of Modern Literature
- o Taking part in the historical city tour of Esslingen and the city tour in Besigheim
- o Kraichtal Museums
- o Natural History Education Center in Ulm [*Naturkundliches Bildungszentrum*]
- o Güglingen Roman Museum [*Römermuseum Güglingen*], as well as most memorial sites and literary museums.

WHAT ELSE DO I NEED TO KNOW?

We recommend that you check the opening times and admission prices beforehand on the Internet or by telephone with the relevant provider.

You can find a list of all of the state-owned castles, gardens and museums in Baden-Württemberg, as well as a list of the privately owned venues on offer, on the homepage of the Ministry of Social Affairs, Health and Integration at: www.sozialministerium-bw.de/landesfamilienpass