

## How do I find a Youth Integration Course?

The courses are held by providers of language courses. When you receive your certificate of eligibility you will receive a list of course providers in your region. Always directly ask for a Youth Integration Course!

## How much does the course cost?

Ethnic German resettlers are entitled to participate free of charge.

Foreigners pay a contribution charge of one Euro per lesson hour. Under certain circumstances, in particular if you receive unemployment compensation or income assistance (Volume XII German Social Code - SGB XII), you can apply to request a cost waiver from the Federal Office for Migration and Refugees (Bundesamt für Migration und Flüchtlinge).

If the integration course is completed successfully, the Federal Office may refund up to half of the costs. Under certain circumstances, the travel expenses to the course can be reimbursed as well.

## Where can I get advice about the course?

You can receive sound advice on the costs and requirements from a course provider or from the Youth Migration Service (Jugendmigrationsdienst).

The Youth Migration Services (JMD) in your town or community advise and support young people with an immigration background between the ages of 12 to 27. They work together with the providers of Youth Integration Courses. The advisors from Youth Migration Services will also get to know you later on during the course.

At JMD, you'll not only receive individual consultation, you'll also receive information about additional advancement measures and group offers. You can find more information at [www.jugendmigrationsdienste.de](http://www.jugendmigrationsdienste.de)



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## Improve your chances through youth integration courses

### What is a Youth Integration Course?

The Youth Integration Course is available for young immigrants up to 27 years old who are no longer of compulsory school age, who either speak little or no German and wish to attend a secondary school or do an apprenticeship in Germany. It consists of a language course with 900 lesson hours and an orientation course with 45 lesson hours. A lesson hour lasts 45 minutes.

You complete the language course as well as the orientation course with a test at the federal level. With the “German Test for Immigrants (A2-B1)” you can verify the language level A2 and the higher language level B1. You will receive a certificate that attests the language level achieved. By successfully participating in the Youth Integration Course, you additionally fulfil important requirements for obtaining a Settlement Permit, allowing you to be naturalised sooner.

### What will I learn in a Youth Integration Course?

#### In the language course...

... you will learn how to communicate in all important areas of daily life in Germany. You'll practise reading, writing,

comprehension and speaking in various situations: making contacts, talking with friends and neighbours, holding conversations while shopping or travelling on public transport, making telephone calls, filling out forms and informing yourself about healthcare.

In addition, you will receive reliable information about your living situation. You will learn about school leaving certificates in Germany, apprenticeship occupations and university studies, the labour market, leisure options, family relationships, dealing with conflicts and violence and much more. This is about your future in Germany.

#### In the Orientation Course...

... you will learn the most important things about laws, politics, culture, history and values in Germany. This course deals with understanding what is meant by freedom, tolerance and equality and which rights and duties the residents of this country have.

### What benefits does a Youth Integration Course have for me?

It's fun learning with other young people. The participants are interested in similar things and can share their experiences.

The group consists of 10-15 people and is thus smaller than integration courses generally are. During intensive lesson phases, two instructors will be available for you at the same time. You will also receive computer-based language instruction and work independently in small groups on your own projects. Visits to local companies are also a part of the course programme. You can even do an internship.

Over the duration of the course, you will become acquainted with various counselling and advising organisations and their employees, whom you can contact at any time. You will practise writing applications and can make your first contacts with companies. This will get you in shape for beginning an apprenticeship and working life.

### Who can participate in a Youth Integration Course?

You can participate if you are no longer of compulsory school age, are still under 27 years old when the course begins and are not currently attending a school or apprenticeship training institution. A certificate of eligibility is required for participation.

The following groups of individuals are entitled to participate:

- foreigners, who received a residence permit for the first time after 01 January 2005 and permanently live in Germany. They can receive the certificate of eligibility from the Immigration Office (Ausländerbehörde).
- ethnic German resettlers registered after 01 January 2005 and resettlers who did not participate in a language course in accordance with Volume III of the German Social Code (SGB III) prior to 01 January 2005. They can receive the certificate of eligibility from the Federal Office of Administration (BVA – Bundesverwaltungsamt).



If space is available on a course, the following groups of individuals may also participate:

- citizens of the European Union as well as foreigners who have already been legally residing in Germany for a longer period of time and German nationals with inadequate command of the German language. They can apply for approval from the Federal Office for Migration and Refugees (Bundesamt für Migration und Flüchtlinge).