

## Information about the „Blaue Karte“ (Blue Card)

### What is the Blue Card?

The Blue Card is a facility from the city of Thun. It entitles you to a 50% refund of the cost of the following activities:

- elementary school organized holiday camps and ski trips.
- agricultural school weeks, project weeks, study weeks.
- school trips, learning trips.
- holiday recreation „Thuner Ferienpass“.
- Thun recreation holidays.
- more school activities with similar objectives.
- for parents: CHF 50 refund after attending a German course.

Holders of the Blue Card are entitled to attend voluntary sport courses in the schools of Thun free of charge.

### Who is entitled to a Blue Card?

The Blue Card is obtained by Thun school children from Kindergarten to 9<sup>th</sup> Class/Completion of compulsory schooling. For granting the Blue Card, it is decisive the net income corresponding to the last tax assessment. A Blue Card is granted provided that the family income with a corresponding number of persons is not exceeded in the same household.

Haushold with	Income up to CHF
2 persons	35'700.00
3 persons	44'900.00
4 persons	52'700.00
5 persons	58'100.00
6 persons	63'500.00
7 or more persons	66'500.00

### How can an application for the Blue Card be made?

The application forms can be requested from “Amt für Bildung und Sport” (Office of Education and Sport)

- The grant of the Blue Card is for one academic year. After one year, the parents or legal guardians must apply for the Blue Card renewal through the Office of Education and Sport.
- Parents or legal guardians, who are supported by the social services or the Asylum Migration Office have the right to a Blue Card (please tick the appropriate box on the Blue Card).
- The net income from those with taxes deducted at source is not known by the Tax Administration. Parents or legal guardians must therefore declare the income on a form (available from Office of Education and Sport). The calculation of the net income is provided by a standard deduction on your income.

### How is the payment of refunds made?

- Requests for payment are to be made **within six months after the execution of the event**.
- Contributions are normally paid **only after implementation** of the activities involved and once there is a **final settlement signed by the teacher or instructor**.
- The corresponding receipts must be submitted with the form "Blue Card Refund" to the Office of Education and Sport.