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German language and education

German language courses

There are various ways to learn German. Your residence status determines which course you can attend

Do you have any further questions? Contact the [migration counselling centre](#)

The following language courses are offered in the district of Rastatt

Integration courses BAMF

An integration course helps people who have recently arrived in Germany. It consists of two parts:

- a language course - where you learn German
- an orientation course - here you learn how Germany works

In the language course you have 600 teaching units. The orientation course consists of 100 teaching units. One teaching unit lasts 45 minutes. The integration course ends with two exams: the German test for immigrants at language level B1 CEFR (DTZ) and the "Living in Germany" test.

Some people who come to Germany for the first time cannot take part in the normal integration course.

There can be many reasons for this:

- because of the family
- because of the culture
- because of their life story
- or because they need something special or have certain interests.

There are special integration courses for these people. These courses can last up to 1000 lessons.

There are different types of courses - depending on what people need. For example

- Literacy course - for people who cannot yet read or write
- Women's integration course - for women only
- Parent integration course - for mothers and fathers
- Youth integration course - for young people
- Intensive course - for anyone who wants to learn faster
- Support course - for people who need more support
- Course for second language learners - for people who already know another script and are now learning to write German

[Here](#) you can find more information about the special types of integration courses, who can take part and what the courses cost.

[Here](#) you can find further information on integration courses for foreigners with a residence permit, German nationals, EU citizens and late repatriates.

[Here](#) you can find further information on integration courses for asylum seekers and tolerated persons.

Current courses: You can search for current integration courses via [BAMF-Navi](#).

A prior placement test is required to participate in the integration course. Dates for the placement test can be found here:

 www.integrations-landkreis-rastatt.de/infothek/einstufungstests

These language course providers offer integration courses in the district of Rastatt:

Volkshochschule Landkreis Rastatt (VHS)


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 [Karlsruher Str. 11, 76437 Rastatt](#)


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Vocational language courses BAMF (DeuFöV)

The job-related promotion of the German language builds on the integration courses. These courses prepare you for the labour market. There are basic courses and specialised courses.

To participate in the basic courses, you must have at least [language level](#) B1. There are basically 3 types of basic course:

- Language level B1 to B2
- Language level B2 to C1
- Language level C1 to C2.

Specialised courses are available with different focuses. These are offered for specific people or in different specialisations (for example, for people who are in the process of being recognised or for the academic medical professions).

If you have not passed language level B1 in the integration course, you can take part in the specialised courses A1 to A2 or A2 to B1.

[Here](#) you can find further information on participation, the content and procedure as well as the costs of the courses.

These language course providers offer vocational language courses in the district of Rastatt:

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Language courses according to VwV German

If you cannot or are not allowed to attend an integration course, you can enquire about a course at the Rastatt District Office. The district administration office offers free German courses that are subsidised by the state of Baden-Württemberg.

These courses are available:

- Literacy and basic courses (up to [language level](#) A1)
- Advanced courses - (up to language level A2)
- Advanced courses - (up to language level B1)
- Advanced courses - (up to language level B2)

There are also specialised courses:

- Part-time courses
- Women's courses
- Parents' courses
- One-year intensive courses for trainees

You can take an exam at the end of a course.

Persons of compulsory school age cannot take part in these courses.

Contact and registration:

Integrationsbeauftragte

 [Am Schlossplatz 5, 76437 Rastatt](#)

 @integration@landkreis-rastatt.de

 <https://www.integration-landkreis-rastatt.de/star...>

Initial orientation courses BAMF

In initial orientation courses, people who have come to Germany learn the German language and important things about life here. For example:

- How to shop
- How to use the bus or train
- What rules there are

Who can take part?

- Anyone with an unclear residence status.
- If there are enough places, recognised refugees, tolerated persons or people with a good chance of staying can also take part.

Further information:

- The course is voluntary.
- The course is free of charge as it is paid for by the Federal Office for Migration and Refugees (BAMF).
- The course lasts 300 teaching units and each unit lasts 45 minutes.

The courses are a good way to better prepare for life in Germany!

You can find more information about the initial orientation course [here](#).

💡 Do not confuse this initial orientation course with the orientation course in the integration course.

These language course providers offer initial orientation courses in the district of Rastatt:

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Educational year for adult refugees (BEF Alpha)

Refugees and people seeking protection can take part in this course if they have little or no knowledge of the Latin alphabet and the German language. In other words, if they cannot read and write.

The course has 980 teaching units. In total, a BEF Alpha course lasts around 40 weeks. Part of the BEF Alpha course is a 5-week work placement. At the end of the course you can achieve [language level](#) A1 or A2.

Participants are usually between 20 and 35 years old. BEF Alpha courses in the district of Rastatt are often offered with childcare.

This language course provider offers BEF alpha courses in the district of Rastatt:

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Voluntary offers

In addition to the official German courses, there are many opportunities to practise German in the district of Rastatt.

These groups are run by volunteers. These are mostly people whose mother tongue is German. Sometimes they are retired teachers. Anyone can come to these groups, regardless of their residence status.

If you are looking for a volunteer course, check with your [city or municipality](#) .

German Language course levels

You can attend a German language class. There are six levels of language ability: A1, A2, B1, B2, C1 and C2. You start at level A1. You speak your mother tongue at level C2. The six steps in detail are:

A1: Beginner

You can understand and use simple words and sentences.

You can introduce yourself and others.

You can ask personal questions.

You can answer questions.

Someone is speaking slowly and clearly. You can have a conversation with them.

A2: Basic knowledge

You can understand full sentences and frequently used words.

You can express yourself in simple, everyday situations. You can describe where you come from, what kind of education you have and your surroundings.

B1: Advanced language skills

You can understand a lot. You can speak about topics you are familiar with and your personal interests. You can talk about experiences and events, dreams, hopes and goals. You can provide brief reasons or explanations for your plans and opinions.

B2: Independent language skills

You can understand the most important parts of complex texts on both specific and abstract topics. You can even understand expert discussions in topics you know well.

You can express yourself orally in a spontaneous and fluent manner. You can justify a position on a current issue by giving the pros and cons.

C1: Expert language skills

You can understand much of longer, complex texts. You can also grasp implicit meaning in the text.

You can articulate your opinion on complex topics clearly, extensively and in a well-structured way.

C2: (Approaching) native speaker proficiency

You can understand practically everything you read or hear without effort.

You can summarise information from a variety of written and oral sources. You can reproduce reasoning and explanations in a cohesive way. You can express yourself in a spontaneous, very fluid, precise and nuanced manner.

Interpreting service / Volunteer interpreter pool

Do you need help from an interpreter?

An interpreter helps people if they don't speak German well. They translate what is said - into a language that you understand well.

There is an interpreter network that provides voluntary (honorary) and well-trained interpreters. They help, for example, with

- Conversations in schools
- in kindergartens (daycare centres)
- at public authorities
- or in clubs and social organisations

The service is free of charge.

The interpreting team does not take on these assignments:

- at doctor's appointments or in hospital (medical field)
- if texts are to be translated
- if a sworn interpreter (i.e. an officially recognised interpreter) is needed

💡 Some authorities or organisations also have their own interpreters. When you make an appointment, it is best to ask straight away whether an interpreter can be present free of charge if you need one.

You can find more information [here](#).

Do you speak German well? Would you like to help other people?

As a volunteer interpreter, you can help people. You accompany them to appointments, e.g. with authorities, in schools or kindergartens. You will receive 15 euros for each assignment.

Are you interested? Then get in touch with the interpreter network.

Contact the

Interpreter network at Diakonie

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 🌐 www.diakonie-bad-ra.de/dolmetscher-netzwerk

Basic education centre Rastatt/Baden-Baden

There are many people living in Germany who are not or not fully literate. It is difficult for them to participate in everyday life.

The Rastatt/Baden-Baden Basic Education Centre offers ongoing low-threshold courses in the following areas:

- Reading, writing and maths
- Digital basic education
- Basic education for everyday life


The courses are aimed at adults whose native language is not German.


The course programme is funded by the Ministry of Education and Cultural Affairs in Baden-Württemberg and is **free of charge** for participants.

Register for a course here:

Contact

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Adult education centre

Adult education centres (vhs) are institutions with educational programmes primarily for adults. However, there are also programmes and courses for families.

The programmes offered by adult education centres cover many topics, for example culture, foreign languages, politics and society, jobs and careers, art and design, music, health and media. There are individual events, but also courses that take place regularly over several weeks.

If you want to take part in a course, you have to register and pay a fee. People who have little money usually receive a discount.

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