



Learning German

German courses and free German courses in Basel-Stadt

(Detailed information: deutschkurse.bs.ch and www.mb.bs.ch → Weiterbildung [Further education] → Sprachförderung und Integration [Language support and integration])

Many German courses are subsidised by the canton and the federal government. Residents of the Canton of Kanton Basel-Stadt are entitled to reduced course fees. A further discount is granted to those who qualify for reduced health insurance premiums. On top of this, the government co-finances day-care for pre-school children (up to age 5). The reduction is calculated by the language school and deducted from the course fees.

www.deutschkurse.bs.ch → Discounted courses

New arrivals in the Canton of Basel-Stadt who are entitled to a category B residence permit and plan to stay in Basel on a long-term basis are offered a free German course comprising 80 lessons during their first twelve months in the city. At their initial interview at the Residents' Registration Office, they will be presented with a personal voucher which can be used at all certified canton-approved language schools.

www.deutschkurse.bs.ch → Free German courses using vouchers

Swiss expatriates who do not speak German and are moving to Switzerland from abroad are now also entitled to a free German course.

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Do you need assistance in your native language?
Free advice in approx. 14 languages:

GGG Migration

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Early-years German language support

(Detailed information: www.volksschulen.bs.ch → Schulsystem [School System] → Vor dem Kindergarten [Pre-kindergarten age])

For many children, playgroups are their first experience outside the family environment. In small groups, they learn both from their instructors and from the other children. Most of their learning takes place through play. As a rule, children attend playgroups from the age of three, meeting for a few hours (between 2.5 and

4 hours, depending on the group) once or several times a week. There are playgroups in all of Basel's neighbourhoods as well as in Bettingen and Riehen.

Principally, attendance of a playgroup is voluntary and subject to a fee. However, children who speak little or no German are required to attend a playgroup or other German-speaking institution under the mandatory German language support programme. The costs are borne by the canton. (Further information regarding mandatory German language support can be found at www.volksschulen.bs.ch → Schulsystem [School System] → Vor dem Kindergarten [Pre-kindergarten age]).

Some parents may want their child to attend a playgroup but cannot afford the fee. To ensure that their children can still attend, all families who qualify for reduced health insurance premiums receive a cantonal contribution towards the costs of two half days a week in a playgroup.

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