



## Information on Integration Courses, German Courses, Exams and Certificates

The official Integration Course consists of two parts:

The German Course from Level A1 to B1 (part 1) and the Orientation Course (part 2)

Additionally, there are German courses for level B2 and C1.

**Part 1:** The German courses, A1 to B1 are completed with the B1 exam from Telc.

For young people

Youth integration courses are meant for immigrants under the age of 27 who are no longer of school age but who wish to continue their education or do vocational training.

For literacy

Here one learns to write while learning the basics of the German language.

For women

Women's Integration Courses are meant exclusively for women who often, because of caring for children or other familial responsibilities, cannot take part in language courses.

To find an Integration Course in your area:

[https://www.bamf.de/DE/Service/ServiceCenter/BeratungVorOrt/Integrationskursorte/integrationskursorte\\_node.html](https://www.bamf.de/DE/Service/ServiceCenter/BeratungVorOrt/Integrationskursorte/integrationskursorte_node.html)

**Part 2:** The Orientation Course is a 4 week course about the history, politics and culture of Germany and is completed with the exam “Life in Germany” (“Leben in Deutschland”).

You can find over 300 hundred questions online and free of charge to help you prepare for this exam. 33 of these questions will make up the actual exam.

**Tip:** That's easy! Check out this link:

<https://www.bamf.de/SharedDocs/Anlagen/DE/Integration/Einbuengerung/gesamtfragenkatalog-lebenindeutschland.html;nn=282388>

### German Language Exams and Language Certificates

**What do you need the certificates A2, B1, B2 and C1 for?**

**For “occupational short term residency permit“ (“Beschäftigungsduldung“ according to § 60d AufenthG): A2**

You need oral language skills so that basic communication in German is possible. Proof of this is the A2 language certificate.

**For Vocational Training: B1 or B2**

Normally you need the B2 language certificate. For some programs B1 is acceptable. In individual cases, the employer will make the decision which is needed.

**For attending college or a university:** You need a C1 certificate.

**What do I need an Orientation Course for?**

Only to become a German citizen and if necessary to answer questions for the Commission for Cases of Hardship (“Härtefallkommission”)



## Exams

Exams for A2, B1, B2 and C1 courses, as well as the exam “Life in Germany”, can be taken at language centers. To register and to find a language center near you, go to:

[https://www.bamf.de/DE/Service/ServiceCenter/BeratungVorOrt/Integrationskurse/integrationskursorte\\_node.html](https://www.bamf.de/DE/Service/ServiceCenter/BeratungVorOrt/Integrationskurse/integrationskursorte_node.html)

or go directly to Telc website:

<https://www.telc.net/pruefungsteilnehmende/pruefungszentrum-finden.html>

## Cost of Courses, Exams and Language Certificates

### Who pays for the Integration Courses (A1 –B1) and the exams?

In general, permission to participate in an Integrations Course depends on many factors, including, for example, when you arrived in Germany and what your resident status is.

For the application form:

[https://www.bamf.de/SharedDocs/Anlagen/DE/Integration/Integrationskurse/Kursteilnehmer/AntraegeAlle/630-007\\_antrag-zulassung-integrationskurs-ausl\\_pdf.html?nn=282656](https://www.bamf.de/SharedDocs/Anlagen/DE/Integration/Integrationskurse/Kursteilnehmer/AntraegeAlle/630-007_antrag-zulassung-integrationskurs-ausl_pdf.html?nn=282656)

The fees for Integration Courses A1 – B1 and the following exam B1 are, as a rule, paid by the *Bundesamt für Migration und Flüchtlinge* (BAMF) for:

- Migrants with an recognized resident permit (such as deportation ban, subsidiary protection)
- Migrants with a resident permit with a validity of **longer than one year** or those who have a resident permit for **longer than 18 months** (length of validity here does not play a role).
- Asylum seekers who have a so called “good perspective for residency”. This means you are from Eritrea or Syria (as of July 2020) or have perspective of employment and arrived before 01.08.2019.
- Migrants with a tolerated residence (“Duldung”) according to § 60a Abs. 2 Sentence 3 AufenthG (“Ermessensduldung”, “Tolerated residence of discretion”)
- Migrants with a resident permit according to § 25 Abs. 5 AufenthG

Here you find out if you are eligible and if BAMF will pay the fees for the course and exam:

<https://www.bamf.de/DE/Themen/Integration/ZugewanderteTeilnehmende/Integrationskurse/TeilnahmeKosten/Titelab2005/titelab2005.html>

You can apply for BAMF to cover the costs at:

[https://www.bamf.de/SharedDocs/Anlagen/DE/Integration/Integrationskurse/Kursteilnehmer/AntraegeAlle/630-007\\_antrag-zulassung-integrationskurs-ausl\\_pdf.html?nn=282656](https://www.bamf.de/SharedDocs/Anlagen/DE/Integration/Integrationskurse/Kursteilnehmer/AntraegeAlle/630-007_antrag-zulassung-integrationskurs-ausl_pdf.html?nn=282656)

### Who pays the fees for the B2 German Course and B2 Exam?

Those who have a recognized resident status (as well as deportation ban, subsidiary protection) will have the B2 course and B2 exam paid for by the Job Center.

Asylum seekers with “good perspectives for residency” (currently Syria and Eritrea), who are in process, who have a work permit and who have passed the B1 exam can have their B2 German course and exam paid for by the *Agentur für Arbeit* (employment agency).

Please contact your local employment agency to apply.



### What can I do when I am not allowed to participate in an Integration or German Course and/or BAMF will not pay the course or exam fee?

Unfortunately not all migrants in Germany have the same right and access to German courses. Despite this disadvantage, we wish to show you alternatives of how you can learn German.

#### **Free Online Courses:**

Here you'll find online courses for independent study for beginners starting at A1, and for more advanced learners, A2 – B1. Some of them are also available as an app. However, they do not provide the possibility of taken an exam for a recognized language certificate.

<https://www.deutschakademie.de/>

<https://www.dw.com/de/deutsch-lernen/>

<https://www.deutsch-lernen.com/>

<https://mein-deutschbuch.de/>

<http://lernox.de/>

<https://schubert-verlag.de/aufgaben/>

<https://www.easygerman.org/>

<https://www.deutsch-perfekt.com/>

#### **Further free of charge German courses:**

##### **Work-related, private agencies and volunteer based German courses**

Usually these language courses are free of charge and have greatly differing criteria for participating. You'll find more information at:

##### Local Migrant Advisors:

<https://integrationsbeauftragte.sachsen-anhalt.de/beratung-und-netzwerke/beratungsstellen/migrationsberatung-fuer-erwachsene-mbe/>

##### Coordinators for Migration and Integration for your town or county:

<https://integrationsbeauftragte.sachsen-anhalt.de/vor-ort/>

#### **Exams and Fees**

You may take the exams without having taken part in the official Integration and German Courses. This means you may use the free of charge online German courses and then take the respective exam with fee.

The fee for the A2, B1, B2, C1 language certificates is between 100€ and 200€ per exam. The fee for the Orientation Course ("Life in Germany") is 30€. Each testing center determines its own fees. Please contact your local testing center.

[https://www.bamf.de/DE/Service/ServiceCenter/BeratungVorOrt/Integrationskursorte/integrationskursorte\\_node.html](https://www.bamf.de/DE/Service/ServiceCenter/BeratungVorOrt/Integrationskursorte/integrationskursorte_node.html)

In individual cases the Job Center, and during the permit to stay ("Aufenthaltsgestattung") the employment agency, will pay for the exam fees. Ask or apply at your local Job Center or employment agency.

**Tip:** It is important that you are sure that you can pass the exam. You'll find practice exams that are free of charge at:

<https://www.telc.net/placement.html>

<https://learngerman.dw.com/de/placementDashboard>

<https://www.goethe.de/de/spr/kup/tsd.html>

**The Right of Residence Team wishes you every success and all the best!**

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