

# Learning German

In order to learn German properly a German class is recommended. There are many offers in Canton Aargau that cater to different living situations.

## Offers

Many offers aimed at different groups of people are available in Canton Aargau. Some providers are commercial enterprises, some are charitable or public institutions. Persons who are not familiar with the latin alphabet or have difficulties reading or writing may take a literacy class (Alphabetisierungskurs). Before enrolling in a German class one should take note of the different types of classes and their costs. Many communities offer special classes in which mothers and their children can enhance their language skills (MuKi-Deutsch). The Centre for Integration in Aargau (Anlaufstelle Integration Aargau, AIA) or the community of residence will provide information regarding the various offers.

## Language Levels

German language skills are often evaluated according to the "Common European Framework of Reference for Languages" (GER). The six progressive levels extend from A1 (beginner) to C2 (proficiency). Levels A1 and A2 correlate with basic knowledge of the German language. Persons interested in a official professional education must achieve, in most cases, levels B1 or B2. Levels C1 and C2 for advanced students are generally required by universities.

## Funding

Generally German classes must be paid for by the participant. Costs vary and it is recommended to compare the offers (cost per lesson). Some classes receive financial aid from Canton Aargau or communities, enabling lower costs for the participants.

## **Additional information (links, addresses, information sheets, brochures)**

[www.konnichiwa-aargau.ch/en/language-and-integration/learning-german](http://www.konnichiwa-aargau.ch/en/language-and-integration/learning-german)