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## Prescriptions (Rezepte) in Germany

German prescriptions come in three types (Kassenrezept, Privatrezept, Grünes Rezept) and are primarily electronic since 2024. Patients with public insurance pay 5-10€ per medication, with annual limits and exemptions for certain groups.

**Deutsche Begriffe:** Rezept | Privatrezept | Kassenrezept | E-Rezept | Apotheke

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### Types of Prescriptions

Type	Color	Who Pays
<b>Kassenrezept</b>	Pink (or e-prescription)	Health Insurance
<b>Privatrezept</b>	Blue	You (can request reimbursement)
<b>Grünes Rezept</b>	Green	You (OTC medications recommended by doctor)

### E-Rezept (since 2024)

Most prescriptions are now **electronic**:

- Doctor sends to system
- At pharmacy: insurance card or app

App: **E-Rezept** (official, free)

### How Much Do You Pay for Medications?

With public insurance (GKV):

**Zuzahlung (copay):** 5-10€ per medication

- Min. 5€
- Max. 10€
- But max. 100% of medication price

Who Is Exempt?

- Children up to 18 years old
- Low-income individuals (Befreiung)
- Chronically ill patients (annual limit)

## Annual Limit (Belastungsgrenze)

Max **2% of annual gross income** for copays (1% for chronically ill).

After exceeding → Befreiung (exemption from copays for rest of year).

## How to Use Your Prescription

- 1.** Go to **Apotheke** (pharmacy)
- 2.** Show prescription (insurance card or e-prescription code)
- 3.** Pay copay (5-10€)
- 4.** Receive medication

## Medication Not Available?

Pharmacy can:

- Order it (ready next day)
- Suggest substitute (Ersatz)
- Give part now, rest later

## Prescription Validity

Type	Validity
Kassenrezept	28 days

Type	Validity
Privatrezept	3 months
BtM-Rezept (narcotics)	7 days

## Emergency Pharmacy (Notapotheke)

At night/weekends one pharmacy in the area is on duty.

Find: [apothekenfinder.mobi](https://www.apothekenfinder.mobi) or call 22 8 33

For night duty: +2.50€ surcharge

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