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Pricing

- **Price policies for pharmaceuticals**
statutory pricing for reimbursable pharmaceuticals at ex-factory price level; external price referencing (all EU) for reimbursable pharmaceuticals
- **Wholesale mark-ups**
for all pharmaceuticals; 2 regressive schemes for different reimbursement categories
- **Pharmacy mark-ups**
for all pharmaceuticals; 2 regressive schemes - 1 for privileged customers (e.g. sickness funds) and 1 for private customers
- **VAT**
20% standard rate also on pharmaceuticals
- **Reforms**
2004: EU average price system for reimbursable pharmaceuticals

Reimbursement

- **Positive list**
42% of all pharmaceuticals on the market are fully reimbursed
- **Reference Price System**
No
- **Co-payment**
2006: prescription fee of € 4.60 per prescription
- **Mechanisms for vulnerable groups**
exemption from prescription fees for socially disadvantaged groups
- **Reforms**
2004: introduction of a new reimbursement code (Erstattungskodex)