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Initial orientation courses

for asylum applicants
with unclear prospects to remain

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Integration



The initial orientation courses offered by the Federal Office focus on your everyday life. The courses offer you important information and an initial knowledge of German that you will need to help you find your bearings in the country.

Who can attend the initial orientation courses?

The initial orientation courses are aimed primarily at asylum applicants who have no access to the integration course but who do not come from a safe country of origin.

Should places be available, the following groups of people may also attend initial orientation courses, if it is not (yet) possible for them to attend an integration course:

- Foreigners who, according to § 44 para. 4 clause 2 AufenthG, may be accepted for attendance of an integration course
- Recognised asylum applicants

Children and young people who must go to school (persons required to attend school) cannot attend the initial orientation courses.

What do you learn in the courses?

In the initial orientation courses you will receive information on the following topics:



Everyday life in Germany



Work



Shopping



Health/medical care



Kindergarten/school



Use of media in Germany



Finding your way about/transport/mobility



Customs and traditions in Germany/
local peculiarities



Talking about yourself and other people/
Social contact



Houses



Values and social co-existence

For teaching purposes, the body offering the course chooses five topics from the concept which suit the needs of those attending the course. The module “values and social co-existence” is mandatory for everyone attending the course. Here you will learn, among other things, about the fundamental values underpinning life in Germany and how these are manifested in everyday life.

The theoretical contents are complemented by excursions – for example visits to authorities, a library or the market. These excursions will provide you with additional assistance in finding your bearings and give you an opportunity to put what you have learnt into practice straight away.

What is the scope of a course?

A course consists of six modules, each comprising 50 teaching units (= 45 minutes), adding up to a total of 300 teaching units.



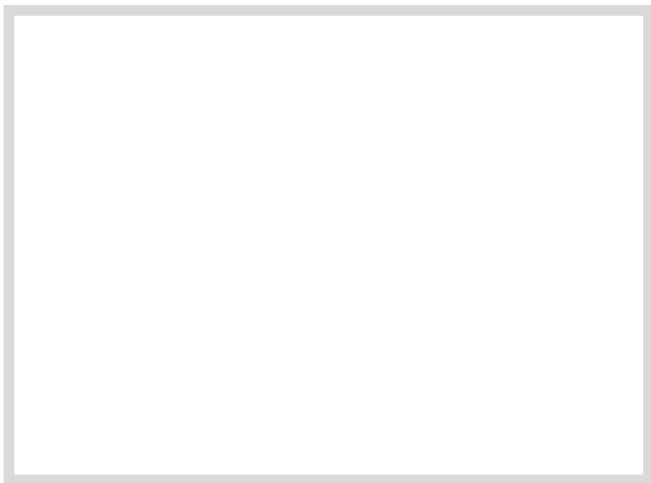
How can you attend an initial orientation course?

Attendance of the course is voluntary and free of charge. If you are interested in attending an initial orientation course, please contact one of the bodies offering the courses in your Federal Land.

You will find a list of all the bodies offering the courses and further information on the initial orientation courses at:
www.bamf.de/eok



Space for further information:



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