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Integration Advisory Board (Integrationsbeirat)

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History of the Saarbrücken Integration Advisory Council

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Foreigners' Advisory Council

The first Foreigners' Advisory Council was elected in Saarbrücken in 1989. Its members were people with foreign passports. At the time of the election, there were 14,839 foreigners living in Saarbrücken. This corresponded to 7.4 per cent of the population.

Integration Advisory Council

In 2008, the relevant law was amended (Saarländisches

Kommunalselbstverwaltungsgesetz/KSVG). Since then, the advisory councils for foreigners have been called integration advisory councils. The Integration Advisory Council in Saarbrücken regularly has 15 members. The foreign population of Saarbrücken elects two thirds of the members. The city council delegates one third.

Reform 2024

The Integration Advisory Board was elected in 2009, 2014 and 2019. It can submit motions to the city council and committees. It represents the interests of migrants in local politics. Following a further reform, naturalised citizens and late repatriates will also be able to vote and stand as candidates in the 2024 elections for the first time.

The next election will take place on 29 September 2024. You can find more information here.

Elections 2024

The fourth Integration Advisory Council for Saarbrücken will be elected on 29 September 2024.



Who can vote?

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You may vote if you

- are a foreigner
 - or
- have been naturalised or
- are a late repatriate or
- have acquired German citizenship by birth in Germany as a child of foreign parents.

You must also be 18 years old or older on election day. And you must have lived in Saarbrücken for at least three months (main residence since 29 June 2024).

Eligible voters with German citizenship must be included in the electoral register. An application is required for this. You must also bring proof (e.g. naturalisation certificate, proof of late repatriation status).

Who is not allowed to vote?

- Members of the diplomatic and consular corps
- Members of foreign armed forces
- German nationals (except for the above-mentioned persons)

Who may stand as a candidate?

You may stand as a candidate if you

- are a foreign national or
- have been naturalised or
- are a late repatriate or
- have acquired German citizenship by birth in Germany as a child of foreign parents.

You must also be 18 years old or older on election day and have lived in Saarbrücken for at least six months (main residence since 29 March 2024).

Candidates with German citizenship must be included in the electoral register. An application is required for this. They must also bring proof (e.g. naturalisation certificate, proof of late repatriation status).

Who is not allowed to stand as a candidate?

- Members of the diplomatic and consular corps
- Members of foreign armed forces
- Employees and civil servants of the state capital Saarbrücken





- Employees of companies in which the City of Saarbrücken holds more than 50% of the shares
- German nationals (except the persons mentioned above)

Further information can be found on the <u>website (in German</u>). All important forms can also be downloaded there.

Information on voter turnout can be found <u>here</u>.

