

EXPLAINED: WHY SHOPS IN GERMANY WILL SOON BE FORCED TO GIVE YOU A RECEIPT

Who does the law apply to?

Anyone who sells products or services in exchange for money has to comply with the Kassengesetz.

If the seller doesn't have an electronic cash register they still have to manually record each transaction and make sure the tax office has a way to trace it.

The receipt when it's given to the customer has to include information such as an invoice number, the serial number of the cash register, the name and address of the seller and the date.

Do I have to keep the receipt?

No. The obligation is on the retailer to issue the receipt and make it available immediately. There is no legal requirement for customers to take the receipt with them and file it.

