

How can you attend an initial orientation course?

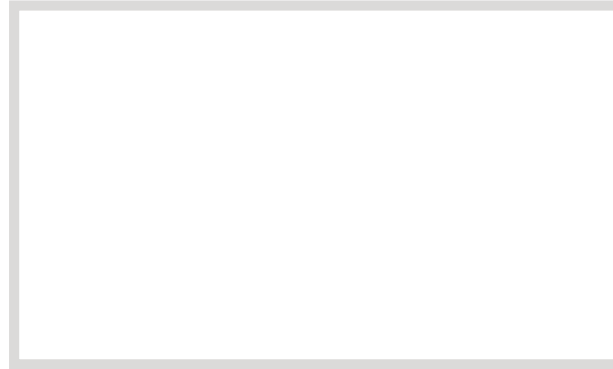
Attendance of the course is voluntary and free of charge. If you are interested in attending an initial orientation course, kindly contact an organiser offering the course in your federal state.

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Initial orientation courses

for asylum seekers with uncertain
prospects of remaining in Germany

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Integration



The initial orientation courses organised by the Federal Office for Migration and Refugees focus on everyday life. You will receive information and acquire German language skills that will help you find your way.

Who is entitled to attend an initial orientation course?

The initial orientation courses are mainly intended for asylum seekers without access to an integration course, but who do not come from a safe country of origin:

If there are free places, the following groups of persons may also attend an initial orientation course, provided they are not (yet) able to take part in an integration course.

- Asylum seekers with good prospects of remaining in Germany
- Tolerated foreigners with a residence permit according to Section 60a (2)(3) Residence Act.
- Holders of a residence permit according to Section 25 (5) Residence Act.
- Recognised asylum seekers

Children and adolescents who are required to attend school (school age) are not entitled to attend the initial orientation courses.

What do you learn in the courses?

You will receive information on the following topics in the initial orientation courses:



Everyday Life in Germany



Work



Shopping



Health/ Medical Care



Kindergarten/ School



Use of Media in Germany



Local Orientation/Transport/ Mobility



Customs and Traditions in Germany/ Local Peculiarities



Talking about Oneself and Others/ Social Contacts



Home Life



Values and Coexistence

The teacher in the initial orientation course will select five of those topics that suit the interests of the participants. Each participant should complete the module “Values and Coexistence” Among other things, you will learn which fundamental values define life in Germany and how they are translated into everyday settings.

There will be excursions in addition to classroom teaching. For instance, you and your fellow course participants may visit local authorities, a library or a market. These excursions will help you additionally to find your way and put what you have learned directly into practice.

How extensive is the course?

A course consists of six modules, each with 50 units (à 45 minutes), or 300 units in total.

