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Language

Language levels and certificates

Learning German

Learning German is an essential prerequisite for successful integration into social life in Germany. It is also the key to taking up an apprenticeship or employment. Learning German means acquiring skills that can improve the quality of your professional and private life.

There are six levels for language courses: A1, A2, B1, B2, C1 and C2. The six levels mean in detail

A1: Beginner

- You can understand and use simple words and sentences.
- You can introduce yourself and others.
- You can ask questions about yourself.
- You can answer questions.
- A person speaks slowly and clearly. You can converse with them.

A2: Basic knowledge

- You can understand sentences and frequently used words.
- You can communicate in simple, everyday situations. You can describe your background, education and environment.

B1: Advanced use of language

- You can understand a lot.
- You can say something about familiar topics and personal interests.
- You can talk about experiences and events, dreams, hopes and goals.
- You can give brief reasons or explanations for plans and opinions.

B2: Independent use of language

- You can understand the most important content of complex texts on concrete and abstract topics.
- You can also understand specialised discussions in your field of specialisation.
- You can communicate fluently and spontaneously.
- You can justify a point of view on a topical issue with advantages and disadvantages.

C1: Specialised language skills

- You can understand a lot of demanding, longer texts.
- You also grasp implicit meanings.

- You can express yourself clearly, in a structured and detailed way on complex issues.

C2: (Near) native speaker level

- You can understand practically everything you read or hear with ease.
- You can summarise information from different written and oral sources.
- You can give reasons and explanations in a coherent presentation.
- You can express yourself spontaneously, very fluently, precisely and with nuance.

Language Courses

Initial orientation courses

German courses for initial orientation

The German courses for initial orientation provide basic German language skills and information about life in Germany. They help participants to find their feet in their new environment. A course comprises 300 teaching units of 45 minutes each.

What do you learn in an initial orientation course?

- Information about life in Germany
- German for everyday life (work, health, mobility, housing)
- other topics: Values, customs and traditions, living together

The focus is on oral communication so that participants can quickly get to grips with everyday life. The courses also teach important values.

Who can take part?

Asylum seekers who do not come from a country with a high recognition rate or from a safe country of origin.

Help with finding a course:

Counselling centres for migration or the [district administration](#) can help you find the right course.

Click here for the advice [centres](#).


Integration courses

In this course you will learn German. You will learn more than just the basics. At the end of the course you will be able to speak German at level B1. You will also learn about the culture, politics and social customs in Germany. If you are still a minor, you can take part in a special course for young people. The integration courses are free of charge for refugees and other

target groups who receive social benefits.

The integration course concludes with the examinations "Deutschtest für Zuwanderer" (DTZ) and "Leben in Deutschland" (LiD).

The [job centre](#), the [social welfare office](#) or the [immigration office](#) can oblige you to take part in an integration course. You have not been obliged? But you would like to take part in a course? Then you can apply for an integration course at the Federal Office for Migration and Refugees (BAMF). Do you need help with the application? Then contact the [district administration](#) or a [migration advice centre](#). They will help you choose an integration course provider.

You can find courses here:  [BAMF - Navi](#)

Professional language courses

The vocational language courses (BSK) are a language learning programme for immigrants. This will improve your chances on the labour market.

In order to participate, you must have completed an [integration course](#) or have reached language level B1.

If you receive social benefits, the course is free of charge.

Further information on courses in various languages can be found at the [Federal Office for Migration and Refugees](#).

You can search for courses in your area here:

 [https:// web.arbeitsagentur.de/sprachfoerderung/suche/berufssprachkurse](https://web.arbeitsagentur.de/sprachfoerderung/suche/berufssprachkurse)


Language course provider


You have many offers for a language course in the district of Birkenfeld.

On this page you will find the offers of the [BAMF - Navi](#). Search for a course there.

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Learn German online




You can learn German on your smartphone or computer (also free of charge)

Use the offers to learn German quickly. This allows you to make good use of the waiting time for a language course. You can also learn during a language course with these offers.

Adult education centre (VHS) learning portal

The VHS learning portal offers free digital courses. You can learn German as a second language. And you can learn to read and write (literacy). And you can receive a basic education. The following German courses are approved by the BAMF as digital textbooks for integration courses. All users have free access and can prepare for the exams.

- ■ [VHS learning portal](#)
- ■ [ABC German courses](#)
- ■ [A1 German course](#)




-  [A2 German course](#)
-  [B1 German course](#)
-  [B1 German course for work](#)

Language support for the job via app

The Lunes app provides vocabulary for various industries and professions. The app is particularly useful for people with German as a second or foreign language at school and at work. The implementation of the app is being supported by schools, companies and integration stakeholders. There are already many professions to discover and the number is growing.

-  [Lunes](#)

Selection of other free web offers and apps

-  [Goethe Institute](#)
-  [German Academy](#)
-  [German Wave](#)

Alphabetisation

With the free alphabetisation app Serlo ABC, learners can learn the Latin alphabet. They can learn independently, intuitively and in a personalised way.

-  [Serlo ABC](#)

Vocabulary trainer

-  [Goethe-Institut German trainer A1 app](#)
-  [PONS vocabulary trainer](#)

Further links

-  [Information from the Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs for asylum seekers on learning German](#)
-  [Information from the Ministry for Family, Women, Youth, Integration and Consumer Protection of the State of Rhineland-Palatinate](#)
-  [Further education portal of the state of Rhineland-Palatinate](#)

Language mediation and communication, interpreting

Translation of documents

Official documents such as certificates, marriage certificates or birth certificates must be notarised in Germany. They must therefore be translated by state-certified interpreters. These translations cost money. They can be very expensive. Check whether a certified translation is actually needed.

You can find professional translators [here](#).

For a simple translation, there are various free services such as

-  [Google Translate](#)
-  [Reverso translator](#)
-  [deepL translator](#)

Language mediator


In Germany, the official language is German. You are a new immigrant. You do not speak German. A lot has to be organised at the beginning of your stay, for example

- with the authorities
- at kindergarten
- at school
- with a doctor


A volunteer language mediator can help you with this. You are registered in the district of Birkenfeld and live here. Do you need a translator for an important appointment? The [Integration Coordination Centre](#) can try to find a language mediator for you.

Would you like to help people who do not yet speak German? Contact the [Integration Coordination](#) Centre here.

Communication aids on the subject of health

Do you need to see a doctor? Here you can find  [picture boards and translation aids](#). This can make the conversation easier for you and the doctor.

Pictograms as a communication aid - Service-Portal Integration

Pictures help to communicate. You can find some important addresses on the  [Integration service portal](#).

Language meeting in Idar-Oberstein

Language meeting

At the Sprachtreff you can improve your German language skills and get into conversation.

Participation is free of charge. Register in advance via Whatsapp.

The Sprachtreff is organised by aktiv e.V.

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🌐 www.aktiv-rlp.de

📅 Tuesdays and Thursdays from 13:00h

Language and communication training

Language and communication training

Would you like to improve your German language skills and communicate more confidently? Then you are cordially invited to attend free language and communication training at Internationalen Bund (IB) in Idar-Oberstein.

📍 Venue: [IB, Nahestraße 48, 55743 Idar-Oberstein](#)

📅 When: Monday & Thursday, 16:00-18:00 (except during school holidays)

👥 Who for: Young people aged 12 to 27

💡 Registration: directly on site

Contact:

Frau Denise Mayer

☎ [06781-5082609](tel:06781-5082609) | 📠 [0151-44361216](tel:0151-44361216)

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Here you can practise German in a friendly group, learn new words and speak more confidently. Everyone is welcome - no matter what language level!

Take the opportunity to actively practise your language and meet new people!



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Kommunikationstraining**

Montag und Donnerstag
16:00 - 18:00
(Außer in den Schulferien)



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vor Ort

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