

## **Information about the Student Identity Card (Chip Card)**

As a first-semester student, you will receive your student identity card by post. It will have the validity print already.

Each semester, after re-registration, you will have to renew the validity stamp on the card using the card reader at reception on the Sankt Augustin or Rheinbach campuses from 8 am to 5 pm or in the lecture room of the library at Hennef.

For detailed information on re-registration, please go to:

<https://www.h-brs.de/de/rueckmeldung>

If you need one, you can obtain an International Student Identity Card from the Student Committee (AStA) of the Bonn-Rhein-Sieg University of Applied Sciences.

If you lose your chip card or if your personal data change, you can obtain a new card from the Students' Office for a € 20.00 fee.

### **Where and how to use your chip card**

#### **1. Library**

The chip card can be used as a library card for the University Library.

#### **2. Photocopiers**

The chip card can be used as a copy card. Loading terminals, which serve to load the card with money, are provided in the libraries. You can freely select the amount you wish to pay. The minimum amount is € 5.00. It is impossible to reimburse the amounts loaded to the "photocopier" account. Therefore, we advise you to load only small amounts!

Photocopiers are available at the central contact points (library, PC pools) on the Sankt Augustin and Rheinbach campuses. The price per copy is € 0.05. The card reader will also inform you of the balance left on your card.

#### **3. Canteen**

The chip card can also be used as a canteen card by loading the "canteen" account at the loading terminals in the two canteens.

In the event of damage to or loss of the chip card, the existing balance will be refunded. The Students' Office will notify the Student Union (Studentenwerk) accordingly so as to block the previous card. Upon submission of a personal ID card, students at Sankt Augustin can then obtain the balance from the canteen (cafeteria) on the Sankt Augustin campus, whereas students enrolled at Rheinbach will get a refund for the amount due from the canteen (cafeteria) on the Rheinbach campus.

#### **4. Ticket for the Rhine-Sieg Transport Association (VRS)**

The chip card can be used as a ticket within the VRS region. If ticket checks are conducted by VRS staff, the chip card is not valid within the VRS region unless it is submitted together with a personal ID card.

##### **Scope**

The scope of the semester ticket covers the region of the Rhein-Sieg Transport Association (VRS), but it can also be extended to include the transitional tariff zones of the Rhein-Ruhr Transport Association (VRS/VRR) and the Ahrweiler District Transport Association (VRS/AHR). This is conditional upon the students being registered students (Ersthörer) of the Bonn-Rhein-Sieg University of Applied Sciences as well as residents of one of these transitional tariff zones. Evidence must be provided in the form of a valid personal ID card or a registration certificate (Meldebescheinigung). In this case, the ticket is also valid for trips between your place of residence and the boundaries of the VRS area, albeit only on the direct, normal route.

##### **Passenger regulation**

Holders of a VRS ticket are allowed to take along a bicycle at any time. Furthermore, they can be accompanied by an adult and up to three children from 6 to 14 years of age at no additional cost from Mondays to Fridays after 7 pm as well as all day at weekends and on public holidays.

##### **Public transport fine**

If a student is unable to submit the VRS ticket during a check, for instance, because he has left it at home, the fine is reduced to € 7.00, if the student can prove to the transport association within one week that he was a holder of a valid ticket at the time of the ticket check. The same applies if the stamp on the reverse side is not valid.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the Students' Office.