



"Say Ja to Deutsch in 2024: Why You Simply Can't Afford to Miss Out"

German is becoming a popular language to learn due to Germany's prosperous economy and need for skilled workers. A **2020** study revealed almost 15.5 million people worldwide are learning German, with the number of learners for example in Africa increasing by almost 50% since **2015**.

This growth is partly due to new legislation passed in **2020**, making it easier for qualified employees from non-EU countries to migrate to Germany or find a job!

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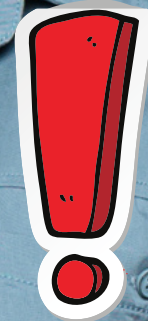


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- Germany updates the legislation rules and extends residence permits specifically for qualification recognition, making it imperative for foreign professionals to learn German to fully integrate and meet job requirements in the country.

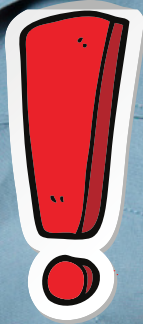


Proficiency in the German language directly enhances employability in the skilled labor sectors Germany is actively recruiting for.

- The legislative amendments have expanded employment opportunities for non-regulated professions and specific sectors like IT and Healthcare, where understanding and communicating in German can significantly boost career prospects and workplace integration.

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- As for IT specialists, access to the labour market will be further facilitated by reducing the required professional experience to two years (from three). In this case, the minimum gross salary of at least €40,770 (as of 2024) per year or remuneration according to the collective agreement applies as well.
- A professional qualification or university degree is still not required. Language skills are no longer required for visa purposes.



BUT for career advancement and to compete effectively with native specialists, **achieving German language proficiency at levels B2 to C1 is essential!**

- **Nursing and care assistants** from third countries who have completed their training in Germany will in future be able to apply for a residence permit for jobseekers. The residence permit will be issued for up to twelve months and can be extended by up to six months if the applicant's livelihood is further secured.



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- Skilled workers can now bring their spouses, minor children, and under certain conditions, their parents or parents-in-law without the need to prove sufficient living space.
- Foreign professionals with certain residence permits can obtain a settlement permit after three years, and EU Blue Card holders may obtain it sooner with sufficient German language proficiency.

In July 2024

**Basic German (Certificate
A1 CEFR) needed for
Opportunity Card-1 year
entry!!!**

Germany is introducing the "Opportunity Card" to help jobseekers from outside the EU stay and find employment in Germany. The card is available for:

- **Skilled Workers:** Third-country nationals with full recognition of their foreign qualifications can obtain the card without additional requirements.
- **Other Applicants:** Must have a recognized foreign university degree or a vocational qualification of at least two years, plus **basic German (A1 CEFR)** or English (B2 CEFR) language skills.

Applicants need to score a minimum of six points based on criteria like qualification recognition in Germany, language proficiency, and professional experience.

“The Opportunity Card“ is initially issued for one year, during which holders can work part-time (up to 20 hours per week) and may be extended for two more years if the holder finds qualified employment but cannot obtain another employment residence title.

More info about German legislation regarding immigration and work:

1. **Bundesministerium des Innern und Heimat (BMI)** - Federal Ministry of the Interior and Community: This ministry handles domestic policies, including immigration. Their website provides comprehensive details on immigration laws and procedures. You can access it at www.bmi.bund.de.
2. **Bundesamt für Migration und Flüchtlinge (BAMF)** - Federal Office for Migration and Refugees: BAMF offers detailed information on various aspects of migration to Germany, including legal frameworks and integration courses. Visit their website at www.bamf.de.
3. **Make it in Germany:** This is the official portal for qualified professionals looking to move to Germany. It provides information on visa requirements, job searches, and living in Germany. Check out the portal at www.make-it-in-germany.com.



If you are fluent in English, you will find it much easier and quicker to start learning German!



Discover why below:

Cultural awareness .



Some interesting facts about German

German Language in Europe and Beyond

German is the most commonly spoken first language in the European Union, and globally it ranks as the 11th most widely spoken language.

Nearly **130 million people** across **Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Luxembourg, Belgium, Liechtenstein, and South Tyrol in Italy** speak German as their first language or use it regularly as a second language.

Along with **English**, Dutch, and Swedish, **German** is one of approximately 15 Germanic languages in Europe, Western and Southern Asia, which is a branch of the **Indo-Germanic language family**, also known as the **Indo-European family**.



Now you know that English and German are closely related languages!

Benefits for you as an English speaker?

As a result, **English speakers** may find it easier to learn German due to the strong linguistic bond and significant similarities between the two languages.



This could lead to more efficient comprehension, time saving and a smoother learning process.

Exploring the Benefits of Learning German as an English Speaker

German and English: similarities



Shared Roots



Family Ties in Words: Picture this—**English** and **German** are like **long-lost cousins**.

When you say "brother" in English, in German, it's "Bruder."

The resemblance is like finding a family trait in language.



Cognates (related, similar words) **in Action:** Think of cognates as **linguistic twins**. English "father" is "Vater" in German. See the pattern?

Recognizing these linguistic siblings makes learning German feel like reconnecting with language relatives.



Some differences between German and English, particularly useful for adult learners in the business sector:

1. Compound Words:

English: Business management

German: Geschäftsleitung

- German often combines words to form a single, more comprehensive term. Understanding these can help in quickly grasping the scope of business roles and departments.

2. Formal and Informal Speech:

English: You (used for both formal and informal)

German: Sie (formal), du (informal)

- German distinguishes between formal and informal ways of addressing people, which is crucial in business settings to maintain professionalism.

3. Noun Capitalization:

English: Only proper nouns and sentence beginnings.

German: All nouns are capitalized!

- This rule helps in identifying nouns in written texts, which can be especially useful in legal documents or contracts where precise terms are critical.

4. Gender-specific Articles:

English: The (used for all genders)

German: Der (masculine), die (feminine), das (neuter)

- Articles in German vary based on the gender of the noun, which affects agreement in sentences and can influence business communication, especially in marketing and product descriptions.

5. Sentence Structure:

English: The subject usually precedes the verb

German: The verb can come second in a statement, but moves to the end in subordinate clauses.

- This difference can impact how proposals and agreements are structured in writing, influencing clarity and understanding in business negotiations.

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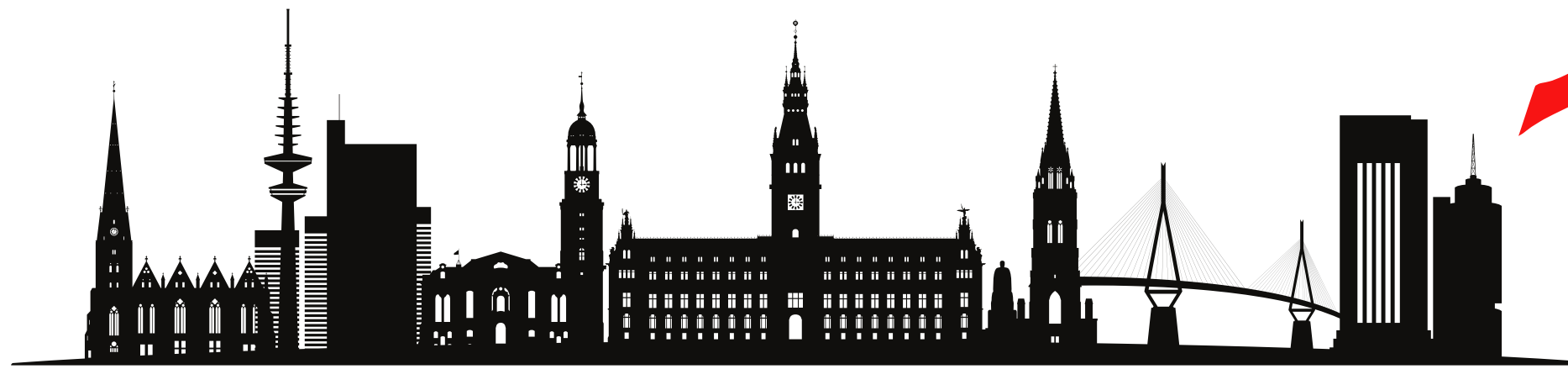
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Learning German is now more than just a linguistic skill—it is **a strategic investment** in your professional future and personal **integration into German society** under the new 2024 legislation.





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