



Federal Office
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and Refugees

Integration courses

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Residence Act)

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Integration



The integration course is a basic state offer of language and political education for immigrants.

Integration courses

Integration courses are aimed at promoting the integration and social participation of immigrants and consequently empowering them to act independently in everyday life.

Participation and costs

Immigrants who speak little or no German can take part in an integration course under specific conditions. If these conditions are met, they will receive an eligibility certificate for participation in the integration course.

A contribution to costs is to be paid for participation in the integration course. Under certain conditions, for example if you receive unemployment benefit or citizen's benefit, you can apply for exemption from the cost contribution. A travel allowance is also possible if you are exempt from the cost contribution.

Further information on the requirements for attending an integration course and on costs can be found on the Federal Office for Migration and Refugees website under:



➤ www.bamf.de/integrationskurse-teilnahmekosten

Course content

Each integration course consists of a **language course** and an **orientation course**.

Language course

The language course covers verbal and written German language skills at the B1 level of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR). It is divided into two parts: a basic and an advanced language course. Important topics from everyday life are covered, such as work, education, shopping, health and housing.

Orientation course

The orientation course is concerned with providing knowledge of the legal system, culture and history of the Federal Republic of Germany as well as different ways of living together and values that are important in Germany.

Types of courses

In addition to the

➤ general integration course

there are **special integration courses** aimed at people with special needs:

- Integration courses for young adults
- Courses for students learning an additional alphabet
- Parents' and women's integration courses
- Literacy courses
- Integration courses for people with special linguistic needs
- Integration courses for people with disabilities and impediments
- Intensive courses

Procedure

Placement

All participants take a placement test before starting the integration course. Based on the test results, the person is then assigned to a specific course module and, if necessary, to a special integration course.

Duration

The general integration course comprises 700 LU*. Of this, 600 LU are allocated to the language course (300 LU basic and 300 LU advanced) and 100 LU to the orientation course. Special integration courses can also last up to 1,000 LU. Persons who have a good educational background can also complete the integration course as an intensive course with 430 LU.

Final exam

Completion of the language course is attested by participation in the language test "German Language Test for Immigrants" (Deutsch-Test für Zuwanderer). The test is passed if the level B1 has been achieved. The orientation course is completed by taking the test "Life in Germany" (Leben in Deutschland). If participants are successful in both final tests they receive the "Integration Course Certificate" (Zertifikat Integrationskurs).

*LU = lesson unit (45 minutes)

The "German Language Test for Immigrants" (Deutsch-Test für Zuwanderer) is taken at the end of the language course.



Find an integration course

An overview of the integration courses offered with regional search function can be found here:



➤ bamf-navi.bamf.de

Application for admission

Please find the forms for applying for admission to an integration course here:



➤ www.bamf.de/integrationskurse
(under "Applications and leaflets"
(Anträge und Merkblätter))

Apply for admission to the integration course online at:



➤ verwaltung.bund.de

The integration courses are offered by local providers and are funded by the BAMF.



Further Information



For participants:

➤ www.bamf.de/integrationskurse



For providers:

➤ www.bamf.de/ik-traeger



For teachers:

➤ www.bamf.de/lehrkraefte

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