



FAQ / Frequently asked questions

Implementation CO₂ tax in Germany beginning 2021

What does the from the German government settled CO₂ tax contain?*

- » The CO₂ tax is valid from 1st January 2021.
- » The output of greenhouse gases caused by vehicles receives a price due to the implementation of a national CO₂ emission trading. Companies which are selling fuel oil, natural gas, petrol and/ or diesel have to pay for “the right of pollution” via an auction.
- » The total number of certificates is limited under consideration of the respective climate goals. This leads to the fact that the price is determined by supply and demand.
- » The increase in price caused by the CO₂ tax occurs on a yearly basis. Beginning with a price of 25€ per ton CO₂ in 2021 the price will rise up to 55€ per ton CO₂ in 2025. From 2026 a price corridor between 55€ and 65€ per ton CO₂ is planned.

What does the CO₂ tax mean for the petrol and diesel price?

- » Based on first projections the CO₂ tax will lead to an increase in price for petrol and diesel in a range of seven to eight cents gross per litre. Thus the service fee will be calculated on the basis of the price (gross) incl. the CO₂ surcharge.

Are there any consequences for the DKV Card Climate?

- » No, the contribution to climate protection via DKV Card Climate with 1,33 cent per litre diesel and 1,25 cent per litre petrol respectively remains.

Why does the CO₂ tax have no impacts on the DKV Card Climate?

- » The CO₂ tax decided upon by the German government focusses only on a general CO₂ reduction, but your personal CO₂ emission cannot be compensated by the CO₂ tax completely.
- » In contrast to a tax you take the responsibility for your personal CO₂ emission which is compensated by 100%.
- » In cooperation with *myclimate* only those projects are supported which fulfill the strictest, independent quality standards like CDM, Gold Standard and Plan Vivo. Besides the ecological responsibility these projects are characterized by their economic and social responsibility.
- » As part of the Sustainable Development Goals projects are supported, which create sustainable value chains and offer a social added value.
- » Because of the certificate offered to you, the brand image of your company will be strengthened, you create a competitive advantage and you are driving CO₂ neutral.

*Source: <https://www.bundesregierung.de/breg-de/themen/klimaschutz/nationaler-emissionshandel-1684508>