

Interpreters and translations

Find an interpreter

If you do not yet speak German well and have to go to a public authority, you will need an interpreter. This is also helpful if you go to a counselling centre, to a meeting at school or to kindergarten. An interpreter will help you to better understand what others are saying.

Some authorities have their own interpreters. You can make an appointment. You can ask if someone can interpret. Ask if the interpreters are free of charge. If not, the authority can ask the local integration centre for a volunteer language mediator.

Further information on volunteer language mediators can be [found here](#).

A public authority or, for example, a school can [request](#) a volunteer language mediator directly via an [online enquiry](#).

How you can become a language mediator


If you speak English or German well (at least B2 level), you can help others who do not speak these languages. You can accompany them to authorities or other appointments.

Would you like to help others with your language skills? Then get in touch with us:

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Translations of documents

Official documents such as certificates, marriage certificates or birth certificates may only be translated by state-certified translators in Germany. These translations can be very expensive. It is best to check in advance whether you need a certified translation and compare the prices.

You can find a list of authorised translators and interpreters in Germany here:



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