

Medizin Mobil Language Concept

To get your visa to live and work in Germany, an important requirement is the language. The German State will ask you to prove you can speak and understand the language up to an established level. Beware of companies or agencies promising you a visa by-passing a German language certificate.

Part 1: What is a “language level”

According to the GER language standard, every foreign language has 6 levels:

- A1 and A2: beginner to intermediate
- B1 and B2: intermediate to advanced
- C1 and C2: advanced to native speaking.

Each level could be divided by a school in sub level like A1.1 and A1.2, A2.1 and A2.2 and so on. Each level has a final test which will result in a certificate if passed.

A good language school should take 100 hours to pass a sub level, less or more hours could be employed, but to learn a difficult language such as German, it's wise not to rush it. The A1 level is usually quite easy, so it might take less hours to complete, whereas B1 and B2 might take more time.

Part 2: German Language Certificates

- Every school is allowed to make a test on your German language skills and provide you a certificate, but not all of them are accepted.
- At the moment German embassies and offices like the Landesamt (see Checklist, Anerkennung Concept) accept only certificate from the ALTE group schools.
- These certificates are: Goethe Institut, Telc or ÖSD. Ask your school before starting (and paying their fee) if their certificate belongs to one of the above. If not, you'll be required to take another test to get one of these certificates.

Part 3: Medizin Mobil Language Course

- German courses can be very expensive, sometimes they might be more expensive than a month salary! That's why Medizin Mobil offers you a completely free online German course, which you can use at your discretion to prepare yourself for the German tests.
- The course is not compulsory, you can choose to follow it, undertake another course of your choice, or even do both (the more the better!).
- The course is so divided: the A1 level must be done by the student on its own, with our learning material, Book, Audio and Video. The course should take you 1 month. From the A2 to the B2 level, you will have a small group with a German teacher, giving you online lessons for 50 hours/month.

- It should take you between 9 and 12 months to complete the whole training, after which you must take the test in your home country. Ask the school where you are doing the test, for a “Stufungstest” which will assess your German level, so you don’t have to make all the tests back from A1.
- We usually suggest the Goethe German test, as if one part won’t be passed, you don’t have to repeat the whole test, just the failed part!
- Our German course is completely and totally free of charges, there are no deposit, no commissions, no integrations.

Part 4: What level do I need?

- The German level you need to get your visa, varies according to the visa type you need (see Visa Concept):
- If you apply through Westbalkanenregelung (26 Abs. 2 BeschV) a B1 German level would be enough to grant you a visa.
- If you apply for a Ausbildung (16a AufenthG) you’ll need a B1 level, even though a B2 is always to be preferred, as you will have to take German exams in the school in Germany and the school is for German people, who speak native German.
- If you apply to work as a nurse through the Fachkräfteeinwanderungsgesetz (81a AufenthG) then you’ll need a B2. According to the law the level changes for the professions you are entitled to do (electricians need B1, dentists need C1), for nurses was, is and always be B2, beware of companies or agencies which state otherwise!

Part 5: Once in Germany

- If you were able to move to Hannover and work by us, means that you got a B2 German certificate. That will allow to live and work in Germany, but not as a nurse, as you’ll need your registration (see Anerkennung Concept and Checklist).
- In most of the cases a Kenntnisprüfung is the best way to get your registration, especially, because to prepare it, you’ll have to undergo 6 months of training in what is called “Fachsprach”. The German you learnt in the school is good to order a pizza or give direction to the station, but the language you need on your job, to communicate with patients, colleagues and doctors will be very poor. The Fachsprach course will allow you to learn all the words, phrases and technicalities which belong to your profession and environment, letting you work without language boundaries.
- The level of such course is set between B1 and B2, so with your certificate you should be able to attend without any problems. The course usually takes 6 months to complete and takes place once a week full day and every 2 weeks a workshop afternoon.

Part 6: Final Considerations

- Learning German is not easy, it takes long time and patience, especially in the beginning where being able to build a phrase could take you 20 minutes! That’s why is vital to have patience, follow all the courses and do all the homework. Unlike English, which we live with through technology, music, cinema, etc. and could be learned in a relative short time to a

decent level of communication, German builds up slowly. Even after all the courses, it will be sometimes hard to understand German people talking or TV/Radio, it will take years to be able to fully master the language if ever.

- The German grammar is very complex, sometimes without an apparent reason, you will have the idea that somebody took a lot of fun in messing things up, to make it harder for foreigner to learn.
- The great advantage of a private course like ours, in comparison to a school, is that you can be followed tightly by our teachers and you can always repeat something you hadn't understand. All the problems and doubts could be easily sorted out.
- Don't lose your patience, keep on trying and keep in mind it will take you months if not years to reach that level and it's completely normal to have problems, everybody learns at its own pace!
- Don't fall for alternatives, promising you easier ways; it's normal after the frustration of learning, to believe there's an easier way. Just ask yourself that: if there were an easier way, don't you think we would be using that now? Why should we invest more time and more money than necessary to recruit people? If that was possible, why in Germany there's still so much need of nurses?
- Don't forget that your employer will always be there for you when you need it.
- There are a lot of Apps around, who state they can make you learn the language easily with 10 minutes per day. They could be useful to have some fun and revise a couple of things but are not a substitution for a German course.
- To improve your German you can look for German kids tv program on Youtube in which the language is easy, slow and full of pictures, that will allow you to be familiar with the speech and pronunciation.