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Driving School — Costs and Process for Class B

Class B driver's license: registration fee 350-500 €, driving lesson 55-75 €, total costs 2,500-4,000 €.

Deutsche Begriffe: Fahrschule | Grundgebühr | Fahrstunde | Sonderfahrten | Führerscheinprüfung | Klasse B | Erste-Hilfe-Kurs

How much does a Class B driver's license cost?

A **Class B** driver's license (cars up to 3.5 t) costs between **€2,500 and €4,000** in Germany in total — depending on the city, Fahrschule, and number of required Fahrstunde. In major cities like Hamburg, Munich, or Frankfurt, prices tend to be higher.

Cost Overview 2025/2026

Item	Cost
Grundgebühr Fahrschule	350-500 €
Fahrstunde (45 min each)	55-75 €
Sonderfahrten (12 mandatory, 45 min each)	60-85 €
Theory Exam (TÜV/DEKRA)	23 €
Practical Exam (TÜV/DEKRA)	117 €
Eye Test	7 €
First Aid Course	30-50 €
Passport Photo (biometric)	10-15 €
Application to Authority	43 €
Total (Average)	2,500-4,000 €

The 12 Mandatory Sonderfahrten

Regardless of driving ability, **12 Sonderfahrten** are legally required:

- **5 country roads** (federal road)
- **4 motorway drives**
- **3 night drives** (dusk/darkness)

The number of regular Fahrstunde depends on your learning progress. On average, driving school students need **25-40 Fahrstunde**.

Process of Obtaining a Driver's License

- 1. Register at a Fahrschule** — pay registration fee, sign contract
- 2. First Aid Course** — 9 teaching units (1 day), providers: DRK, ASB, Malteser
- 3. Eye Test** — at any optician (approx. 7 €)
- 4. Submit Application** to the driving license authority
- 5. Theory Classes** — 14 double hours (12 basic + 2 class-specific)
- 6. Theory Exam** — multiple choice on computer, 30 questions, max. 10 error points
- 7. Practical Fahrstunde** — practice drives + 12 Sonderfahrten
- 8. Practical Exam** — approx. 45-55 minutes, examiner from TÜV/DEKRA

Failure Rate and Retakes

- **Theory Exam:** Failure rate approx. 34%. Retake after **14 days**, costs: 23 € + optional additional training
- **Practical Exam:** Failure rate approx. 29%. Retake after **14 days**, costs: 117 € + optional additional Fahrstunde

Money-Saving Tips

- **Compare Fahrschule** — prices vary by up to 30%
- **Intensive Course** — 2-4 weeks crash course, often cheaper due to less forgetting
- **Learning Apps** — driver's license apps (e.g., "Führerschein 2026") for theory exam
- **Need Fewer Fahrstunde** — those who have already driven abroad often need fewer hours

Tip for Foreigners: First check if your foreign driver's license can be **transferred** (→ article "Führerschein umschreiben"). This saves 1,000-3,000 €.

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