

## **Information on the City Money**

### **Did you receive a letter with the city money?**

**Here are answers to your most important questions:**

#### **1. I received a city money voucher by post. How can I redeem it?**

The city money voucher is valid in conjunction with a photo ID. Present the voucher at the checkout counter or cashier and identify yourself at the same time.

#### **2. At which business establishments can I redeem the voucher?**

All retail and service companies and cultural institutions affected by closures under the Corona Regulation are entitled to redeem the voucher. To find out if your favorite business company is among them, see [participating companies](#).

The following are excluded:

- o food shops, animal feedstuff stores and wholesale companies
- o weekly markets
- o beverage markets
- o pharmacies
- o drugstores
- o medical supply stores
- o post offices
- o laundromats
- o gasoline stations
- o dry cleaner's
- o newspaper and magazine stands
- o do-it-yourself stores, garden and pet supply markets

Registration for the shops is possible at any time at: [Link](#) to the partner company.

#### **3. Until when can I redeem the city money?**

The city money vouchers are valid until August 15. Since the financial aid is supposed to reach the shops as soon as possible, the action period is limited to six weeks. An extension of the validity is not possible.

#### **4. What happens if I do not redeem my voucher and it expires?**

The money will not be distributed and will be used for the benefit of other actions of the “Marburg Miteinander Programm” (Marburg Coexistence Program).

#### **5. Do I have to spend my city money voucher at once or can I split it into different shops/days?**

The city money vouchers can be issued in increments of 10 euros. They are not intended for purchases amounting to less than 10 euros. If you buy something for 8 euros, the transaction will be credited with 10 euros.

#### **6. Can I redeem part of the voucher and get the remaining amount back in cash?**

The city money vouchers cannot be partially redeemed. They are issued in increments of 10 euros. They are not intended for purchases amounting to less than 10 euros. If you buy something for 8 euros, the transaction will be credited with 10 euros.

#### **7. I myself cannot go shopping for health reasons. Can relatives or friends redeem my voucher for me?**

You can pass on your city money voucher to another person by a power of attorney. A form for this can be found in the download section at [Power of Attorney for Authorized Persons](#).

#### **8. Do I need a power of attorney if I use the voucher of another person?**

The vouchers are only transferable in exceptional cases. A power of attorney is required if the voucher is transferred. A form for this can be found in the download section at [Power of Attorney for Authorized Persons](#).

#### **9. Can my child use the voucher when he goes shopping alone?**

The city money vouchers for children are only valid if the child is accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. If you trust your child to make the right decision to use the voucher on his/her own, you can issue a power of attorney. A form for this can be found in the download section at [Power of Attorney for under 18-year-olds](#).

#### **10. I don't need the money, can I give away the city money voucher?**

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Should the voucher expire, the money will not be distributed and will be used for the benefit of other actions of the “Marburg Miteinander Programm” (Marburg Coexistence Program).

You can also donate the voucher. Simply write "donation" on the letter and send it back to the city administration. We will forward the entire amount of the donation to the "Hilfsfond der Universität" (Help Fund of the University). In this way, students who have lost their jobs in the retail trade and gastronomy sectors and who are not entitled to Bafög or other social benefits will be helped.

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### **12. Why do children get 50 euros and adults 20 euros?**

Families with children tend to have less financial leeway. In addition, they are exposed to very high financial burdens due to school and daycare closures. This is especially true for single parents. The city money voucher is a special way of supporting them.

### **13. Will the city money voucher be credited to**

- my unemployment benefit payment according to ALG II?
- my basic social security support?

The vouchers will not be credited and do not have to be declared.

### **14. Do I need to indicate the value of the city money voucher in my income tax return?**

The vouchers do not have to be declared in the income tax return.

### **15. How do the traders from whom I redeem the vouchers get their money?**

The University Town of Marburg is setting up a trader portal where companies can register. The vouchers that have been redeemed are registered in the system and the money will be transferred accordingly.