Integration

Foreigners are expected to integrate into society. This involves abiding by the law, being economically independent, and learning German.

Important Principles

All Swiss residents must abide by the Swiss constitution (e.g. equality of men and women) and abide by the law. It is expected that one is, as far as possible, economically independent. In addition, foreigners are expected to learn the language spoken in their place of residence as quickly as possible. Integration depends on efforts from both sides. An opennes towards foreigners is expected of the local population.

Independence

The confederation, cantons, and communities provide foreigners with fair access to economic, social, and cultural life. In return foreigners must make independent efforts to integrate themselves. It is expected that they make use of available programmes.

Taking Part in the Social Life

A good way of integreting oneself into Swiss society is joining a club. Attending festivities and events held by the community of residence is also a good way of meeting people. It may not be easy at first. Not all Swiss residents are equally open towards other cultures. Sometimes patience and perseverance is necessary.

Advice / Support

In Canton Aargau advice and support is available for new residents. The community of residence is always a good first contact. There are also specific information centres for immigrants. Apart from the Centre for Integration in Aargau (Anlaufstelle Integration Aargau, AIA) in Aarau there are some regional centres. Here information about life in Switzerland is available and specific questions on various subjects are answered. Persons who do not yet speak German may be accompanied by an interpreter or request an interpreter. Several centres offer information in other languages as well. There are centres that specialize in certain language groups.

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

www.ciao-aargau.ch/en/language-and-integration/integration

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Information for a good start at the new place of residence
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