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Language

In order to find an employment in Germany and get familiarized, you need to learn German. In this guide, you can find options and contacts to learn German. There are various options to learn German. These may vary partly depending on your residence status. As long as your German is not good enough, you need help. In this chapter, you will find suitable contact partners.

Learning languages online

There is an online option to learn German, or to deepen your linguistic knowledge.

Free-of-charge apps to learn German:

Goethe Institut:

<https://www.goethe.de/de/spr/ueb/dt1.html>

Stadt der Wörter:

<https://www.goethe.de/de/spr/ueb/led.html>

Ankommen:

<http://ankommenapp.de/APP/DE/Startseite/startseit...>

Einstieg Deutsch:

<https://portal-deutsch.de/unterrichten/deutsch-un...>

Fun Easy Learn:

<http://www.funeasylearn.com/de/app/deutsch-lernen/>

Lernabenteuer Deutsch:

<https://www.goethe.de/de/spr/ueb/him.html>

DuoLingo:

<https://de.duolingo.com/course/de/en/Lerne-Deutsc...>

Vocabulary trainers, translators and dictionaries:

Phase6 hallo:

<https://www.phase-6.de/hallo/>

Memrise:

<https://www.memrise.com/de/>

Chat partners, language learning tandems:

HelloTalk:

<https://www.hellotalk.com/?lang=de>

Tandem:

<https://www.tandem.net/de/>

italki:

<https://www.italki.com/app?hl=de>

Speaky:

<https://www.speaky.com/>

Language courses and integration courses

Information

Who can participate?

Persons with status "temporary suspension of deportation" and holders of a residence permit can participate in an integration course. Asylum seekers with a good perspective to stay are also entitled to participate. Presently, persons from Syria, Iran, Iraq, Somalia and Eritrea are concerned. Asylum seekers from other countries are not entitled to attend a language course free of charge.

What should you do, if you would like to attend a course?

If you belong to one of the above-mentioned groups, you can file an application for admittance to an integration course with "Bundesamt für Migration und Flüchtlinge".

The application form for admittance can be downloaded via link:

<http://www.bamf.de/SharedDocs/Anlagen/DE/Download...>

in the following languages: [German](#), [Arab](#), [Farsi](#), [Kurdish-Kumanci](#), [Somali](#) and [Tigrinya](#) .

Please, send the completed application form to:

Bundesamt für Migration und Flüchtlinge

Referat 326

90343 Nürnberg

If you have questions relating to language courses, please, contact the language course organizer!

For current language and integration courses, please, see:

<https://kursnet-finden.arbeitsagentur.de/kurs/erw...>

<http://www.bamf.de/SiteGlobals/Functions/WebGIS/D...>

Language course organizers:

Zentrum für Integration und Sprache

Integration course with literacy instruction

Kirchenplatz 8

35390 Gießen

Phone: 0641 30191005
Fax: 0641 30191007
Email: info@zis-giessen.de
Homepage: <https://www.zis-giessen.de/>

Language Service Center

Kerkrader Str. 9
35394 Gießen
Phone: 0641 48010970
Email: info@language-sc.com
Homepage: <https://language-sc.com/sprachkurse/alle-deutschk...>

VHS der Universitätsstadt Gießen

Fröbelstr. 65
35394 Gießen
Phone: 0641 93905700
Fax: 0641 93905740
Email: <mailto:birgit.lesch-koenig@giessen.de>
Homepage: <https://www.vhs-kreis-giessen.de/index.php?id=127...>

Sprachportal Gießen

Bahnhofstraße 82-86
35390 Gießen
Phone: 0641 79500805
Email: info@sprachportal-giessen.de
Homepage: <http://sprachportal-akademie.com/deutschkurse/>

BZH Bildungszentrum Handel und Dienstleistungen gemeinnützige GmbH

Erdkauter Weg 17
35394 Gießen
Phone: 0641 9661170
Fax: 0641 96611717
Email: giessen@bz24.de
Homepage: <https://bzhessen24.de/deutsch>

DAA - Deutsche Angestellten Akademie GmbH in Gießen

Ludwigsplatz 13-15
35390 Gießen
Phone: 0641 932740
Fax: 0641 9327420
Email: info.giessen@daa.de
Homepage: <https://daa.de/angebote/integrationskurse-deutsch...>

Akademisches Auslandsamt (for students and employees)

Goethestr. 58, room 230

35390 Gießen

Phone: 0641 99121485

during the opening hours: 0641 9912188

Fax: 0641 9912133

Email: auslandsamt-kurse@admin.uni-giessen.de

Homepage: <https://www.uni-giessen.de/internationales/sprach...>

Opening hours for personal consultation: Bismarckstraße 16

Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9am - 1pm and by appointment

SPRACHE & BILDUNG GmbH

Katharinengasse 21

35390 Gießen

Phone: 0641 975300

Fax: 0641 74208

Email: info@sprache-und-bildung.de

Homepage: <https://www.sprache-und-bildung.de/kurse.php?cat=...>

bfw - Unternehmen für Bildung

Heggrabenstraße 4

35435 Wettenberg

Phone: 0641 86641

Fax: 0641 82468

Email: albrecht.heike@bfw.de

Homepage: <https://www.bfw.de/themen/im-detail/2-sprache-int...>

German courses for initial linguistic orientation

The **German course for initial linguistic orientation** (initial orientation courses) provide both basic knowledge of German and information on living in Germany. The contents are a practical start-up help in the new environment for participants and facilitate orientation in everyday life. A course includes 300 lessons of 45 minutes each. The course modules comprise topics such as "Health/medical care", "Work", "Nursery school/school", "Housing", "On-site orientation /Traffic /Mobility". The focus is on oral communication: Participants should learn to find their way through everyday life. In all course modules, a major target is teaching values.

Initial orientation courses are mainly intended for asylum-seekers with unclear perspective to stay. If free course places are available, however, recognized asylum-seekers, persons with status "temporary suspension of deportation" and asylum seekers with good perspective to stay may also participate. Initial orientation courses are not intended for persons subject to compulsory schooling or compulsory vocational schooling. If you get access to an »»Integration course during participation in an initial orientation course, you can change over. People attending the courses have widely varying qualifications. Both illiterate persons and

academics can attend the courses. Initial orientation courses are free of charge.

The course language is German - no interpreters are present.

Contact a migration counselling center or your social asylum counselling service. They will help you to find a suitable course.

Integration courses

In a general **integration course**, you will learn German in 600 lessons up to competence level B1. 100 additional lessons will familiarize you with culture, politics and social customs in Germany. There are also special forms of integration courses that partly include a higher or lower number of lessons. The integration courses are free for refugees and other target groups that are paid social benefits.

You can be obligated to attend an integration course by the job center, the social welfare office or the "Ausländerbehörde". If you would like to attend an integration course although you haven't been obligated to do so, you can file an application for an integration course with BAMF. If you need support for applying, please, contact your social counselling service for asylum-seekers, or a migration counselling service. Support for selection of an integration course carrier organization is also provided.

Occupation-specific language courses (DeuFöV)

Occupation-specific German courses help improving your knowledge of German, for example, if you have already attended an integration course. So-called "DeuFöVKurse" can be attended while exercising a profession, training or a professional qualification measure, or as a preparation to start working in a profession in Germany.

The basic modules of "DeuFöVKurse" serve the target to lead to qualification level C2 within three modules of 300 lessons each. Each of these modules is finalized with a certificate test. Prerequisite for participation is a qualification level of at least B1.

Courses for women

IB Language School Mittelhessen

Wiesecker Weg 17
35396 Giessen

Phone: 064130190050

E-mail: sprachschule-mittelhessen@ib.de

Opening hours

Monday to Thursday: 08:00 to 16:00

Counselling by appointment only

Integration courses for women. All information on the women's courses can be found here: [IB - Women's integration courses](#)

Voluntary offers to learn German

In addition to the official German courses, there are many more options to practice German. The groups are held by volunteers. Normally, these are persons who's native language is German. Some of them are teachers who have stopped working. Everybody is welcome in these groups, independent of residence status.

Justus-Liebig-Universität Gießen - "Buddyprogramm" Students helping refugees

Goethestraße 58, room 246
35390 Gießen

Email: ilu-buddyteam@admin.uni-giessen.de

Homepage: <https://www.uni-giessen.de/international-pages/re...>

Opening hours:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday: 10 - 12am

Tuesday: only by appointment

Studentenwerk Gießen - Lokal International

Eichendorffring 111
35394 Gießen

Phone: 0641 98399100

Fax: 0641 9402022

Email: Lokal.International@studentenwerk-giessen.de

Homepage: [http://www.studentenwerk-giessen.de/Beratung_und ...](http://www.studentenwerk-giessen.de/Beratung_und_...)

Opening hours:

Tuesday to Friday: 6 - 11.30pm

and on Saturday during events.

Integrations- und Kompetenzzentrum der Zaugg GmbH und Diakonisches Werk

Foyer der Fernwaldhalle
Oppenröder Str. 1
35463 Fernwald

Phone: 06404 91290

Email: info@fernwald.de

Stadt Linden - "Generationsbrücke"

Elisabeth-Schwarzhaupt-Str. 5

Phone: 064039690364

Email: info@generationenbruecke-linden.de

Homepage: <http://www.generationenbruecke-linden.de/seiten/f...>

Flüchtlingshilfe Gemeinde Langgöns

Lesezirkel in der Bibliothek (Reading circle at the library)

Neugasse 6

35428 Langgöns

Email: fluechtlingshilfe-lang-goens@gmx.de

Wednesday evening from 6 - 7pm

Homepage: <https://www.langgoens-web.de/bildung-soziales-ges...>

Gemeinde Langgöns - "Wortkaffee"

Wiesenstraße 18

35428 Langgöns

Phone: 06403 6098927

Email: asylinlanggoens@web.de

Homepage: <https://www.langgoens-web.de/bildung-soziales-ges...>

Link: <http://downloads.bistummainz.de/20/1942/1/6545079...>

an.ge.kommen e.V.

Walltorstraße 3

35390 Gießen

Email: deutschkurse@angekommen-giessen.de

Homepage: <http://angekommen-giessen.de/was-wir-tun/deutschk...>

Opening hours:

Monday: 4 - 6pm

Thursday: 3 - 5pm

Friday: 3 - 5pm

Begegnungsstätte Staufenberg

Deutschcafe

Rathhausstr. 14

35460 Staufenberg

Phone: 0172 316 11 88

Opening hours: Tuesday and Thursday from 5 - 7pm.

Learn German, help with all official documents and all other matters concerning life in Germany.

Where can I find an interpreter?

When you go to an official authority such as the "Ausländerbehörde", you need an interpreter. But an interpreter is helpful also when consulting physicians, attending a parent-teacher conference at school or at a nursery school.

Some administration services and facilities have their own language mediator and can use them during consultations. When you make an appointment, please, always ask, if a free-of-charge interpreting service is available.

If you assign an interpreter from the following interpreter agencies, you have to bear the cost yourself:

Dolmetscherbüro Jibril

Friedrichstraße 7
35392 Gießen
Phone: 0176 826 76 667 und 0176 218 08 730
E-Mail: info@dolmetscherbuero-jibril.de
Homepage: <http://dolmetscherbuero-jibril.de/>

Übersetzerbüro ORTAC

Marburger Strasse 108
35396 Giessen
Phone: 0641 791902
Fax: 0641 791367
Email: info@ortac.de
Homepage: <https://www.ortac.de/>

Dolmetscherbüro Koohzarani

Steinstraße 81-83
35390 Gießen
Phone: 0641 4984523
Mobile: 0176 77184551
Email: koohzarani@gmail.com
Homepage: <http://www.koohzarani.de/>

AYVAZ Dolmetschen Übersetzen

Gnauthstraße 13
35390 Gießen
Phone: 0641 9709595
Fax: 0641 9709596
Email: info@ayvaz.eu
Homepage: <http://www.ayvaz.eu/de/sites/start.php>

Übersetzungsbüro Miladinovic

Neustadt 31
35390 Gießen
Phone: 0641 2093147
WhatsApp and Viber: 0177 8475435
Fax: 0641 2093148
Email: info@gi-sprachen.de

Homepage: <http://www.gi-sprachen.de/>

Dolmetscherbüro Mekonnen

Bergstraße 52
35418 Buseck
Phone: 06408 6029968
Fax: 06408 6029696
Email: t.f@dolmetscherbuero-mekonnen.de
Homepage: <http://dolmetscherbuero-mekonnen.de/>

Dolmetscherdienst Arslingua

Ludwigstraße 24
35390 Gießen
Phone: 0641 58093332
Mobil: 0179 9252186
Email: info@arslingua.com
Homepage: <http://arslingua.com/>

Dolmetscherbüro Engel und Partner

Kerkraeder Straße 2
Europaviertel
35394 Gießen
Phone: 0159 03555869
Email: info@dolmetscher-engelundpartner.de
Homepage: www.dolmetscher-engelundpartner.de

Adler Translation Service

Bahnhof Straße 45
35392 Gießen
Phone: 0641 58098515
Mobile: 0178 5007193
Email: info@adler-translation.de
Homepage: <http://www.adler-translation.de/?s=Willkommen>

Refugium Communicatio - Dolmetscherbüro

Krofdorfer Str. 134
35398 Gießen
Phone: 015224417596
Email: refugium.mee@gmail.com
Homepage: <https://www.refugium-communicatio.de/>

Translate4you - Dolmetscher- und Übersetzungsservice

Max-Eyth-Straße 8

35394 Gießen

Phone: 0641 4808101

Fax: 0641 78620

Email: info@translate4you.de

Homepage: <http://www.translate4you.de>

Opening hours:

Monday-Friday 8am - 5pm or by appointment

Sworn interpreters and translators can be found also on the following website: <http://www.justiz-dolmetscher.de/>

💡 In Germany, **official documents** such as school reports, marriage or birth certificates may be translated only by **sworn translators**. These translations can be very expensive. Please check exactly, if you really need a certified translation, and compare the prices.