

# German Citizenship Test (2008)

## Abstract

The federal states [Länder] offer preparatory courses for those who need to take the test. The fee to take the test is 25 Euro. Migrants who have a German high school diploma or who “are incapable of taking the test due to a physical or mental illness, disability or due to advanced age” as defined on the website of the Federal Office for Migration and Refugees are exempted from the test.

## Source

### Excerpt from the Catalog of Approved Questions for the German Citizenship Test

1. In Germany people are allowed to openly criticize the government because...

- there is freedom of religion here.
- people pay taxes.
- people have the right to vote.
- there is freedom of opinion here.

[...]

3. Germany is a constitutional state. What does that mean?

- all its inhabitants and the state must obey the law.
- the state does not have to obey the law.
- only German citizens have to obey the law.
- the courts make the laws.

[...]

14. Freedom of expression in Germany means that I ...

- am allowed to make false claims on flyers.
- can express my opinion in letters to the editor.
- can wear Nazi symbols.
- am allowed to express my opinion as long as I don't contradict the government.

[...]

33. Which statement is correct? In Germany ...

- there is a separation of state and religious communities.

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- the religious communities constitute the state.
  - the state depends on the religious communities.
  - the state and the religious communities constitute a union.

[...]

164. What happened in Germany on November 9, 1938?

- the attack on Poland started the Second World War.
- the National Socialists lost an election and dissolved parliament.
- Jewish shops and synagogues were destroyed by National Socialists and their supporters.
- Hitler became President and banned all political parties.

[...]

231. What does the term "European integration" mean?

- it refers to American immigrants in Europe.
- the term refers to the ban on immigration to Europe.
- it refers to European emigrants to the USA.
- the term refers to the union of European states to form the EU.

[...]

277. A woman who has a two-year-old child applies for a job in Germany. What is an example for discrimination? She does not get the job only because she ...

- does not speak English.
- demands a salary that is too high.
- does not have any experience in this profession.
- is a mother.

[...]

295. Which religion has shaped European and German culture?

- Hinduism
- Christianity
- Buddhism

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- Islam

[...]

299. Foreign employees recruited by the Federal Republic of Germany in the 1950s and 60s were referred to as ...

- "Schwarzarbeiter / Schwarzarbeiterinnen" [undeclared workers]

- Gastarbeiter / Gastarbeiterinnen [guest workers]

- Zeitarbeiter / Zeitarbeiterinnen [temps]

- Schichtarbeiter / Schichtarbeiterinnen [shift workers]

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<https://www.bamf.de/DE/Themen/Integration/ZugewanderteTeilnehmende/Einbuengerung/einbuengerung-node.html> (last accessed on December 7, 2020).

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