

**Question for written answer E-010338/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Exemption from the radio and TV licence fee for Luxembourgers studying in Germany

Luxembourgers studying in Germany used to be required to pay the radio and TV licence fee in that country because the German authorities did not regard Luxembourg student grants as equivalent to the financial support made available under the German Federal Training Assistance Act. The reason the authorities gave was that, unlike under the German system, parental income was not a factor in grant awards in Luxembourg.

This year the Luxembourg student support scheme underwent an overhaul and the amount students receive is now partly dependent on how much their parents earn.

Despite these changes, the German authorities are still refusing to waive the licence fee for Luxembourgers studying in Germany.

According to the German authorities, applications for exemption from the licence fee will need to be considered on a case-by-case basis; instead of introducing a blanket ruling, they will assess each application individually to check whether the assistance provided by Luxembourg is comparable to that available to German students.

What reason is there to discriminate between Luxembourgish and German students?

Why is there no blanket rule for Luxembourgish students?