



Welcome

Arriving in Kaiserslautern County

Practical advice and information for everyday life



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Welcome to Kaiserslautern County!



More than 104,000 people from 127 different countries currently live in Kaiserslautern County. Not only does this show that Kaiserslautern County is multicultural and open-minded but it also shows that Kaiserslautern County is a great place to live. In order to promote a peaceful coexistence with your neighbours, regardless of the country of origin, culture and religion, it is important that you understand each other and that everyone gets involved and contributes to society with their abilities, hopes and ideas. This is something we encourage you to do.

Take a look at the numerous possibilities available, learn German, meet new people and actively take part in life in your municipality in Kaiserslautern County.

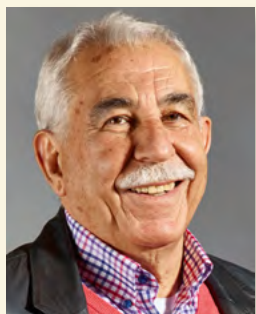
With this brochure, we would like to give you helpful tips and information for every day life. Not only do we want to make it easier for you to settle down in Kaiserslautern County, but also to find a new place to call home.

Since a brochure cannot answer all of your individual questions extensively, you will find a lot about information and advice centres in Kaiserslautern County. The staff working there would be happy to help you with any personal matters. You can also find more up-to-date information on the websites mentioned below.

I hope you have a good time in Kaiserslautern County.

Paul Junker
County Commissioner

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Most people could hardly imagine what it is like to leave your home country and to move abroad. Not only are you faced with a foreign language and culture but also all the minor issues in everyday life that you have to deal with. Who can you go to? Who can you ask? How can you sort everything out?

The Advisory Council for Migration and Integration (Beirat für Migration und Integration) of Kaiserslautern County, of which I am the Chair, is in charge of helping people from other countries to get used to life here, as well as other things.

This is why this little brochure with tips and information has been created to help you become part of our community as quickly as possible.

From my very own experience, I know that the path you are about to follow is not the easiest. I needed time to feel at home here. But I can assure you that it was worthwhile to put down new roots here.

Sofron Spytalimakis
Integration Representative of
Kaiserslautern County

Advisory Council for Migration and Integration of Kaiserslautern County _____

The Advisory Council for Migration and Integration was elected by the county council of Kaiserslautern. The advisory body has 15 members from different countries of origin. Many members know from their own experience what it is like to move to another country. They are aware of the initial difficulties that arise but they also know that it is possible to find a new home in the County of Kaiserslautern.

The task of the Advisory Council for Migration and Integration is to ensure that everyone can live together in Kaiserslautern County and to support and promote this ideal. The Advisory Council wants to promote dialogue between people of different nationalities, cultures and religions and to help them meet and understand each other. This is why it organises various events such as the "multicultural breakfast" and takes part in the "multicultural week".

The Advisory Council for Migration and Integration advises, helps and supports anyone who has questions about integration. The weekly office hours of the Advisory Council for Migration and Integration are from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. every Thursday in the county administration building of Kaiserslautern.

You will also find other people to contact in your municipality. You will find their contact details in the official gazette of your municipality. This gazette is distributed to all households in your municipality free of charge.

You can get more up-to-date information on the following website:

www.migration-integration-landkreis-kl.de

or at the Advisory Council for Migration and Integration of Kaiserslautern County.



Contact details:

**Beirat für Migration und Integration
Landkreis Kaiserslautern**

Lauterstraße 8

67657 Kaiserslautern

Tel.: 0631 / 7105-414

Fax: 0631 / 7105-474

migration-integration@kaiserslautern-kreis.de

www.migration-integration-landkreis-kl.de



Immigration authorities of Kaiserslautern County

The immigration authorities are in charge of all the residence matters of foreign citizens, such as:

- Formal obligation letters (invitations)
- Granting and prolonging residence permits
- Approving visa applications for stays in Germany which are longer than three months
- Asylum proceedings
- Expulsions and deportations

The laws on foreign citizens are very extensive. In addition, there are just as many different requirements which need to be fulfilled in order to obtain a residence permit. This can be further explained to you in a private discussion.

If you would like to invite a foreign citizen to Germany, you will often need to complete a formal obligation letter or an "invitation" (Verpflichtungserklärung) for visa procedures at the German Foreign Office. You can get a formal obligation letter at the immigration authorities of the Kaiserslautern County Administration.

Contact details:

Kreisverwaltung Kaiserslautern Immigration authorities

Lauterstraße 8

67657 Kaiserslautern

Tel.: 0631 / 7105-0

Fax: 0631 / 7105-208

<http://www.kaiserslautern-kreis.de/en/administration/immigration-authority.html>

Migration advisory services

At migration advisory centres, experienced staff are happy to help if you have any questions or problems – assistance is free of charge and without all the red tape, regardless of your country of origin, nationality or religion.

Migration advisory services for adult immigrants (known as the “MBE” in German)

The migration advisory centres for adult immigrants give advice to people who are older than 27. They provide information on the possibilities to learn German and assist them with dealings with the authorities or personal, educational, professional and family difficulties.

Contacts:

German Red Cross

District association of Kaiserslautern-Land e.V.

Migration advisory services

Am Feuerwehrturm 6

66849 Landstuhl

Tel.: 06371/921533

Fax: 06371/921520

info@kv-kl-land.drk.de

<http://kv-kl-land.drk.de/angebote/migrationsberatung.html>

German Red Cross

District association of Kaiserslautern-Stadt e.V.

AugustasträÙe 16-24

67655 Kaiserslautern

Tel.: 0631 / 800930

Fax: 0631 / 80093133

info@kv-cls.drk.de

<http://drk-kl.de/angebote/migrationsberatung.html>

Caritas Centre of Kaiserslautern

Engelsgasse 1

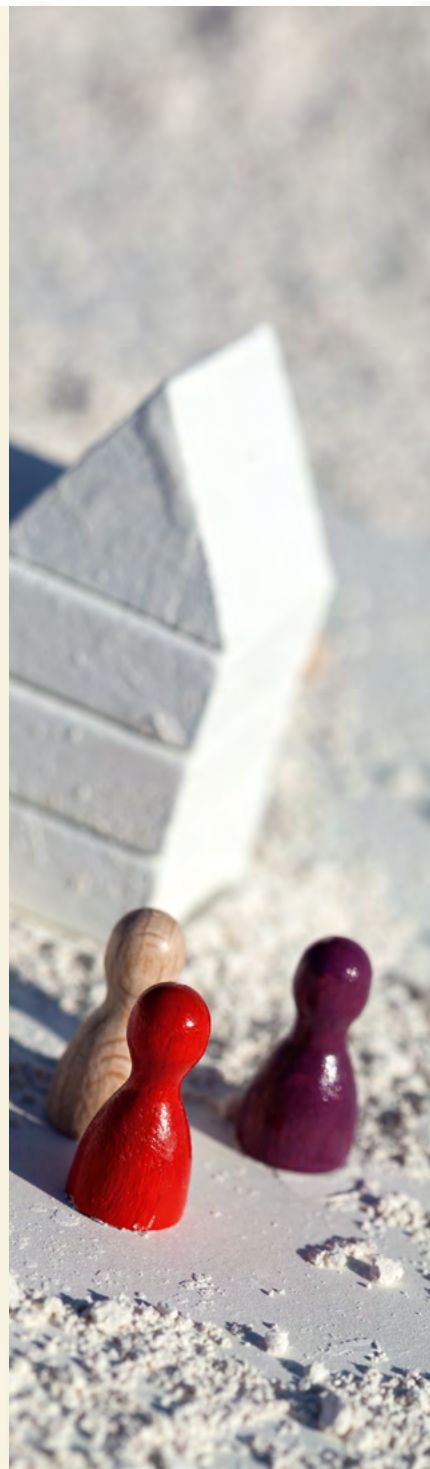
67657 Kaiserslautern

Tel.: 0631 / 36120222

Fax: 0631 / 36120261

caritas-zentrum.kaiserslautern@caritas-speyer.de

<http://www.caritas-zentrum-kaiserslautern.de/72016.html>



Youth Migration Office (known as the “JMD” in German)

The staff working at the Youth Migration Office focus particularly on the needs of young people. They advise teenagers and young adults under 27. For instance, they help with matters such as career choices, the recognition of foreign qualifications, choosing the right educational path and also dealing with personal problems.

Contact details:

Internationaler Bund

Youth Migration Office

Kohlenhofstraße 10

67663 Kaiserslautern

Tel.: 0631 / 68108

Fax: 0631 / 696919

JMD-Kaiserslautern@internationaler-bund.de

<http://www.internationaler-bund.de/angebote/angebot/148/94/>



Integration courses

In an integration course, not only will you learn German but you will also learn a lot about many important and interesting parts of German history and culture, the legal system, your rights and obligations in Germany as well as the region in which you live, the Kaiserslautern County.

The integration course is a language course and an orientation course. Normally, an integration course lasts 660 hours. There are full-time and part-time courses and special integration courses for women, for example.

The language course is approximately 600 hours long. In this course, you will also learn many practical things for everyday life, such as information about shopping and health. In the orientation course, which lasts 60 hours, various topics will be discussed, such as your rights and obligations in Germany, German culture and values as well as the culture of your home country.

You can get financial support for an integration course from the government. You can find out on the following website

(http://www.bamf.de/SiteGlobals/Forms/Sprachumschaltung/DE/Sprachumschaltung_Formular.html)

whether you are required to pay a fee and whether you fulfil the requirements to participate

in an integration course. You can also find more information at the migration advisory centres. If you have a certificate which states that you have successfully completed an integration course and you have been living in Germany for at least seven years as a law-abiding citizen, you can apply to become a German citizen. A successfully completed integration course can also help if you are looking for a job.

You can find more information at the migration advisory centres.

If you have more general questions on integration courses, you can contact the Citizen Service of the Federal Office for Migration and Refugees (Tel.: 0911/9436390)

<http://www.bamf.de/DE/Infothek/AnsprechpartnerAdressen/AnsprechpartnerBAMF/Integration/AllgemeineAnfragen/allgemeineanfragen-node.html>

Integration course centres:

Caritas Centre of Kaiserslautern

Engelsgasse 1

67657 Kaiserslautern

Tel.: 0631 / 36120222

Fax: 0631 / 36120261

caritas-zentrum.kaiserslautern@caritas-speyer.de

<http://www.caritas-zentrum-kaiserslautern.de/72018.html>

Internationaler Bund

Kohlenhofstraße 10

67663 Kaiserslautern

Tel.: 0631 / 68108

Fax: 0631 / 696919

JMD-Kaiserslautern@internationaler-bund.de

<http://www.internationaler-bund.de/angebote/angebot/148/109/>

Volkshochschule Kaiserslautern

Kanalstraße 3

67655 Kaiserslautern

Tel.: 0631 / 3625800

Fax: 0631 / 3625850

info@vhs-kaiserslautern.de

www.vhs-kaiserslautern.de



Learning German

In order to guarantee a peaceful co-existence, it is important to understand and to be understood by other people. If you would like to find a new home in Kaiserslautern County, you should learn German quickly.

Good language skills make everyday life easier. For instance, learning German will make it easier to meet new people or to find a job.

The best way to learn German is to take part in a language course. For example, German as a Foreign Language courses are available at the adult education centre (Volkshochschule) of Kaiserslautern County. You can find more information about dates and the different courses (such as course length and prices) on the following website:

www.kvhs-kaiserslautern.de.

You may also have the possibility to attend an integration course. In an integration course, not only will you learn German but you will also learn many important things about Germany, such as the history, culture and legal system. You will find information on whether you fulfil the requirements to attend an integration course on the following website:

www.bamf.de/integrationskurs.

The staff working for the migration services would be happy to help you find the right language course for you.

Contact details:

Kreisvolkshochschule of Kaiserslautern

Am Altenhof 6 (former casino)

67655 Kaiserslautern

Tel.: 0631 / 7105-395 or

Tel.: 0631 / 7105-295

Fax: 0631 / 7 7105-330

www.kvhs-kaiserslautern.de

Other German language course providers:

Caritas Centre of Kaiserslautern

Engelsgasse 1

67657 Kaiserslautern

Tel.: 0631 / 36120-229 or -267

Fax: 0631 / 36120-261

Caritas-zentrum.kaiserslautern@caritas-speyer.de

<http://www.caritas-zentrum-kaiserslautern.de/72018.html>

Internationaler Bund (IB)

Kohlenhofstraße 10

67663 Kaiserslautern

Tel.: 0631 / 68108

Fax: 0631 / 696919

JMD-Kaiserslautern@internationaler-bund.de

<http://www.internationaler-bund.de/angebote/angebot/148/81/>

Youth Office of the Union Community of Ramstein-Miesenbach

(Learning German for everyday life)

Am Neuen Markt 4

66877 Ramstein-Miesenbach

Tel.: 06371 / 466742

Vg-jugendbuero@t-online.de

www.jugendbuero-ramstein.de

Volkshochschule Kaiserslautern

Kanalstraße 3

67655 Kaiserslautern

Tel.: 0631 / 3625800

Fax: 0631 / 3625850

info@vhs-kaiserslautern.de

www.vhs-kaiserslautern.de

Private language providers also offer language courses.

The best way to find them is to type in the following search term on the Internet:

"Sprachkurs Kaiserslautern".

Tip: Do you want to meet new people and speak German?

Come to our multicultural breakfast!



School

In Germany, all children are obliged to go to school. In the State of Rhineland-Palatinate, all children who are six years old before 31 August of the school year are obliged to go to school. Children can attend a state school free of charge.

All children initially go to primary school for four years (primary education or Primarstufe). In Kaiserslautern County, there are 31 primary schools. Some of these schools also have learning support schemes in the afternoon or as full-time day schools. Generally, children go to a primary school which is close to their home.

In the last school year of primary school, children are advised on the next type of school they should attend (secondary school level I or Sekundarstufe I). Based on the school's recommendation and advice, parents then decide on the type of school their child will attend.

In Kaiserslautern County, there are different types of secondary schools (such as a Realschule plus or an integrierte Gesamtschule) at which pupils can obtain a certificate of completion of compulsory basic secondary schooling (Hauptschulabschluss) after their 9th year of school. After the 10th school year, pupils can obtain a general certificate of secondary education (Realschulabschluss). Pupils who pass all their exams at a Gymnasium, which is equivalent to grammar school, or at an integrierte Gesamtschule, which is a comprehensive school with a grammar-school sixth-form study at secondary school level II or Sekundarstufe II in order to obtain their A-levels (Abitur) in the 13th year of schooling. Children with special needs (for instance, those who have a disability) can go to special schools in Kaiserslautern County.

You can get an overview of schools in Kaiserslautern County on the following website:

www.kaiserslautern-kreis.de/bildung

If your child does not speak German very well, he/she will get help at school accordingly.

You can find information on the education system in Germany in several languages on the following website:

http://www.wir-sind-bund.de/SiteGlobals/Forms/Sprachumschaltung/WSB/DE/Sprachumschaltung_Formular.html

Vocational training and further education

In Germany, teenagers who have obtained their Haupt- or Realschulabschluss can either do vocational training or continue their education (Sekundarstufe II) to get their Abitur, which is equivalent to A-levels, or their Fachabitur, which is a vocational baccalaureate. With these diplomas, you can study at a university (Universität) or an institution of higher education (Hochschule).

Vocational training in Germany generally lasts two to three and half years. Vocational training is often completed as part of a dual system. This means that teenagers complete their training in a company and acquire practical skills in particular. They go to a vocational school once to two times a week in order to further develop their theoretical knowledge.

In Germany, there are approximately 400 jobs that require vocational training. As a result, it is not always easy to choose the right type of training. Apprentices are desperately needed in many areas of work. The Job Centre's careers advisory service helps teenagers to choose the right career. You can contact the Job Centre's careers advisory service on the following telephone number free of charge: 0800/4555500.

At the Job Information Centre (Berufsinformationszentrum) of Kaiserslautern, you can get more free information on education, work and the job market. You do not need to book an appointment.

The Youth Migration Office is also happy to help teenagers to plan their career and make vocational training choices.

Tip: A work placement is a good way to get an idea of what a job entails or to learn more about companies which may offer vocational training.

www.planet-beruf.de

(information on jobs that require vocational training and applications)

www.berufenet.arbeitsagentur.de

(thousands of job descriptions in Germany)

Contact details:

Job Information Centre of Kaiserslautern

Augustastr. 6

67655 Kaiserslautern

Tel.: 0631 / 3641220

Fax: 0631 / 3641466

Kaiserslautern-pirmasens.BIZ@arbeitsagentur.de

Work and career

If you would like to work in Kaiserslautern County and look for a suitable job, the staff at the Job Centre and the Employment Agency will be happy to help and assist you with looking for a job. However, it is important that you actively look for jobs as well.

Job vacancies are often published in the regional daily newspaper, for example every Saturday in the "Rheinpfalz" newspaper. If you enter the search term "Jobsuche" on the Internet, you will also find many websites with job offers.

You can also directly send your application to a company you would like to work at. You should also try to directly contact potential employers.

Citizens from EU member states are allowed to work in Germany. As a result, they do not need a work permit. This is known as the free movement of labour. This applies for citizens from Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and the United Kingdom. This also applies for people from Iceland, Lichtenstein, Norway and Switzerland and prospectively Croatia as well (last updated: June 2015).

People from other countries need a residence permit in order to obtain a work permit. You can get more information from the immigration authorities of the district administration of Kaiserslautern County Administration.

If you have a professional qualification (an apprenticeship or a degree) which you obtained abroad and you would like to work in Germany, you can or you must have your foreign qualification recognised. You can find information on the following website:

<http://www.anerkennung-in-deutschland.de/html/en/index.php>.

You can also contact the "Living and working in Germany" hotline: *Tel.: 030 / 18151111*.

Interesting websites:

www.arbeitsagentur.de

<http://jobboerse.arbeitsagentur.de/>

<http://job.rheinpfalz.de/>

<http://www.anerkennung-in-deutschland.de/html/en/index.php>



Contact details:

Job centre of Kaiserslautern County

Augustastraße 6

67655 Kaiserslautern

Tel.: 0631 / 3641453

Jobcenter-Landkreis-Kaiserslautern@jobcenter-ge.de

Employment Agency of Kaiserslautern-Pirmasens

Augustastraße 6

67655 Kaiserslautern

Tel. 0800 / 4 5555 00 (*free of charge*)

Accommodation

If you would like to rent or buy a flat or a house in Kaiserslautern County, you can look for offers on the Internet. If you type in the search term "Immobilien", you will find Internet portals with corresponding results. You can find more property ads in the region every Friday in the daily newspaper "Rheinpfalz".

You can also commission an estate agent to help you find the right flat or house for you. Estate agents receive a commission for their work. You should find out about the costs in advance. You can find the contact details of estate agents on the Internet or in the local telephone book.

Once you've found the right house or flat, you will receive a tenancy agreement from your landlord. It is important to read this document in detail before signing it. In many cases, house rules will be included in the tenancy agreement. This ensures that you and your neighbours will be able co-exist peacefully and it is important that you observe these rules.

In Germany, waste is collected and disposed of separately. Ask your landlord about recycling if you have any questions. In the "Waste Tips"

http://www.kaiserslautern-kreis.de/fileadmin/media/Dateien/Abfallwirtschaft/Muellertipps/Garbage_Guide_Druckversion_eng.pdf
brochure made available by the Waste Management Office of Kaiserslautern County, you will find more important information on ways to separate and dispose of your waste properly.

As soon as you've moved into your new flat or new home and you have a new address, you must register with the residents' registration office of your associated municipality administration.

If you earn a low salary, you might be entitled to government support in the form of a rent subsidy (Mietzuschuss). If this is the case, you can apply for housing benefit. You can find more information at the Housing Benefit Office of Kaiserslautern County or at:

<http://www.kaiserslautern-kreis.de/verwaltung/jugend-und-soziales/188/wohngeld.html>

Property ads in Kaiserslautern County



<http://immo.rheinpfalz.de/>

Contact details:

Kreisverwaltung Kaiserslautern
Housing Benefit Office of Kaiserslautern County

Lauterstraße 8
67657 Kaiserslautern
Tel.: 0631 / 7105-441 or -443
Fax: 0631 / 7105-566

<http://www.kaiserslautern-kreis.de/verwaltung/jugend-und-soziales/188/wohngeld.html>

Kreisverwaltung Kaiserslautern
Waste Management Office of Kaiserslautern County

Am Altenhof 6
67657 Kaiserslautern
Tel.: 0631 / 7105-505 or -408
Fax: 0631 / 7105-449

abfallwirtschaft@kaiserslautern-kreis.de

<http://www.kaiserslautern-kreis.de/en/administration/waste-management.html>



Banks and insurance

In Germany, many transactions and regular expenses such as rent or electricity are not paid in cash. This is why you need to set up a current account at a bank. Your employer will pay your wages or salary into this account. This is why you should get a current account at a bank before you start working. Banks can also give you advice if you would like to get a loan, for instance.

In Kaiserslautern County, there are many banks, such as Kreissparkasse Kaiserslautern. The best solution is to look for a bank which is close to your home and you should let staff explain to you exactly what the conditions and costs will be. At the bank, you will also get information on the documents you will need to open a current account.

In Germany, there are many types of insurance, which include different forms of compulsory and voluntary insurance. You can get a good overview of insurances in Germany as well as information on pensions, health insurance, long-term care insurance and accident insurance but also topics such as work motivation, employment law, child benefit, housing benefit and income support in the brochure "Social security at a glance"

http://www.bmas.de/SharedDocs/Downloads/DE/PDF-Publikationen/a998-social-security-at-a-glance-total-summary.pdf?__blob=publicationFile

You can find this brochure on the website of the Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs: www.bmas.de under "Publications". The brochure is available in German, English, French, Italian, Spanish and Turkish.

You can find more information and advice (subject to a fee) to find the best insurance coverage at the Consumer Advice Centre of Rhineland-Palatinate.

Contact details:

Consumer Advice Centre of Rhineland-Palatinate. e.V.

P.O. Box 4107

55031 Mainz

Tel.: 09001 / 7780802 (*subject to a fee*)

Fax: 0131 / 284825

versicherung@vz-rlp.de

www.verbraucherzentrale-rlp.de/Versicherung

Health and care

In Germany, the costs for receiving treatment at the doctor's, medicine or a hospital stay are generally covered (for the most part) by your health insurance. This is why you have to register with a statutory health insurance scheme or a private health insurance.

If you or a family member are ill, you should go to a GP in or near your area. You will get treatment or be referred to a specialist, if necessary. All doctors are obliged to maintain confidentiality. They are not allowed to divulge any information to the authorities, family members or employers without your consent.

If you would prefer to go to a doctor who speaks your language, you can contact the Association of Statutory Health Insurance Physicians to get assistance on the following telephone number: 06131 / 326326.

In Germany, certain vaccinations for babies, children, teenagers and adults are recommended. Your doctor will advise you on this.

If you have family members who suffer from an illness or who are elderly and you take care of them at home, this can sometimes be very strenuous and difficult. The Kaiserslautern County Administration has published a brochure to assist you called "Guidelines on care at home", which is available in several languages. In this brochure, you will find information on care and the contact details of advice centres.

In an emergency, dial 112 to call an ambulance or dial 030 / 19240 to call the emergency poison control centre.

Contact details:

Kaiserslautern County Administration

Älterwerden Head Office

Lauterstraße 8

67657 Kaiserslautern

Tel.: 0631 / 7105-248

Fax: 0631 / 7105-566

<http://www.kaiserslautern-kreis.de/verwaltung/jugend-und-soziales/leitstelle-aelterwerden.html>

Association of Statutory Health Insurance Physicians of Rhineland-Palatinate

Tel.: 06131 / 326-326

Fax: 06131 / 326-327

service@kv-rlp.de

<https://www.kv-rlp.de/patienten/arztfinder/>

Associations and volunteer work

Many citizens get involved in associations in Kaiserslautern County. Associations are groups of people who share the same interests and want to achieve the same goals. Associations cover a wide range of topics: there are many sport associations, such as the football associations, but also music associations, social associations or even nature and animal protection associations. In an association, you can learn to play a sport or an instrument. People generally work as volunteers in an association, which means that they choose to work for free. In some associations, a small member fee is required.

Associations are a great way to meet new people who share the same interests. Many associations have special offers for children and teenagers.

You can get an overview of the local associations in the union community administrations.

Many people also work as volunteers (voluntarily and without payment) in their municipality and for other people who need support, without being a member of an association. It is important that many people help along and get involved for a peaceful co-existence and a home in which everyone is happy to live.

If you would like to work as a volunteer, you should talk to the mayor of your town. He/she will know where help is needed and would obviously be happy to hear about your interests.

You can find information on ways and places to work as a volunteer at the Volunteer Office of Westrich and the Volunteer Agency of Kaiserslautern.

Contact details:

Volunteer Office of Westrich

Union Community Administration of Ramstein-Miesenbach

P.O. Box 1152

66872 Ramstein-Miesenbach

Tel.: 06371 / 592420

Fax: 06371 / 59245

ehrenamtsboerse@ile-westrich.de

www.ile-westrich.de/ehrenamtsboerse/

Volunteer Agency of Kaiserslautern

Burgstraße 24

67659 Kaiserslautern

Tel.: 0631 / 4145361

Fax: 0631 / 4145362

Interesting websites:

www.integration-durch-sport.de

www.wir-tun-was.de



Multicultural breakfast

The multicultural breakfast is a good opportunity to meet new people - and we are more than delighted to invite you!

The Advisory Council for Migration and Integration of Kaiserslautern County regularly organises multicultural breakfasts in various places in the County of Kaiserslautern. At these breakfasts, Germans and people from a whole host of other countries come to share their experience and get to know each other.

Many guests bring dishes from their home country. It is interesting to see what people from other cultures cook and have for breakfast, which is a good conversation topic.

Anyone can take part in the multicultural breakfast. Many people bring their children so that they can all play together. Taking part in the multicultural breakfast is free.

You can find the dates of the multicultural breakfast in the official gazette of your municipality or in the district newspaper "Wir im Landkreis". These newspapers are distributed to all households for free.

You can also find the dates of the next multicultural breakfast on the following website:

www.migration-integration-landkreis-kl.de

or at the Advisory Council for Migration and Integration of Kaiserslautern County. It will also help the event organisers if you inform them in advance that you would like to come.

The Youth Office of the Union Community of Ramstein-Miesenbach also organises multicultural breakfasts. You can find dates at:

<http://www.jugendbuero-ramstein.de/>.

Contact details:

Advisory Council for Migration and Integration Kreisverwaltung Kaiserslautern

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Naturalisation

If you've been living in Germany for a long time and fulfil specific requirements, you have the possibility of becoming a German citizen. Naturalisation means that you become a German citizen. As a result, you will have the same rights and obligations as German citizens.

If you live in Kaiserslautern County, you must submit an application for naturalisation at the Kaiserslautern County Administration.

Naturalisation is a possibility for people who have been living and working in Germany for at least eight years and who have been granted permanent residency in Germany. However, there are many exceptions and special provisions. This is why you should get information and advice in order to know whether you fulfil the requirements to be naturalised.

The staff at the Naturalisation Centre of the Kaiserslautern County Administration will be happy to advise you on all matters regarding naturalisation. They can also provide you with the application form for naturalisation.

You can find more information in the brochure called "Questions and answers on naturalisation" which has been made available by the German Ministry for Integration, Family, Children, Youth and Women (Ministerium für Integration, Familie, Kinder, Jugend und Frauen) on the following website: www.einbuengerung.rlp.de.

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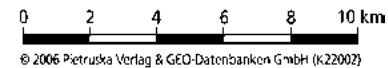
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Important telephone numbers in case of an emergency

Police/emergencies 110

Fire brigade/ambulance services/ doctor on call 112

Emergency poison control centre 030 / 19240

Samaritan telephone service 0800 / 1110111 or 0800 / 1110222

All emergency numbers can be called 24/7 and free of charge.

Police officers are in charge of protecting people from danger, prosecuting crimes and ensuring safety and order in traffic.

Have you been a victim of violence or crime? Have you seen someone commit a crime? Call the police immediately! Police officers are people you can trust.

You can get help and advice on safety matters in the police station of your area. If there is an emergency, you can call the free emergency number 110 at any time of day, every day.

www.polizei.rlp.de/westpfalz



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