

Integration

If you live in Canton Basel-Stadt, you have certain rights. It does not matter whether you are a man or woman, where you are from, what language you speak, what religion you believe or which disability you may have. But you must also follow the laws. Moreover, it is important to support yourself economically and to learn German. You can find information about this here.

Important Principles

If you live in Switzerland, you need to follow the Swiss constitution and the laws. This means, for example, treating everyone with respect. Everybody is treated equally and no-one is discriminated against. If you live in Basel, you should learn German. You should also support yourself financially.

However, integration can only succeed if everyone works together. Basel residents should be open to you. They should inform and support you.

Independence

Have you recently moved to Basel? The confederation, cantons and communes provide you with fair access to economic, social and cultural life. But you must also make efforts to become integrated. We expect that you make use of the available offers for integration.

Taking Part in the Social Life

How to become integrated: You can easily get to know new people in clubs. Or you can attend festivals and events in your residential community.

It may be a little difficult at the beginning. Some people are not open to people from other countries. But given a while, most people become less reserved. So, keep trying and do not give up.

Advice / Support

Have you just moved to Basel and need help or information? There are a number of places in Basel-Stadt that you can turn to. You can obtain information from the departments of Canton Basel-Stadt and your residential commune. However, there are also special contacts for migrants.

Information on life in Switzerland and other topics:

- GGG Migration

Information on the right of asylum and laws applicable to foreign nationals:

- Beratungsstelle für Asylsuchende BAS
- Freiplatzaktion

Do you not speak any German yet? In that case, you can bring someone along with you to translate for you. You can also ask for an interpreter.

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

www.hallo-baselstadt.ch/en/language-and-integration/integration