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Education and Training

School

School System

Grundschule: Grundschule attendance usually lasts 4 years. Children who are six years old by 31 August of the coming school year must attend primary school. Your child will be assigned to a Grundschule. After attending primary school, schoolchildren transfer to one of the following schools depending on their level of achievement

Secondary schools: From grade 5 onwards, children attend a secondary school. Landau has the following types of secondary schools:

- **Realschule Plus:** Up to grade 10. At the Realschule, the Berufsreife can be obtained (after grade 9).) or the Realschulabschluss (Mittlere Reife after grade 10).
- **Gymnasium:** Up to grade 12 (Fachabitur, entitles the holder to study at universities of applied sciences) or grade 13 (entitles the holder to study at all colleges and universities)

Förderschulen:

In a Förderschule there are fewer children in a class. There are more teachers. This allows teachers to take better care of each child. This gives your child a better chance of getting an apprenticeship later.

Berufsbildende Schulen:

Vocational schools (BBS) are types of school that end with a vocational or vocational-oriented qualification: Vocational schools with dual vocational training ('apprenticeship'), masterclasses, vocational colleges, academies, vocational schools, but also school forms that lead to the Abitur qualification, e.g. specialised upper-secondary schools or vocational upper-secondary schools with different specialisations (e.g. WG = Wirtschaftsgymnasium, TG = Technisches Gymnasium usw.). The classic 'vocational school', where apprentices go, is therefore just one part of the vocational school system.

Registration via the Office for Schools, Culture and Sport (Amt für Schulen, Kultur und Sport)

[Maximilianstraße 7](#)

Opening hours

Monday – Wednesday, 8:30 – 12:00 / 14:00 – 16:00

Thursday, 8:30 – 12:00 / 14:00 – 18:00

Friday, 8:30 – 12:00

Tel: [06341 13 4002](tel:06341134002)

Compulsory schooling



In Germany, all children from the age of 6 must go to school. Before a child can go to Grundschule, it will be examined at the Medical Authority. This is important to see if the child is mature enough for school .

If you have school-age children, please register them at the **Office for Schools, Culture and Sport (Amt für Schulen, Kultur und Sport)** .

Address:

Amt für Schulen, Kultur und Sport der Stadtverwaltung Landau (Schulamt)

[Maximilianstraße 7](#)

Tel: [06341 13 4009](tel:06341134009)

Important: Bring **your child** with you! Please also bring an interpreter with you. Also bring the following documents with you:

- Your identity card or proof of arrival
- Registration certificate of the Bureau for Foreigners (Ausländerbehörde)
- All documents concerning your child (certificates, medical certificates, etc.)

Compulsory schooling in Rhineland-Palatinate usually lasts 12 years. Anyone who has obtained the secondary school leaving certificate (Sekundarabschluss I / Realschulabschluss) no longer have to go to school. Whoever finishes school and wants to start an apprenticeship has to attend a Berufsschule during the apprenticeship. Youth who leave school without a qualified Sekundarabschluss I (Realschulabschluss) and do not start any training or attend a secondary school (Gymnasium, Integrierte Gesamtschule, Berufsbildende Schule) go for one year into a vocational preparatory class or Berufsfachschule I.

Sick leave at school:

Please call the school before 8:00 am if your child is ill or cannot attend school for important reasons. Otherwise the school will have to look for your child, if necessary with the police. You may then have to pay a fine.

All-day school

All-day school means that your child is also at school in the afternoon. And for four days a week. In Landau, your child can be looked after all day at [these schools](#).

Note: If you register your child for all-day school, this obligation applies for a whole school year.

Additional offers:

- [Katholischer Kinderhort Pfarrei Heilig Kreuz](#)

- Haus der Jugend – supervision with homework
- Mehrgenerationenhaus – project for learning mentors and homework help

Work placement

While in school, pupils are required to complete at least one work placement. This work placement gives children a chance to consider which profession could be right for them in future. Children have the chance to try out a job that they could do after leaving school.

In addition to these mandatory work placements, every year sees a so-called ["Girls' Day"](#) and ["Boys' Day"](#) take place for pupils from year 5 upwards.

Financial aid

Education and participation package

If you do not have very much money, it is possible to get financial support for your child through the "education and participation package". The following grants are included in the education and participation package:

- Children and youth, up to their 18th birthday, receive 10 euros per month in the form of vouchers, for example for lessons, courses or leisure activities in the fields of culture, art, education and sport. The main focus here is on leisure activities.
- Costs (travel, meals, admission) are covered for excursions and trips lasting several days with the school or the daycare centre.
- There is a subsidy for a communal lunch at school or at the daycare centre. €1 per meal is to be paid by parents.
- Schoolchildren receive 100 Euro per school year for school materials, copy fees and other costs of teaching.
- Schoolchildren can receive learning support (tutoring) under certain conditions. The school confirms in which subjects and to what extent learning support is required.
- In rare, exceptional cases, travel costs for the journey to school can be financially supported.

Prerequisites

- Children and young people up to the age of 25 are eligible to apply. Those under the age of 18 who cannot cover their educational and participation needs from their own income and assets or from the family's own income and assets
- and who are therefore entitled to basic benefits for job-seekers or social assistance, benefits in accordance with the Asylum Seekers Benefits Act or whose families receive a child supplement or housing assistance are eligible to apply.
- Age limit for benefits for participation in culture, sport and leisure: 18 years old.

Important: They always have to make the request before they pay anything themselves. If you have already paid something, you will not get the money back.

[Sozialamt](#)
[Friedrich-Ebert-Straße 5](#)
76829 Landau

You can find the following applications via the links below

- [Application for learning support](#)
- [Participation in social and cultural life:](#)
- [Application for school supplies:](#)

Textbook lending:

You will receive confirmation from the school that your child is enrolled in the school. This confirmation allows you to apply for [“school supplies exemption” \(Lernmittelfreiheit\)](#) – which means that the school provides all necessary supplies for free – from the Department of Schools, Culture and Sport (Amt für Schulen, Kultur und Sport). General information on textbook lending can be found [here](#). **Important:** Submit the application before you buy the school supplies. If you buy something beforehand and hand in a receipt, you will not receive any money.

Address:

[Schulamt Landau](#) (Amt für Schulen, Kultur und Sport)

[Maximilianstraße 7](#)
Tel: [06341 - 13 4000](#)

Travel expenses to school:

You can apply to the Schulamt (Schools Office) to not have to pay for bus and tram costs yourself. Then your child's monthly ticket will be paid for. However, this is only possible if your child's journey to school is longer than 2 km (first to fourth Year). From grade 5 the distance to school must be longer than 3 km.

Career-preparatory year (Berufsvorbereitungsjahr) (and career-preparatory language classes)

It is possible to do a **career-preparatory year (Berufsvorbereitungsjahr - BVJ)** at a vocational school. It makes sense to attend a vocational preparatory class if you have not reached the Berufsreife (formerly Hauptschulabschluss) during your school years. If you do a career-preparatory year, you can do the Berufsreife. In order to apply for a vocational preparatory class, your command of German should be at a B1 level. If you have any questions, please contact BBS Landau at any time.



[BBS Landau](#)
[August-Croissant-Straße 27](#)
 Tel: [06341 96 71 0](#)

There are also **career-preparatory language classes (BVJ-S)**. These are for people who have only recently moved to Germany and do not speak German yet. The focus is on language learning. Once you can speak German at the B1 level, it is possible for you to switch to the regular career-preparatory year. Here, too, you are welcome to contact the relevant school if you have any questions.

[Berufsbildende Schule am Jugendwerk St. Josef](#)
[Queichheimer Hauptstraße 231](#)
 Tel: [06341 98 40](#)

Private tutoring

There are several tutoring providers in Landau.
 You can get information on financial aid [here](#).



[1a-Nachhilfe](#)
[Kronstraße 15](#)

Telephone: [06341 194 18](#)
 Email: landau@1a-nachhilfe.de

Subjects: All



[Lernstudio Barbarossa](#)
[Kleiner Platz 11](#)

Telephone: [06341 900 00](#)

Subjects: Maths, German, English, French, Spanish, Latin, science, biology, chemistry





[Lernzentrum Landau](#)
[Ostbahnstraße 41](#)

Contact: Ms Tina Thurow
 Telefon: [06341 96 96 890](tel:063419696890)
 Email: info@lernzentrum-landau.de

Subjects: German, English, French, maths



[Schülerhilfe e.V.](#)
[Kugelgartenstraße 25](#)

Telephone: [06341 59 79 63 30](tel:0634159796330)

Subjects: All



[Studienkreis Landau](#)
[Marktstraße 54](#)

Telephone: [06341 28 30 254](tel:063412830254)

Subjects: Maths, German, English, French, Latin, physics, chemistry, biology, Spanish, history

School social work

Schools in Landau have school social workers who help pupils with school or personal problems. Examples can be: Quarrel with classmates, difficult situations in class or at home.

School social workers are persons of trust. Parents and teachers can also ask the school social workers for advice.

School directory

In Landau, there are primary/elementary schools, secondary schools and vocational schools. You can search for specific types of schools in Landau on the [Educational Server](#) for Rhineland-Palatinate.

You can also find a list of all schools on the [website of the city of Landau](#). You can also find the relevant contact details there.

University study

Anyone can go to university in Germany, even if they obtained their school-leaving degree abroad. However, they must fulfil the same prerequisites as German students. In addition, they must usually have a good level of spoken and written German (usually C1, at least B2). However, there are some programmes that can prepare you for university and provide support during your studies.

Overview of the important information:

- Universities check whether you meet the requirements
- The German language test can take place at the university
- Certificates from telc and the Goethe Institute are also accepted as proof of language ability
- Your residence status (Aufenthaltsstatus) is irrelevant to your studies

German university system

There are three types of universities in Germany:

- Research universities ("Universitäten" – in Germany, this is what people understand when you say "university"),
- universities of applied science ("Fachhochschulen"), and
- universities for art, film and music ("Kunst-, Film- und Musikhochschulen")

All higher education institutions offer bachelor's and master's degree programmes.

There are public and private universities. Most universities in Germany are funded by the state. Private universities can charge very high tuition fees.

Research universities

- are very focused on academics
- If you want to get a doctorate (PhD), then a research university is the right place

Universities of applied science

- are very practice-oriented.
 - The education is tailored to the specific requirements of the professions.
- The degree includes internships and practical semesters

Universities for art, film and music

- The focus is on artistic subjects such as fine arts, drama, dance, industrial and fashion design, illustration, instrumental music or signing, and on modern media (direction, camerawork, screenwriting, etc.)

University of Koblenz-Landau

The University of Koblenz-Landau has three campuses. One is the Landau Campus. It offers many different courses of study. You can find an overview of the courses of study [here](#).

You can also go personally to the [International Academic Office](#) to get information on the following topics

- Study options and pre-requisites
- Support during your studies (study preparation courses, workshops, intercultural courses)
- Tutor programmes for students who come from outside Germany
- Events: Orientation events, country evenings, excursions...
- Student halls of residence

Address of the [University of Koblenz-Landau](#), Campus Landau
[Fortstraße 7](#)

Financial aid

Many students work alongside their studies. It is important to make sure that this does not make you neglect your studies. Incidentally, there is a state ruling that you must not work more than 20 hours a week during the semester. If you exceed this maximum number of hours, you could be expelled from the university. You also need to note that there is a maximum number of semesters to complete a bachelor's or master's degree which you may not exceed.

It is possible to apply for financial support from the government. Common examples are the "BAföG" (student grant) and "housing allowance". There are also alternatives to government funding, listed as follows:

BAföG = German Federal Training Assistance Act

This government funding is intended to help students if they do not have enough money through part-time jobs and/or parental support. This gives you a monthly amount of money for a specified period; the amount depends on your personal circumstances. Not every student can claim BAföG. The relevant BAföG office will clarify this individually for each person. In principle, though, you can assume that only full-time study is funded. In addition, to get funding for a bachelor's degree you must not be older than 30, and for a master's degree no older than 35.

You can find more information here: <http://www.bafög.de/leichte-sprache> (in simple German).

Grants/scholarships

There are many grants for which you can apply. And not just for the first semester, but for your whole course of studies. You can get an overview on the website www.stipendienlotse.de (available in simple language and German). These schemes are sometimes very different from each other. Some take account of social engagement, political orientation, degree programme, grades or personal circumstances. Some organisations also work together with certain universities.

The "Deutschlandstipendium" (www.deutschlandstipendium.de), available in simple language, English and German, has a wide range of support offers, which also means that it can be accessible to many students.

Werkstudent (working student)

You can become a working student (Werkstudent) either in your first semester or later on in your studies.

Many degree programmes also offer the possibility to work at a company while still a student. This gives you the chance to gain experience and earn money at the same time. Most companies offer contracts based on 10-20 hours per week. Another advantage is that working students who perform well are often taken on at the company after their studies and can even secure a job. Find out about companies in your area. The concept of a working student is very common.

Dual vocational training and degree courses

In this kind of course, **vocational training is combined with academic study**. As a general rule, you work in the company during the breaks between semesters. The company pays you during your studies, even if you do not actually work for them during this time.

Studentische Hilfskraft (student assistant)

These are advertised positions at universities. Many of them are posted on bulletin boards; you can also ask about them in person at the university. As a student assistant, you work fixed hours during the week (max. 20 hours). You undertake tasks such as helping a lecturer, professor or organisation at the university. The salary is usually minimum wage.

Minijob/€450 basis

Many students work part time in the food service industry (as bartenders, wait staff and the like) or as tutors, or help with childcare.

There are always many job postings on university bulletin boards.

Most students have "minijobs" (salary on a €450 basis). The advantage is that one is considered to be in "minor employment" – and therefore no tax or social security contributions are owed (unemployment, health and nursing care insurance). And a minijob can be easily combined with your studies. You can find more information on www.minijob-zentrale.de (available in simple language and German).



Links on this topic

Information about studying (e.g. about the German higher education system) in German and English:

www.study-in.de

Free online university for refugees:

Kiron Open Higher Education

Integration Campus

The Ingolstadt University of Applied Sciences (THI) offers a study-preparation programme for highly qualified refugees. Due to a cooperation with the city of Ingolstadt, qualified refugees from all over Germany can come to Ingolstadt for the purpose of participating in the programme, live there and prepare for their studies. The aim of the Integration Campus is to prepare participants for later studies at a German university or to facilitate their entry into employment. The Integration Campus lasts a maximum of four semesters.

More information <http://www.integration-campus.de>