

Practical information - Luxembourg

Scholarship: You will receive a scholarship of 1,130,56 € per month (2008), from which you will have to pay your living expenses (accommodation, transport, food, etc). This monthly payment is paid into your bank account on the 15th of each month. However, on your arrival, you may request an advance of the monthly scholarship for the first month which cannot exceed 90% of the monthly amount of the scholarship. The scholarship can be paid to your existing bank account or one that you open as soon as possible in the traineeship location.

For more information on payments, please read Article 20 of the *Internal Rules Governing Traineeships and Study Visits*

Disability allowance: In accordance with Article 20(8) of the *Internal Rules*, you may be entitled to the disability allowance, which amounts to 565,28 € per month (2008), from which you will have to pay for extra expenses related to your disability, namely accessible housing, transport and personal assistance. It is paid with your scholarship on 15th of each month.

The European Parliament will not be able to defray any expenses that exceed the scholarship amount and disability allowance.

Travel: A flat-rate amount between your home address and the place of assignment will be paid per kilometre into your bank account at the beginning and at the end of your traineeship, as defined in Article 11 of the *Internal Rules*.

Health/accident insurance: Trainees are insured against the risks of sickness and accidents, as specified in Article 13 of the *Internal Rules*. Your contribution to the insurance is one third of the premium, i.e. around 15 € per month, which will be automatically deducted from your scholarship. The other two thirds of the premium are paid by the European Parliament.

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Food: the European Parliament has self-service canteens, where you can have breakfast, hot meals for lunch and afternoon coffee. A hot meal costs between 4 and 8 € and trainees get a 5-10 % price reduction for the hot meals. A restaurant meal in the city would cost a minimum of 15 €.

Housing: Rooms are let out for prices between 400 and 700 € per month. A studio (a 1-room flat with kitchenette) would cost between 700 and 1000 € per month. Landlords may ask for a deposit, which can amount from 1 month to 3 months' rent price. Please note that it is up to you to find accommodation, sign a lease contract and pay a deposit. The European Parliament is however able to provide you with a list of accommodation possibilities.

Public transport: Luxembourg City Bus services have specially equipped low-level buses. A single short distance ticket costs 1,50 €; 10 short distance tickets cost 12 €; a monthly short distance ticket costs 22,50 € (prices for 2008). For more information on prices, season tickets and discounts please check the following website:

<http://www.mobiliteit.lu/produits/tickets-nationaux.php>

Night Rider: "Nightrider" night-bus can be ordered to fetch you and take you wherever you want to be taken in Luxembourg City. It is almost like a taxi. This service operates Friday night and Saturday night from 7 p.m. to 4 a.m. The price for a one way trip is 10 € and 15 € for a return ticket (prices for 2008). The bus is ordered by a free telephone line number 8002 1010 (in Luxembourg) at least 20 minutes before the intended departure. For more detailed information please check the following website: <http://nightrider.sales-lentz.lu/>

For more detailed information on public transport within Luxembourg City and the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, please check the following website: <http://www.mobiliteit.lu/mobilite/transports-publics/trains.php>

Transport services for people with a disability:

Rollibus service: The Rollibus service is available for wheelchair users. The Rollibus provides services in Luxembourg City, Hesperange, Bertrange, Strassen, Walferdange and Steinsel and is available Monday to Saturday, from 6.30 a.m. to 8.30 p.m.; it also provides a night service each Friday (not on public holidays) up to 10.30 p.m. The price for a one way trip is 1,20 € (prices for 2008). For more information please check the following website: <http://www.mobiliteit.lu/mobilite/mobilite-transport-ph.php>

Novabus service: The NOVABUS is a taxi-bus for travelling in the Grand Duchy for people with reduced mobility. Persons with reduced mobility can use the NOVABUS for daily commuting to work or for going to the doctor, hairdresser, banks, for leisure activities, etc. The service is available every day from 7.00 a.m. to 11.00 p.m. If you travel within the same Commune, the price for a return ticket is 10 € and a one-way ticket costs 5 €. Travelling in all the Grand Duchy, the price for a return ticket is 15 € and a one-way ticket costs 10 €. (Prices for 2008)

Trains: The Luxembourg Railways (CFL: Chemins de Fer Luxembourgeois) organises travel with the best possible safety conditions, and provides information and help for getting persons with a disability and their luggage on and off trains. The Luxembourg Railways have to be informed about the help needed 24 hours before the travel in order to arrange any special adaptations well in advance. For more information please call tel.: (+352) 4990 - 3342 or check the following website:

<http://www.cfl.lu/CFLInternet/Espaces/01EspaceVoyageurs/04InfosProfils/04PersonnesAMobiliteReduite/>

Adapted taxis and ambulances: There are specially adapted taxis and ambulances with trained personnel for the transportation of wheelchair-users.

For more information concerning accessible transport in Luxembourg please check the following website

<http://www.mobiliteit.lu/mobilite/mobilite-transport-ph.php>