

Educational Tax Credit for graduate studies in Austria

Course fees can be fully offset against income tax, if you work at a company in Austria. The only precondition for this is, that the course represents a form of further education within your current profession or training in a related profession. This means that you can reclaim up to 55% of your course fees from the tax office, depending on your annual income.

Up to 55% of the study fees and costs can be refunded by the Austrian tax authorities if you're earning taxable income from a company in Austria whilst studying at Modul University Vienna. Regardless of whether you are employed or self-employed, you can fully offset course fees against income tax. The only precondition for this is that the course represents a form of further education within your current profession or training in a related profession. This is typically the case with regards to the courses offered by the Modul University Vienna. Course fees can also be fully offset against income tax if you are training to enter a new profession. The precondition for this is that at least a temporary job is performed during the years in which the retraining takes place. It is not only possible to offset the course fees against tax but also all of the other associated expenses (e.g. specialty literature, office supplies, travel expenses, overnight accommodation away from home). The extent of the tax advantages depends on your overall income. See the table below for more detail.

Income in EUR, p.a.	Income tax in EUR	Marginal tax rate*
< € 11,000	0	0%
€ 11,000 - € 18,000	$\frac{(\text{Income} - 11,000)}{7,000} \times 1,750$	25%
€ 18,000 - € 31,000	$\frac{(\text{Income} - 18,000)}{13,000} \times 4,550 + 1,750$	35%
€ 31,000 - € 60,000	$\frac{(\text{Income} - 31,000)}{29,000} \times 12,180 + 6,300$	42%
€ 60,000 - € 90,000	$\frac{(\text{Income} - 60,000)}{30,000} \times 14,400 + 18,480$	48%
€ 90,000 - € 1,000,000	$\frac{(\text{Income} - 90,000)}{910,000} \times 455,000 + 32,880$	50%
> € 1,000,000	$(\text{Income} - 1,000,000) \times 0.55 + 487,880$	55%

*The marginal tax rate indicates what taxation to expect when realizing additional income at the respective tax rate.

For further information please contact a tax adviser or the financial authorities in your district (Finanzamt). If your course fees are covered by your employer, there are no nonwage labor costs to be paid. We recommend to discuss those topics with your employer.