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THAT THE CHERRY TREE IS THE EMBLEM OF AGRICULTURE IN THE CANTON OF BASEL-LANDSCHAFT?

The most well-known cherry variety of the Canton of Basel-Landschaft, the Flurianer (also known as the Schauenburger), was brought there from the Lebanon around 100 years ago by the former proprietor of Bad Schauenburg, Emil Benedikt Flury.

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WELCOME TO THE CANTON OF BASEL-LANDSCHAFT



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Isaac Reber**
*Head of the Department
of Security of the canton of
Basel-Landschaft*
Vorsteher der
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des Kantons
Basel-Landschaft

We are delighted that you have chosen to live in our beautiful canton.

One of the outstanding features of the canton of Basel-Landschaft is its great diversity. Explore the largely unspoilt natural landscapes of the picturesque Jura region. You will see countless castles and fortifications from a bygone age dotted along your route. World-renowned historical sites such as Augusta Raurica will lead you in the footsteps of the Romans, and charming little towns such as Liestal invite you to stroll around the streets and lanes of their old-town districts. In contrast, the industrial parts of the lower Basel area convey urban flair and offer attractive workplaces for people from all over the world.

People from over 150 countries have made their home here. The canton and the communes will help you, too, to integrate into society. Our motto is *Fördern und Fordern!*, which means *expect and encourage*. Successful integration requires openness on the part of the local population, and willingness by you, the migrant, to familiarize yourself with your new environment. This is the only way to ensure a successful coexistence. This brochure contains important information which will help you settle into Swiss life more easily. Please use the many services available in our canton, cultivate social contacts and become actively involved in life in your new environment! This will help you to feel at home very soon.

I wish you a good start.

Isaac Reber, Executive Council Member
Head of the Department
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INTEGRATION DEPARTMENT



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The Integration Department is the cantonal office for issues relating to integration and the point of contact for the federal authorities. As part of the Cantonal Integration Programme (CIP) we implement measures with the dual aims of promoting lasting integration of migrants and their children and of keeping the local population informed on matters of migration and integration. We support numerous projects for language promotion, social integration, early learning and provision of information. These projects are designed to help people who have migrated to participate in life here, and to break down structures and mechanisms that may cause them to be disadvantaged. These projects involve the entire community and can therefore only succeed with the cooperation of various players. The Integration Department thus works closely with governmental and non-governmental institutions and organizations and takes steps to ensure that these work together at cantonal and municipal level.

WHAT IS INTEGRATION?

There are many definitions of integration. For the Integration Department, integration is a dynamic process for ensuring that newcomers and those who are already established are united in mutual respect for the rules of peaceful cooperation. Integration is a right, but it is also an obligation. Every man and woman has the right to become integrated into the society in which they live. To make this possible, the Integration Department considers learning German to

be an essential skill for non-German speakers (see section on Language and Communication). It is just as important, however, that every individual demonstrates willingness and commitment to engage in the life of their new community. That can only happen if the local people are prepared to reach out to their new neighbours and create conditions that allow them to play their part in life here.

The canton of Basel-Landschaft expects newcomers to contribute to their integration in the following ways:

- They must respect the Swiss Constitution and its values.
- They must learn the national language spoken at their place of residence.
- They must engage in Swiss life.
- They must be gainfully employed and prepared to undergo further training.

We are convinced that your commitment and ours will be rewarded and will help to ensure that integration is not just a well-intentioned idea, but will lead to valuable encounters and opportunities for life.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Bürgin'.

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OFFICE FOR MIGRATION



Hanspeter Spaar

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The Office for Migration is responsible for the control and regulation of residence permits for foreign nationals in the canton of Basel-Landschaft. In doing so it applies the provisions of the Federal Act on Foreign Nationals, the Asylum Act, the Agreement on the Free Movement of Persons and the relevant decrees and directives of the federal government.

The main tasks of the Office for Migration are:

- checking, issuing and extending temporary and permanent residence permits and settlement permits
- updating personal details, addresses and purpose of stay
- recording biometric data for persons from third countries (outside EU/EFTA)
- reviewing and implementing foreign police measures in the case of court judgements, social assistance and substantial debts
- holding welcome meetings and preparing integration agreements
- issuing visas for return journeys
- administrative registration of asylum seekers

- starting work and changing jobs
- issuing and extending permits for temporary residents
- providing repatriation advice and encouraging the voluntary return of asylum seekers
- applying compulsory measures for implementation of departure orders
- organizing the implementation of departure orders for asylum seekers and foreign nationals

We are there for you – to help with all aspects of your stay in Switzerland. If you wish to be joined by your family, move to another canton, receive visitors from your homeland, or enter employment or self-employment, or if you have other questions relating to residency, then please contact us. Our staff will be able to provide you with competent and friendly advice.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Hanspeter Spaar".

Hanspeter Spaar
Head of the Office for Migration
of the canton of Basel-Landschaft



LANGUAGE AND COMMUNICATION

DID YOU KNOW ...

THAT INTERCULTURAL INTERPRETERS ARE PERSONS RESIDENT IN SWITZERLAND WHO ARE THEMSELVES IMMIGRANTS AND HAVE A SOUND KNOWLEDGE OF THE LOCAL OFFICIAL LANGUAGE AND THE LOCAL PRACTICES AND FORMS OF COMMUNICATION?

They can assist you with important matters if needed and help you to understand and be understood.

Knowledge of German is a key skill for successful integration. It is necessary to learn German in order to cope with everyday life. It will make it easier for you to deal with neighbours, teachers, officials and anyone else with whom you come into contact. A good knowledge of German is also crucial for finding work and for continuing education and training.

The Basel-Landschaft Centre of Competence for Adult Education holds a list of subsidized courses in Basel-Landschaft and Basel-Stadt. Its website provides further information on learning German and German courses.

Information on German courses in the Basel region is also available from the Basel-Landschaft Foreign Nationals' Service.

Learning a new language requires a great deal of time and commitment. However, your lessons will teach you more than just German. You will also find out a lot about the Basel region and life in Switzerland, and have the opportunity to establish new contacts.

HOW CAN I FIND AN INTERCULTURAL INTERPRETER?

For difficult and important conversations, you are advised to use a qualified interpreter.

There are a great many private German language course providers, which are constantly offering new courses. There's sure to be one that's right for you. Language certificates such as telc or Goethe carry a lot of weight in the employment market and demonstrate a certain level of language competence according to the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR). There are examination centres in the Basel region, some of which also hold special examination preparation courses. The costs vary according to provider and course. The providers can supply you with information on the costs of their courses and any reductions.

The Basel-Landschaft Foreign Nationals' Service offers an interpreting service and can arrange an interpreter for you if required.

The canton of Basel-Landschaft considers it a priority for newcomers to start learning German as quickly as possible and therefore subsidizes a selection of courses for its non-German-speaking residents. There are beginner courses for newcomers, literacy courses and German courses at various CEFR levels, with specific focal areas and varying intensities and durations.

Language promotion by the Centre of Competence for Adult Education:
www.bl.ch

> Bildung, Kultur, Sport > Erwachsenenbildung > Quartärbereich
> Sprachförderung

Information on German language courses / interpreting service

Ausländerdienst Baselland / ald
Bahnhofstrasse 16, 4133 Pratteln
T 061 827 99 00
info@ald-bl.ch
www.ald-bl.ch

Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR):
www.europaeischer-referenzrahmen.de



SWITZERLAND



THE THREE GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITIES IN SWITZERLAND

Switzerland is divided into 26 cantons and is also known as the Bund, which means Federal Government or Swiss Confederation.

The canton of Basel-Landschaft has 86 communes. Federal, cantonal and commune authorities have different areas of responsibility.

WHAT ARE THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S DUTIES?

The federal government oversees and acts on issues which are administered for all of Switzerland. Examples are foreign affairs or regulating the residency of foreigners.

What are the cantonal administration's duties?

The canton administers areas which concern all communes in the canton. Examples are the provision of hospitals, policing or vocational education

WHAT ARE THE DUTIES OF THE COMMUNES?

- Registration of all residents
- Organization of education at primary and secondary level
- Provision of social support for its residents
- Provision of infrastructure such as water supply or rubbish collection

DID YOU KNOW ...

THAT THE NATIONAL ABBREVIATION CH STANDS FOR CONFOEDERATIO HELVETICA, WHICH IS LATIN FOR SWISS CONFEDERATION?

Until the mid-19th century, Switzerland did not have a central government but was a loose federation of autonomous cantons. Since four national languages were spoken in Switzerland, it was difficult to come up with a single name for the country. The abbreviation of the Latin designation was therefore an ideal compromise.

WHO DECIDES ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT?

Swiss citizens have far-reaching democratic rights. They elect not only their parliaments and governments, but also vote regularly on important issues.

WHAT ARE MY RIGHTS AND DUTIES?

Switzerland, and therefore also the canton of Basel-Landschaft, sets high value on personal freedom and on the rights and duties of individuals. The requirements for these values are mutual respect and tolerance as well as acceptance of common values for coexistence.

The main basic values and rights:

- Human dignity is sacrosanct
- All humans are equal before the law
- Men and women have equal rights
- Personal freedom ends where the freedom of your fellow human beings starts

The main basic duties:

- Payment of tax
- Taking out and paying for health insurance
- Social costs payment by earners and the wealthy
- Compulsory school attendance and cooperation with schools and teachers

GENDER EQUALITY

Gender equality has been enshrined in the federal constitution in Switzerland since 1981. Equality means that women and men have the same opportunities to access and participate in every area of life – whether in education and work, politics and business or family and private interests.



DID YOU KNOW ...

THAT OUR HIGHEST LEVEL OF LEGISLATION, THE FEDERAL CONSTITUTION, REQUIRES THAT NOBODY MAY BE DISCRIMINATED AGAINST ON GROUNDS OF THEIR ORIGIN, RACE, GENDER, LANGUAGE, SOCIAL STANDING, LIFESTYLE OR THEIR RELIGIOUS, IDEOLOGICAL, OR POLITICAL CONVICTIONS, OR BECAUSE OF ANY PHYSICAL, MENTAL OR PSYCHOLOGICAL DISABILITY?

Gender equality is handled by an administrative department of the Executive Council. It supports the government in the implementation of real equality of opportunity between men and women in the canton of Basel-Landschaft.

How can you combat sexual harassment in the workplace? Are you being discriminated against as a parent? How can you prevent wage discrimination in your company? We will be happy to advise you and discuss courses of action.

The website www.gleichstellung.bl.ch is the regional information portal for around 40 topics relating to gender and equality.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Domestic violence occurs in many families, for example in the form of physical abuse, threats or intimidation. Violence destroys families. Information is available from the Domestic Violence Intervention Centre. The work of the Intervention Centre includes running training programmes for men who use violence in their marriage or relationship. In an emergency, please contact the police or women's refuge. Opferhilfe beider Basel is an organization which provides advice and support for victims. Men who resort to violence can obtain one-to-one counselling at the Men's Office (see section on Important Numbers for Emergencies).

WHAT IS EXPECTED OF NEW ARRIVALS?

We expect you to participate in the economic, social and cultural way of life. You are required to become accustomed to the social and general living conditions in Switzerland and especially to acquire German language skills.

Opportunities for involvement

- Attend a German language course
- Get to know your neighbours
- Join a club
- Attend events organized by your commune or the canton
- Take part in Basel customs
- Undertake voluntary work in a cultural, sporting or social area

Your commune will be happy to answer any questions and provide further assistance. Just give them a ring or call in at their office.

Information about the Swiss Federal Government and the Swiss Constitution: www.admin.ch

Information on Switzerland: www.ch.ch

Gender equality in the canton of Basel-Landschaft

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Basel-Landschaft Domestic Violence Intervention Centre

Interventionsstelle gegen häusliche Gewalt BL

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www.interventionsstelle.bl.ch





THE CANTON OF BASEL-LANDSCHAFT

DID YOU KNOW ...

THAT, IN THE CANTON OF BASEL-LANDSCHAFT, A PERSON IS CONSIDERED TO BE INTEGRATED WHEN HE OR SHE

- respects the Swiss legal system, especially its basic values
- learns the German language sufficiently well to be able to handle matters of daily life independently
- becomes accustomed to the social and general living conditions of the locality
- is capable of participating in the economic, social and cultural life of the community



THE GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITIES IN THE CANTON

The Cantonal Council is the parliament for the canton and has 90 members, who have the legislative tasks of enacting laws and monitoring the work of the government. The public meetings are held in the government buildings in Liestal. The Executive Council is the leading authority and also the highest executive authority of the canton. It consists of five members who are elected by the people. Each member of the Executive Council is responsible for one of the following departments:

- Department of Education, Culture and Sport
- Department of the Economy and Health
- Department of Security
- Department of Construction and Protection of the Environment
- Department of Finance and Churches

THE STATE JUDICIAL AUTHORITIES CONSIST OF COURTS AND LAW-ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES.

The brochure *The Canton in Brief* can be obtained free of charge by sending a completed address label to Landeskanzlei Basel-Landschaft, Rathausstrasse 2, 4410 Liestal.

The Canton of Basel-Landschaft in figures

- Area: 518 km²
- Population: around 276,000 inhabitants
- Approximately 55,000 (19.8%) migrants from over 150 different countries
- 86 communes, distributed across five districts (Laufen, Arlesheim, Liestal, Sissach, Waldenburg)
- One of the 26 cantons and half-cantons of Switzerland
- Bordering Germany and France
- Neighbouring cantons: Basel-Stadt, Aargau, Solothurn and Jura

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Information on the canton of Basel-Landschaft:

www.bl.ch

Information on the individual communes:

www.bl.ch > Gemeinden

Statistical information on the canton of Basel-Landschaft:

www.statistik.bl.ch



THE LAW RELATING TO FOREIGNERS



TYPES OF PERMIT

All migrants must have a valid residence permit. This is issued by the Office for Migration and must be renewed regularly. Different rights and obligations are established depending on the type of pass and the country of origin.

A temporary residence permit (L) or a permanent residence permit (B) is always time-limited and tied to a specific purpose for the residence; a settlement permit (C) is of unlimited duration, though the permit is nevertheless issued for a period of five years.

REGISTERING UNDER THE LAW RELATING TO FOREIGN NATIONALS

Foreign nationals who want to settle in the canton of Basel-Landschaft on a long-term basis or move house within the canton of Basel-Landschaft have to register within 14 days of arrival at the residents' registration department within their new commune. Before that they have to deregister at their previous place of residence. Any change of residence within the commune must also be reported to the residents' registration department. The residents' registration department of the relevant commune will let you know which documents you need to bring with you. The Office for Migration will issue you with a new residence permit once you are registered.

WHAT ELSE DO I NEED TO REPORT TO MY COMMUNE?

- Changes in marital status
- Births
- Changes of name or amendments
- Deregistration/departure to another country

WHEN DO I NEED TO APPLY TO THE CANTONAL OFFICE FOR MIGRATION FOR A RESIDENCE PERMIT?

Since both the residence permit and the settlement permit expire after a stay abroad lasting more than six months, any such long-term temporary absence must be reported to the Office for Migration.

WHEN MUST I SEND IN MY ALIEN'S RESIDENCE PERMIT IN ORDER TO HAVE IT EXTENDED?

The State Secretariat for Migration will send you a notice of expiry around ten weeks before your permit is due to expire. You need to complete this form, sign it and return it to the Immigration Office together with a copy of your passport or identity card. You can apply for an extension to your permit no earlier than three months before the alien's residence permit expires, but the application must be submitted no later than two weeks before the expiry date.

ISSUING OF THE SETTLEMENT PERMIT

The settlement permit will be issued after five or ten years, depending on nationality or settlement status of the spouse. The Immigration Office officially checks the issuing of the settlement permit.

EARLY ISSUING OF THE SETTLEMENT PERMIT

Persons who are not entitled to be issued with a settlement permit before 10 years and who have integrated successfully, may apply for a settlement permit after only



DID YOU KNOW ...

THAT THE OFFICE FOR MIGRATION INVITES ALL NEWCOMERS TO A WELCOME MEETING?

This is to advise you of your rights and obligations and includes information about the integration services available in the Basel region.

5 years. You can obtain further information from the Immigration Office.

CAN MY FAMILY JOIN ME?

If you are from an EU/EFTA country, your family can join you in Switzerland provided you have suitable accommodation and are gainfully employed or have adequate financial resources.

Your family consists of your spouse, children or grandchildren under 21 years of age or whose maintenance is guaranteed. Parents or grandparents are also regarded as family members as long as their maintenance is guaranteed. Enrolled students can only bring their spouses (and dependent children), as long as their maintenance is guaranteed.

If you are from a country outside the EU/EFTA, your spouse and any unmarried children under the age of 18 can join you as long as the family lives together, suitable accommodation is available and you have adequate financial resources available.

Your family has to join you within five years. Children over the age of 12 years have to join you within 12 months. Requests for your family to be allowed to join you must be submitted to the Office for Migration.

ORDINARY NATURALIZATION

Anyone who has lived in Switzerland for twelve years – years between the ages of 11 and 20 count as double for this purpose – may apply for a federal naturalization permit. In order to do this you must have satisfied the residency period requirements, gained a command of the German

language and be integrated into the community. You must also be of good financial standing and have no criminal record.

SIMPLIFIED NATURALIZATION

This form of naturalization procedure is designed for use under certain legal conditions, in particular by foreign spouses of Swiss nationals and by children of a Swiss parent who do not yet have Swiss citizenship. Decisions on simplified naturalization may only be taken by the federal government.

Office for Migration

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afm@bl.ch, www.bl.ch > Sicherheit > Amt für Migration

Leaflet on ordinary naturalization of foreigners:

www.bl.ch

> Sicherheit > Zivilrechtsverwaltung > Einbürgerungen

Information on simplified naturalization:

www.sem.admin.ch

> Einreise & Aufenthalt > Schweizer Bürgerrecht/Einbürgerung

> Einbürgerungsverfahren > Erleichterte Einbürgerung



ACCOMMODATION



WHAT DO I HAVE TO CONSIDER WHEN LIVING IN RENTED ACCOMMODATION?

Some general rules are necessary in order to ensure a peaceful coexistence. This is something to which we attach great importance here in Switzerland, your adopted country.

In most rental apartments or houses there are house rules, which have to be obeyed. For example, quiet hours have to be respected from 10pm to 7am and at lunchtime from noon to 1pm. Noise should also be kept to a minimum on Sundays and public holidays.

If you want to hold a party, it's best to let your neighbours know!

Shared rooms such as laundry, staircase, parking spaces or the elevator should not be cluttered with personal effects and should be kept clean. Normally there is a schedule for using the laundry.

In many houses or apartment blocks smoking in communal rooms is prohibited.

If conflicts arise with your landlord, you can contact the tenant council or the authority for dispute resolution in rental issues.

WHAT IS IMPORTANT TO KNOW AS A TENANT OF A RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY?

Normally, you would sign a written rental agreement which specifies the rental property, the rent, notice requirements, rental deposit, general terms and conditions and the house rules.

The rent is normally paid in advance at the beginning of the month. The tenant normally pays for additional costs such as heating, water and cable TV.

Make sure you check whether or not your rent includes these additional costs!

At the apartment handover it is recommended that you and the landlord check the condition of the apartment together, and note down in writing any possible shortcomings (including minor damage).

The rental deposit is an amount of up to three months rent, which is paid in advance into a special rental deposit account for the landlord's security. The account, however, is in the name of the tenant. When the tenant moves out – and provided there is no conflict with the landlord concerning the handover of the apartment – the tenant receives the deposit plus accrued interest.

It is advisable to take out liability insurance for the rental property.

In addition to the monthly rental payments every household has to pay a fee if it uses devices capable of receiving radio and/or TV programmes (e.g. TV, car radio or mobile phones). The tenant is responsible for registering with the Swiss collection company BILLAG.

HOW DO I DISPOSE OF WASTE?

By disposing of waste correctly we can greatly reduce the environmental impact and enable valuable resources to be recovered. Recyclable materials such as paper, glass, etc. are therefore collected separately and taken for recycling. These recyclable materials are collected free of charge, which can also result in cost savings for the individual household.
















Household waste must be placed in refuse bags for which a charge is made, and left out for collection by the commune. This waste is disposed of in modern waste incineration plants with good energy recovery and effective filter systems.

All information on the correct disposal of municipal waste is available either from the internet site or from the waste collection calendar for the commune.

**DID YOU KNOW ...**

THAT THE BURNING OF WASTE ANYWHERE OTHER THAN AT APPROVED PLANTS IS PROHIBITED?

HOW DO I DISPOSE OF DIFFERENT TYPES OF RUBBISH?

What? *	Where? *	How? / When? *	Price*
 Household waste	Commune collection service	For dates and collection details, see Commune waste collection calendar with commune revenue stamps	Refuse bags 35 / 60 / 110 litre
 Bulky goods	Usually with household waste		Revenue stamps
 Garden waste / compostable kitchen waste	Composting in own garden or via the commune organic waste collection	For dates and collection details, see Commune waste collection calendar	Usually subject to a charge but at a reduced rate
 Glass	Collection points / municipal works yard	Bottles, glasses etc. separated by colour (white, brown, green)	Free
 PET (drinking bottles)	Point of sale	Press air out of bottles	Free
 Cans / aluminium	Collection points / municipal works yard		Free
 Batteries	Point of sale		Free
 Paper (bundled)	Paper collection / Collection point	For dates, see commune waste collection calendar	Free
 Cardboard	Cardboard collection / Collection point	For dates, see commune waste collection calendar	Free
 Textiles / shoes	Texaid container or special Collection dates or second-hand shops	Serviceable textiles only	Free
 Electrical appliances / lightbulbs	Electrical shops	Obligation to take back	Free
 Special waste / Poisons	Point of sale / Chemist's shops	Obligation to take back for small quantities	Free
 Medications	Dispensaries	In original packaging if possible	Free
 Oil	Collection point at municipal works yard		Free
 Carcasses	Commune carcass collection service		Free

* For specific dates, places and charges for your local commune, see the waste collection calendar and the website for your community.

TIPS FOR LIVING TOGETHER SUCCESSFULLY:

- Be considerate
- Talk to one another
- Please avoid excessive noise and respect the quiet hours for your community
- Keep stairways clean
- Leave laundries clean
- Dispose of rubbish in domestic waste
- Sort your rubbish into garden waste, glass, metal, PET plastics
- Tie waste paper in bundles
- Put rubbish out at the right times
- Do not leave waste beside containers
- Do not throw rubbish into the sewerage system
- Dispose of special waste separately: i.e. batteries, poisons, lightbulbs, medications

BILLAG Switzerland

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Basel-Landschaft Tenants' Association

Mieterinnen- und Mieterverband Baselland

T 061 666 69 69

www.mieterverband.ch

Cantonal authority for dispute resolution in rental issues

Kantonale Schlichtungsstelle für Mietangelegenheiten

Bahnhofstrasse 3, 4410 Liestal, T 061 552 66 56

www.bl.ch > Volkswirtschaft > Schlichtungsstellen

Information about Waste and Recycling in German:

www.abfall.ch

Information on the Commune Waste Calendar:

www.aue.bl.ch



EMPLOYMENT



DO I NEED A WORK PERMIT?

Whether or not you need a work permit depends on your residence status. Further information is available from your prospective employer or from the Basel-Landschaft Cantonal Office for Industry, Trade and Labour (KIGA), the Office for Migration or the Basel-Landschaft Foreign Nationals' Service.

WHAT ARE MY RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS AS AN EMPLOYEE?

As an employee, you are entitled to:

- the agreed salary
- at least 4 weeks holiday per year
- a job reference
- protection of your personal details
- a one-month trial period, unless otherwise agreed

As an employee, you are required to:

- carry out your work as agreed
- be diligent and loyal
- follow all orders and instructions by your employer

WHAT DOES MY EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT CONTAIN?

Information on the content of an employment contract can be found in the information about employment conditions. Even though a verbal work contract is generally also legally binding, it is always advisable to insist on a written employment contract.

In many industries or large companies the rights and obligations of employers and employees are governed by collective working agreements.

For certain groups of professions the authorities issue so-called normal working agreements. Most of these normal working agreements are regulated by the canton. Try and find out what the arrangements are for your industry.

WHAT DOES MY SALARY CONSIST OF?

The salary is documented on a payment slip. This provides a detailed description of your gross and net pay and all deductions and additions. Additions to your salary could include, for example, child supplement payments. Deductions are for old age and survivor's insurance (AHV), disability

insurance (IV), loss of income fund (EO), unemployment insurance (ALV), non-occupational accident insurance (NBU) and for occupational pension schemes (PK). In addition, either withholding tax is deducted or you have to pay income and asset taxes annually. Please note: payments towards compulsory health insurance are not part of the salary deductions in Switzerland. Please refer to the section on Health .

WHAT IS THE AVERAGE WEEKLY WORKING TIME?

In most Swiss companies the working time is usually between 42 and 45 hours per week. The number of working hours depends on the employer, the duties and the industry. The weekly working time should be stipulated in the work contract. The weekly working time cannot exceed 45 hours for factory workers, office workers, technical personnel and other employees such as sales staff in large retail companies. For all other employees there is a maximum working time of 50 hours per week.

WHAT ARE THE RULES FOR DISMISSAL?

The rules for dismissal are normally regulated in the employment contract, the normal working agreement of certain professions or the collective bargaining agreements of certain industries. The notice period is the same for both parties.

DID YOU KNOW ...**THAT WORKING ILLEGALLY (I.E. WITHOUT A PERMIT) IS PROHIBITED?**

It is also against the law to claim benefits from social security schemes or the social welfare system without declaring any employment earnings to those departments. Such activity is fraudulent and may lead to criminal sanctions. People who work illegally harm their community and themselves. If you work illegally, you are not insured in the event of an accident and you have no pension provision. Illegal working is not tolerated in the canton of Basel-Landschaft and is dealt with rigorously. If you suspect that your employer has not appointed you in accordance with the law, you are advised to contact the Basel-Landschaft Cantonal Office for Industry, Trade and Labour (KIGA).

If there is no written statement, the Swiss Civil Code (OR) is applied as follows:

- In the probationary period: seven working days
- In the first year of employment: one month to the end of a month
- From the second to the ninth year of employment: two months to the end of a month
- From the tenth year of employment: three months to the end of a month

WHEN AM I PROTECTED FROM DISMISSAL?

After the probationary period, the employer is not allowed to dismiss an employee in any of the following situations: illness or accident, pregnancy and for up to 16 weeks following childbirth, participation in a federal aid mission abroad, compulsory military service of more than eleven days, civil defence service or Red Cross service.

WHAT CAN I DO IF I AM UNEMPLOYED?

The Regional Work Placement Centre (RAV) can provide assistance if you are unemployed and will advise you about unemployment benefits. You need to report to your local Regional Work Placement Centre as soon as possible. The address is available from the Basel-Landschaft Cantonal Office for Industry, Trade and Labour (KIGA), or the Basel-Landschaft Foreign Nationals' Service.

You should also start looking for a new job immediately. You need to keep records of your efforts to obtain work. To receive unemployment benefits you will have to prove that you are seriously trying to find a job and that you fulfil the requirements for benefit entitlement. You can obtain more information at the Regional Work Placement Centre (RAV) or from the public unemployment insurance fund.

WILL MY FOREIGN DEGREES BE RECOGNIZED?

Foreign degrees and qualifications are not always valid in Switzerland. However, it is sometimes possible for the degree to be recognized, and this is compulsory for some professions.

Persons with a foreign degree may be able to have it recognized in Switzerland under certain conditions. Such recognition confirms that a foreign degree or qualification is equivalent to the Swiss degree or qualification. In regulated professions (e.g. nurses, teachers, etc.) recognition is essential in order to practise the profession. If your degree does not satisfy the Swiss standard, you may be required to meet additional requirements (aptitude testing, evidence of professional experience, etc.) Different organizations are responsible for recognition of qualifications, depending on the profession or educational qualification. The recognition process is subject to a charge. More information is available from the State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation (SERI), which is the national contact point for the recognition of professional qualifications in Switzerland.

Information about work permits:

www.bfm.admin.ch > Arbeit/Arbeitsbewilligungen

For information on employment law, collective working agreements, normal working agreements and other matters relating to employment:

www.seco.admin.ch > Arbeitsrecht

Cantonal Office for Industry, Trade and Labour/KIGA

Kantonales Amt für Industrie, Gewerbe und Arbeit/KIGA

Bahnhofstrasse 32, 4133 Pratteln

T 061 552 77 77

www.kiga.bl.ch

Careers Information Centre (BIZ)

Berufsinformationszentrum BIZ

Rosenstrasse 25, 4410 Liestal, T 061 927 28 28

und Wuhrmattstrasse 23, 4103 Bottmingen, T 061 426 66 66

www.afbb.bl.ch

Information on the RAV:

www.treffpunkt-arbeit.ch > BL

Information on the recognition of foreign degrees:

Anerkennungsstelle des Staatssekretariats für Bildung, Forschung und Innovation SBF

www.sbf.admin.ch > Anerkennung ausländischer Diplome

TAXES



WHY DO WE PAY TAXES?

In Switzerland, the costs of public services such as infrastructure, transport, defence, the police, education/schools, health, social security, culture and sport are mainly covered through the levy of income and asset taxes of private individuals, the tax levy on companies and value added tax.

WHAT DO OUR TAXES PAY FOR?

Income tax is levied in Switzerland by the federal authorities (direct federal tax) as well as by the cantons and communes (state and communal tax).

All 26 Swiss cantons have their own tax laws with different tax systems. The communes can decide on their tax rate within their cantonal laws. The direct federal tax is worked out separately from the cantonal tax. Therefore the tax levy differs in Switzerland from canton to canton and from commune to commune.

HOW ARE TAXES LEVIED?

Foreign employees who do not have a residence permit C but who have their tax domicile or residence in Switzerland, will be subjected to withholding tax which is deducted directly from salary payments. This concerns persons with an annual residence permit B, asylum seekers and weekly residents, as well as cross-border commuters. For salaries

DID YOU KNOW ...

THAT THE PC SOFTWARE EASYTAX IS AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE FROM THE BASEL-LANDSCHAFT TAX DEPARTMENT?

EasyTax enables you to complete your tax declaration easily yourself. The software is available for download or you can obtain a CD from your commune or the tax department.

above CHF 120,000 per year a normal tax assessment with a tax declaration will be carried out at a later stage.

If no withholding tax is levied, the amount of tax to pay is calculated on the yearly tax declaration form which is normally sent out by the cantonal tax department and must be completed and signed by each individual. This tax declaration must be based on the payment slips that are issued by the employer for individual employees.

The taxes for private individuals are normally levied at the place of residence and have to be paid once a year. The tax declarations normally have to be filed with the tax department of the commune.

The actual address for filing (commune or cantonal tax department) is printed on the front of the tax declaration.

Taxes in general:

Kantonale Steuerverwaltung

Rheinstrasse 33, 4410 Liestal

T 061 552 51 20

www.bl.ch > Finanzen, Kirchen > Steuern

Withholding tax:

Kantonale Steuerverwaltung

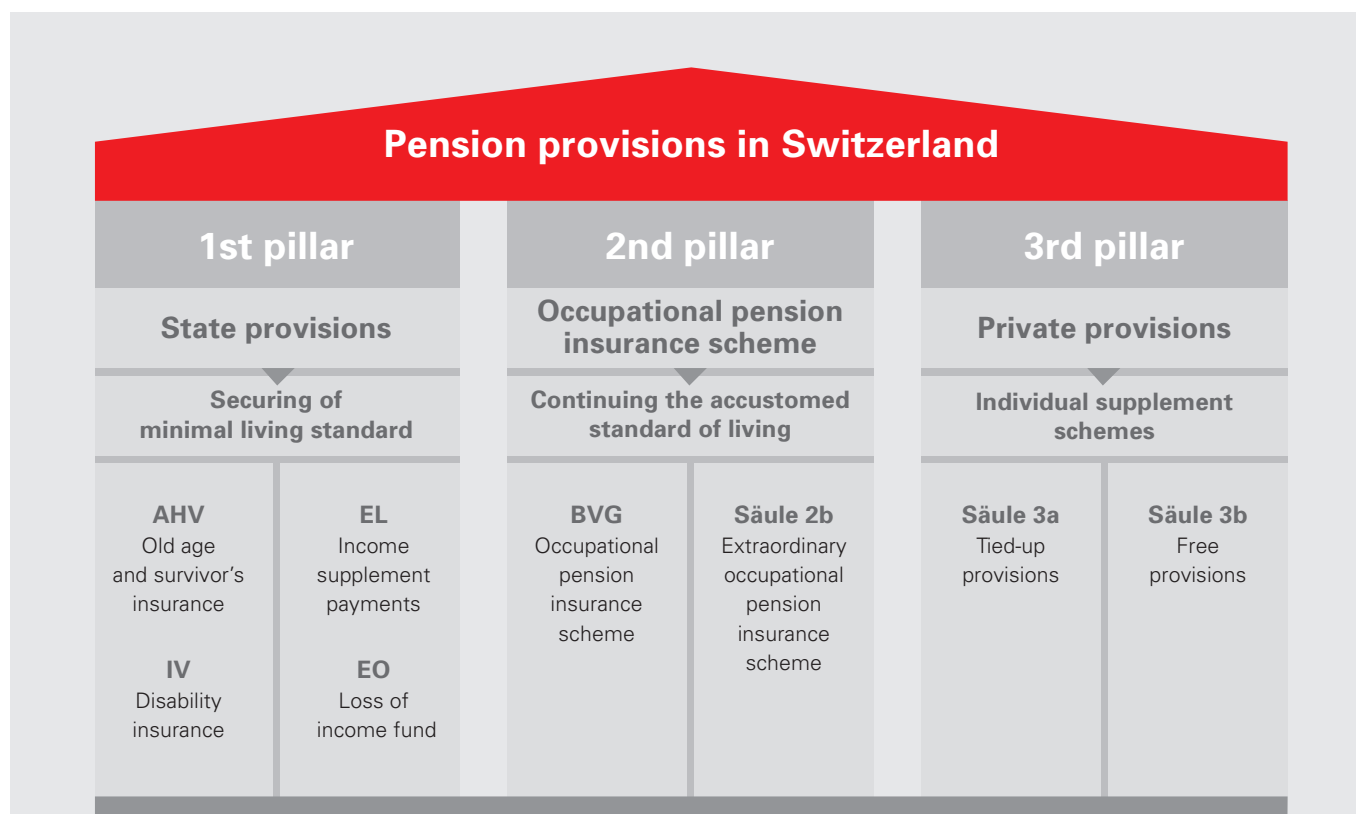
Bereich Quellensteuer

Rheinstrasse 33, 4410 Liestal

T 061 552 66 70

www.bl.ch > Finanzen, Kirchen > Steuern > Quellensteuern

SOCIAL SECURITY



HOW DOES THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM WORK?

The social security schemes are mainly financed by deductions from earned income. Employers and employees contribute equally.

Social security insurances cover the economic consequences of potential risks such as

- illness, accident and occupational illness
- old age, death and disability
- unemployment

Maternity risks are covered by both health insurance and the loss of income fund (EO).

Further information is available from your commune or the AHV contact point for Basel-Landschaft.

HOW DO THE DIFFERENT SCHEMES WORK?

The provisions for old age, death and disability are based on three pillars:

1st pillar: The insurances AHV/IV/EO (see below) are the basic insurance schemes. Everyone who lives and/or works in Switzerland is part of these compulsory insurance schemes.

2nd pillar: The occupational pension insurance scheme is compulsory for all employees with a yearly income of at least CHF 20,880 (as at 01.01.2011).

3rd pillar: The 3rd pillar is voluntary and can consist of a tied-up, tax-advantaged provision (e.g. with an insurance company or bank, known as pillar 3a) and/or a free, non-tax-advantaged provision (e.g. savings account, life insurance, investments etc., known as pillar 3b).

Further information is available from your commune or the AHV contact point for Basel-Landschaft.

Cantonal AHV payment office, cantonal family payments office and IV (disability insurance) office

**Kantonale AHV-Ausgleichskasse,
Kantonale Familienausgleichskasse und IV-Stelle**

Hauptstrasse 109, 4102 Binningen
T 061 425 25 25, info@sva-bl.ch, www.sva-bl.ch

Information on the AHV:
www.ahv-iv.ch



SOCIAL SECURITY



HEALTH INSURANCE

In Switzerland it is compulsory to be insured under a health insurance scheme. The health insurance companies are legally obliged to accept you into their basic insurance cover. Additional insurances are voluntary. You can choose to top up your basic insurance with a range of options at different levels of cover.

Obtain advice before taking out health insurance and compare the policies offered by various companies.

Swiss domiciled and insured persons with limited income are entitled to a partial refund of their health insurance premiums. The determining factor is their taxable income. The conditions, amount of the reduction and procedures vary from canton to canton. Application forms are available from your commune offices, from health insurance companies in Basel-Landschaft or the Basel-Landschaft social insurance institute.

More information on health insurance and the services covered by your payment for can be found in the section on Health .

ACCIDENT INSURANCE

All employees who work in Switzerland are by law insured against accidents and occupational illness from their first

day of work. If you work for more than 8 hours per week then you are also insured against non-occupational accidents.

Anyone doing home-based work, such as cleaning and domestic help in private households, must also be insured through their employers.

Unemployed people are also compulsorily insured by law. Self-employed persons and family members who work in the family business should insure themselves voluntarily in an occupational accident insurance scheme.

Not insured are persons such as homemakers, children, students and pensioners. They have to insure themselves against accidents through their mandatory health insurance.

PRIVATE LIABILITY INSURANCE

Private liability insurance protects the insured against claims brought by third parties on the basis of statutory liability provisions. This is based on Art. 41 of the Swiss Code of Obligations (OR), which states: Whoever illicitly causes damage to others intentionally or due to negligence or recklessness is required to make amends for said damage . This means that your entire property and all assets are liable to be used for such compensatory purposes, which is why private liability insurance is so important.

HOUSEHOLD INSURANCE

Household insurance covers damage to personal belongings in the policyholder s home. Basic insurance provides protection against damage caused by fire, water, natural forces and theft in the home. Additional insurance may be





DID YOU KNOW ...

THAT FAMILIES, IN ADDITIONAL TO FINANCIAL BENEFITS IN THE FORM OF MATERNITY INSURANCE AND FAMILY SUPPLEMENTS, CAN ALSO ENJOY A GREAT MANY FREE OR LOW-COST SPORT AND LEISURE FACILITIES?

obtained for glass breakage and for theft occurring outside of the home.

MATERNITY

Women who have been AHV-insured for 9 months before giving birth, have been employed for at least 5 months in that period and, at the time of confinement, are in an employment contract, are self-employed or working for their husband's business, will receive payments from the maternity insurance fund. The length of entitlement is generally 14 weeks. 80% of the most recent salary is insured, subject to a maximum of CHF 196 per day.

FAMILY SUPPLEMENT PAYMENTS

The family supplement payments are intended to partly balance the costs that parents incur through the care of their children. The payments include child and education supplements, as well as the supplementary birth and adoption payments introduced in some cantons.

For Basel-Landschaft the monthly child supplement payment is CHF 200 per child. The payments are made from the month of birth until the end of the month in which the child reaches the age of 16.

The education supplements are CHF 250 per month per child. The payments are made from the end of the month in which the child turns 16 until the education is completed, and at most until the 25th year of age.

The family supplement payments (= child supplement and education supplement) are subject to the particular pro-

visions of the location where you work. Registration and payment is through the employer.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I CANNOT SECURE MY OWN EXISTENCE

Social support will provide assistance in cases of hardship. Those in need are entitled to free counselling and material support. If you find yourself in such a situation, please apply to the social support service of your commune. The communes have to provide appropriate advice and the necessary degree of support to anyone staying within their municipal boundaries that seeks and is in need of assistance.

Information on the Federal Office for Health in matters relating to insurance obligations:
www.bag.admin.ch > Themen > Versicherungspflicht

Premium calculator provided by the Federal Office of Health:
www.priminfo.ch



HEALTH



The following benefits are paid out from your obligatory basic health insurance:

- Generally the health insurance company covers all treatments carried out by a medical practitioner. If not, then you should be informed before the treatment.
- The basic health insurance pays for the treatment and stay in the general ward of a cantonal hospital. Any additional costs for the treatment and for accommodation in a private room or semi-private room or in a hospital outside the canton, are to be paid for by you or through any additional cover policy you may have taken out.
- The basic health insurance also pays for costs of most medications which are prescribed or dispensed by a medical practitioner and which are included in the so called special list .
- A part of the treatment and medication costs must be paid by the insured person. This proportion of the costs consists of the deductible rate (annual retention) of a minimum CHF 300 per year (adults). Children do not pay a deductible rate. In addition, 10 percent of the costs must be paid by the patient, but only up to an annual amount of CHF 700 (adults) or CHF 350 (children).

- The basic health insurance also covers the costs of various preventive measures which are helpful in avoiding illness, such as immunisations, eight basic check-ups for pre-school children, gynaecological screening every three years, or maternity services (seven check-ups, 2 ultrasound investigations). The patient does not contribute to the cost of these maternity services.

WHERE WILL MY MEDICAL TREATMENT TAKE PLACE?

In Switzerland you can generally choose your doctor. However, your choice may be restricted to certain doctors depending on your health insurance policy.

Medical services are provided primarily by your family doctor, who will refer you to a specialist if necessary. Addresses of family doctors can be found in the telephone directory under the heading Allgemeinärztinnen und Allgemeinärzte (General Practitioners). The Basel-Landschaft Foreign Nationals' Service will be happy to supply you with a list of doctors who speak foreign languages.

An emergency medical service is available for night-time and weekends. In urgent cases or if a hospital stay is necessary, your medical care will be provided by the hospital.

For emergency numbers, see section on Important Numbers for Emergencies.

INTERPRETER SERVICE FOR SICKNESS OR ACCIDENT

If you are ill or have had an accident and require the ser-



DID YOU KNOW ...

THAT THE HEALTH GUIDE FROM MIGESPLUS PROVIDES USEFUL INFORMATION IN DIFFERENT LANGUAGES ON THE SUBJECT OF PREVENTATIVE HEALTHCARE, HEALTH INSURANCE AND MEDICAL PROVISION?

A healthy lifestyle not only leaves you feeling better, but may also save you money in medical consultations.

vices of an interpreter to aid communication with medical practitioners, you can contact the Basel-Landschaft Foreign Nationals Service about its interpreting service or use the National Telephone Interpreting Service. The cost of using an interpreter from the Basel-Landschaft Foreign Nationals' Service is calculated on the basis of usage duration rounded to the nearest ¼ hour (members CHF 90 per hour, non-members CHF 105 per hour). Travelling costs are invoiced at a flat rate of CHF 37.50.

ARE MY DENTAL COSTS ALSO INSURED?

No, these costs are not covered in the basic health insurance. You can however opt to pay an additional premium to insure dental costs.

For children and young people, there is an option to join a dental care scheme for children and young people. This subsidizes regular check-ups, preventive treatment against caries and periodontitis, and the treatment of caries and dental anomalies. Information is available from your child's teacher or at www.bl.ch.

DO I HAVE TO PAY FOR VISITS BY MY CHILDREN'S SCHOOL DOCTOR?

During your child's time at school there will be three obligatory check-ups by the school doctor: in nursery school, in the 4th year and in the 7th year (class discussion with the school doctor, checking of immunization cards). Parents are not charged for these check-ups, provided they are carried out by the school doctor. If parents have their children checked by a private doctor, they must pay the cost themselves. They must also pay the costs of any additional check-ups or immunizations.

Information by the Federal Office for Health in matters relating to insurance obligations:

www.bag.admin.ch > Themen > Krankenversicherung

List of current premiums

by health insurer and canton/region:

www.priminfo.ch

Comparison of rates and services

in German, French, Italian and English:

www.comparis.ch

National Telephone Interpreting Service (chargeable):

AOZ Medios

T 0842 442 442

www.aoz.ch > Medios

«Health Guide» **«Gesundheitsratgeber»**

(Information and advice on health in various languages):

www.migesplus.ch > Publikationen



CHILDREN



The canton of Basel-Landschaft fosters a family-friendly policy that offers development opportunities and support to families and children at cantonal and local level. Numerous advice centres can provide help if you have questions or are in a crisis situation. Meeting points and family centres give you the opportunity to get to know other families, exchange ideas or spend leisure time together. Please use these opportunities; they are available to everyone! A list of the various addresses is available in the family guide in German, English and Albanian, from your local commune offices or from the Basel-Landschaft Foreign Nationals' Service.

HOW IS THEIR STAY REGULATED?

Children under the age of 12 are covered by the same permit as their parents. If only one parent has a settlement permit, children under 12 will also be granted a settlement permit as long as they live with both parents. Children over the age of 12 are given a residence permit (for conditions relating to family reunification, see the section on "The Law Relating to Foreigners").

WHAT DO PARENTS HAVE TO CONSIDER?

Parents are responsible for the care and upbringing of their child and need to make the necessary decisions accordingly. The well-being of the child is paramount. Parents are required to support their child financially and make provision for its education and any child protection measures up to the legal age of maturity (18 years of age). Parents are responsible for financing their child's maintenance until the child has finished its first apprenticeship. Parents are expected to raise the child, and to promote and protect its physical, mental and social development, in accordance with their circumstances. They must obtain a general voca-

tional education for their child that matches the child's abilities and interests. They should cooperate with the schools for this purpose. You will be expected to guide and support your child with decisions concerning its vocational education (see section on "Education"). If the well-being of the child is endangered and the parents are unwilling or unable to rectify the situation, the child and adult protection authorities will take the necessary steps to protect the child.

WHERE CAN I FIND SOMEONE TO CARE FOR MY CHILD WHILE I AM AT WORK?

The use of childcare services outside statutory school hours is voluntary. Parents must meet the costs of childcare services according to their financial situation. Various types of childcare are available. You can arrange for your child to be cared for in a daycare family setting, a daycare centre (KiTa) or an after-school club.

DAYCARE CENTRES (KITA)

Day nurseries, crèches or daycare centres are approved and supervised by the canton. Together with trained nursery staff and carers, the children spend the day in groups of around three to ten children. Children attend a crèche for a half-day up to 5 days per week. These services are chargeable. A few communes subsidize the cost of daycare centres. Some daycare centres pay particular attention to encouraging the children's language acquisition.

DAYCARE FAMILIES

In a daycare family, your child is cared for as if they are at home and often has other children to play with. The parents and the daycare family agree the times when the child will be cared for according to their own needs and requirements. Daycare families and parents are advised to draw up a binding care agreement, covering details of the care provision such as the particulars of both child and parents, the start and end time for the daycare, the cost of the care, arrangements for holidays and sickness, etc. These services are chargeable. Some communes sub-



side daycare families. Most daycare families belong to a regional childminders association.

PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION

Playgroups offer children from three years onwards the opportunity to gain important play experiences in a set group, which is the basis for good personal and learning development. Playgroups are held one to three times per week for approximately three hours, and are chargeable. More information is available from your commune or at www.fks-bl-fricktal.ch. Special language promotion programmes are offered in some playgroups.

Advice for parents is available in every commune in the canton of Basel-Landschaft. You can ask for advice on matters relating to the physical, mental and emotional development of your babies and small children. The advice and support is designed to help with everything from breastfeeding, nutrition, the care and upbringing of children, to your role as a mother or father. The advice is usually free of charge; some communes request a registration fee.

Information on other early-learning facilities as well as events and meeting points for families is available from your commune.

PARENT EDUCATION

Parent education services support mothers and fathers in the task of raising their children. Courses, presentations and open meetings are held so that parents can exchange ideas with others or find out more on the subject of parenting. This gives parents fresh new ideas. Parent education is offered by many sponsoring organizations such as family centres, parent advisory centres or even parent education organizations. You will find an overview of the services available across the canton on the website of the association "Elternbildung Baselland" (ebbl). This information platform for parent education provides an overview of services and events throughout the canton of Basel-Landschaft.

DID YOU KNOW ...

THAT YOUR CHILD CAN PARTICIPATE IN EARLY-LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES AT DAYCARE CENTRES AND PLAYGROUPS?

This will help your child to develop their linguistic and social skills, thus improving their chances at school and later in the world of work.

FAMILY CENTRES

There are family centres located in the various communes of the canton of Basel-Landschaft. As well as providing courses and information services, they also serve as a public meeting place. All residents can go to the centres with their children to meet like-minded people.

Childcare facilities:

Information about local childcare facilities is available from your council offices or at: www.kinderbetreuung-schweiz.ch

Family guide (also in Albanian and English)

www.bl.ch > Sicherheit > Familien > Familienhandbuch

List of day nurseries:

www.bl.ch > Bildung, Kultur, Sport > Kind, Jugend und Behinderte > Liste Tagesbetreuungseinrichtungen für Kinder in BL

Information about the child and adult protection authorities: www.kesb-bl.ch

List of daycare families Details of the individual associations are available on the homepage of the Northwestern Switzerland Association of Daycare Families:

www.vtn.ch > Mitglieder / Vermittlungsstellen > Ortsgruppen

Information on playgroups: www.fks-bl-fricktal.ch

Information on after-school childcare:

Apply for after-school childcare in your commune

Advice for mothers (Mütterberatung)

flyer available in numerous languages, Local advisory centres: www.muetterberatung-bl-bs.ch > Beratungsstellen Baselland

Parent education in Switzerland (in German, French and Italian): www.elternbildung.ch

Information platform for parent education in the canton of Basel-Landschaft: www.elternbildung-baselland.ch



SCHOOL



In Switzerland, education from pre-school (nursery school) to tertiary level (universities and higher vocational training) is provided by the state.

HOW IS COMPULSORY EDUCATION REGULATED?

Compulsory education will be provided for 11 years in the canton of Basel-Landschaft. Children will enter the education system by starting nursery school at the age of 4.

At primary school your child will receive an education in preparation for his or her continued education at a vocational or grammar school, and will acquire the necessary language knowledge. Attendance at state schools and nursery schools is free of charge.

HOW WILL MY CHILD BE SUPPORTED IN SCHOOL WITH LEARNING GERMAN?

Special measures are in place to help children who have recently arrived in Basel-Landschaft and have not yet learned German. The aim is to help them learn the language to help them integrate into regular classes in the future. In addition to the compulsory curriculum your

child can attend native language and culture classes (HSK classes) from the second grade. There, your child will be taught the geography, culture and language of their country of origin. Attendance at these classes is voluntary, but is highly recommended.

WHAT IS EXPECTED OF PARENTS DURING THE COMPULSORY SCHOOL YEARS OF THEIR CHILDREN?

Parents are required to cooperate with the school. They will receive regular invitations from teaching staff to attend information events and parents' evenings. Take part in these events and make contact with your child's teacher, who will be happy to answer your questions.

You must ensure that your children attend compulsory schooling, read and sign your children's school reports, seek permission for extra holidays early, give prior notice of any exceptional leave of absence and give a reason for absences.

WHAT ARE YOUR RIGHTS AS A PARENT?

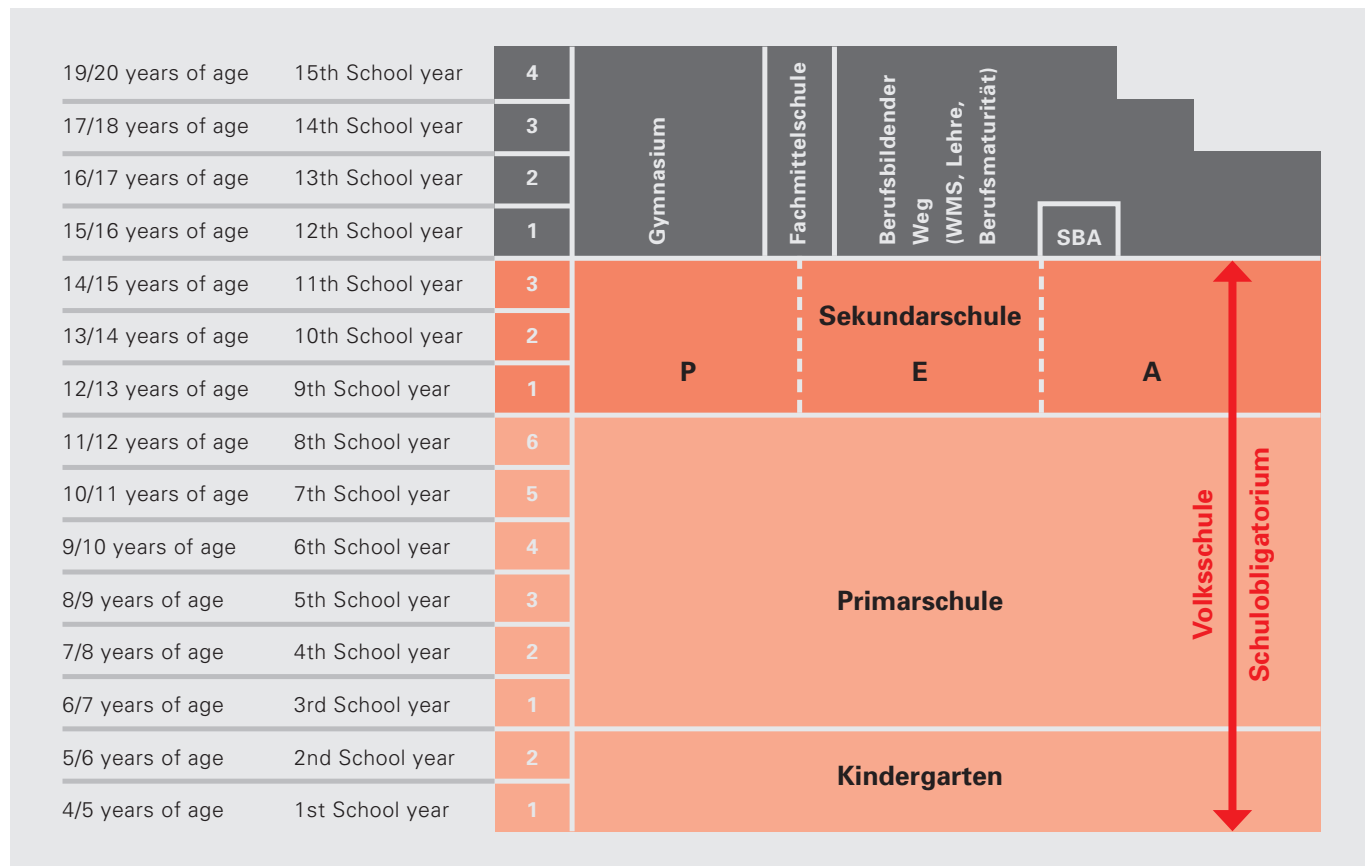
Parents are entitled:

- to receive all information necessary to enable them to fulfil their parental rights and duties
- to be informed about their child's learning progress, attitude to work and social behaviour
- to look at the assessments of their child's performance
- to talk to teachers individually
- to watch some lessons in progress after consultation with the teacher
- to be given timely information about school pilot projects and reforms
- to be informed early of any cancellation of classes
- normally to be invited to one parents' evening per school year during the compulsory school years

DID YOU KNOW ...

THAT BILINGUAL CHILDREN WHO ATTEND CLASSES IN THEIR MOTHER TONGUE HAVE GREATER LINGUISTIC FLEXIBILITY AND CONFIDENCE AND PERFORM BETTER AT SCHOOL?

CURRENT SCHOOL SYSTEM FOR THE TWO BASEL CANTONS



Gymnasium	Matura school (grammar school)
FMS/HMS	FMS/HMS (specialized/vocational middle schools)
Berufslehre/ Berufsmaturität	Vocational education/Vocational diploma
SBA	SBA (school-based transitional scheme)
Fach-/ Berufsmatura	Specialized/ vocational diploma
Sekundarschule	Secondary school
Primarschule	Primary school
Kindergarten	Nursery school
Fachmittelschule	Specialized middle school
Berufsbildender Weg (WMS, Lehre, Berufsmaturität)	Vocational path (WMS (commercial middle school), vocational education, vocational diploma)

Contact addresses on all matters relating to educational harmonization, good schools in Basel-Landschaft are available at:
www.bl.ch
 > Bildung > Bildungsharmonisierung

Courses in native language and culture (HSK) are managed and coordinated by the Office for Primary Education:
www.av.s.ch
 > Dienstleistungen > Unterricht HSK

EDUCATION



WHAT CONTINUING EDUCATION AND TRAINING IS AVAILABLE AFTER THE COMPULSORY SCHOOL YEARS?

A successful vocational or school-leaving qualification is essential for entering the world of work and progressing in a career. The Swiss education system very open, with each qualification leading on to a further educational opportunity.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING

The great majority of young people in Switzerland undertake vocational education and training. This vocational education and training programme usually lasts for three or four years and leads to the Federal VET Diploma. This training is also known informally as an "apprenticeship". In addition to practical training at the workplace, it also includes attendance at a vocational training college and external courses. It leads to the award of the Federal VET Diploma, which qualifies trainees to enter the world of work and paves the way to higher and more challenging vocational training (PET diploma examinations, advanced federal PET diploma examinations or study at a college of professional education and training).

The two-year Federal VET Certificate (EBA) is suitable for less academic but practically inclined young people. Following this, the basic vocational training leading to the Swiss Federal VET Diploma can often be completed more quickly.

Particularly engaged and talented youngsters can complete their Federal Vocational Baccalaureate (FVB 1 or FVB 2) at vocational training college during or after a VET programme incorporating Federal VET Diploma.

At commercial middle school (WMS) young people prepare for the Federal VET Diploma in business administration with classroom-based courses and a year-long practical

work placement, while at the same time completing their Federal Vocational Baccalaureate in business and services. The Federal Vocational Baccalaureate enables them to study at a university of applied science, or qualify for entry to a university or federal university of technology (ETH) via the Passerelle route.

MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Middle schools include specialized middle schools (FMS) and Matura schools (grammar schools). These schools are particularly aimed at young people who are very educationally engaged.

The specialized middle schools (FMS) prepare students for higher education in healthcare, the arts, the social sector or teacher training. Their courses lead to the upper-secondary specialised school certificate or Specialised Baccalaureate. The Matura schools (grammar schools) provide an extensive general education and prepare students for study at a university or federal university of technology.

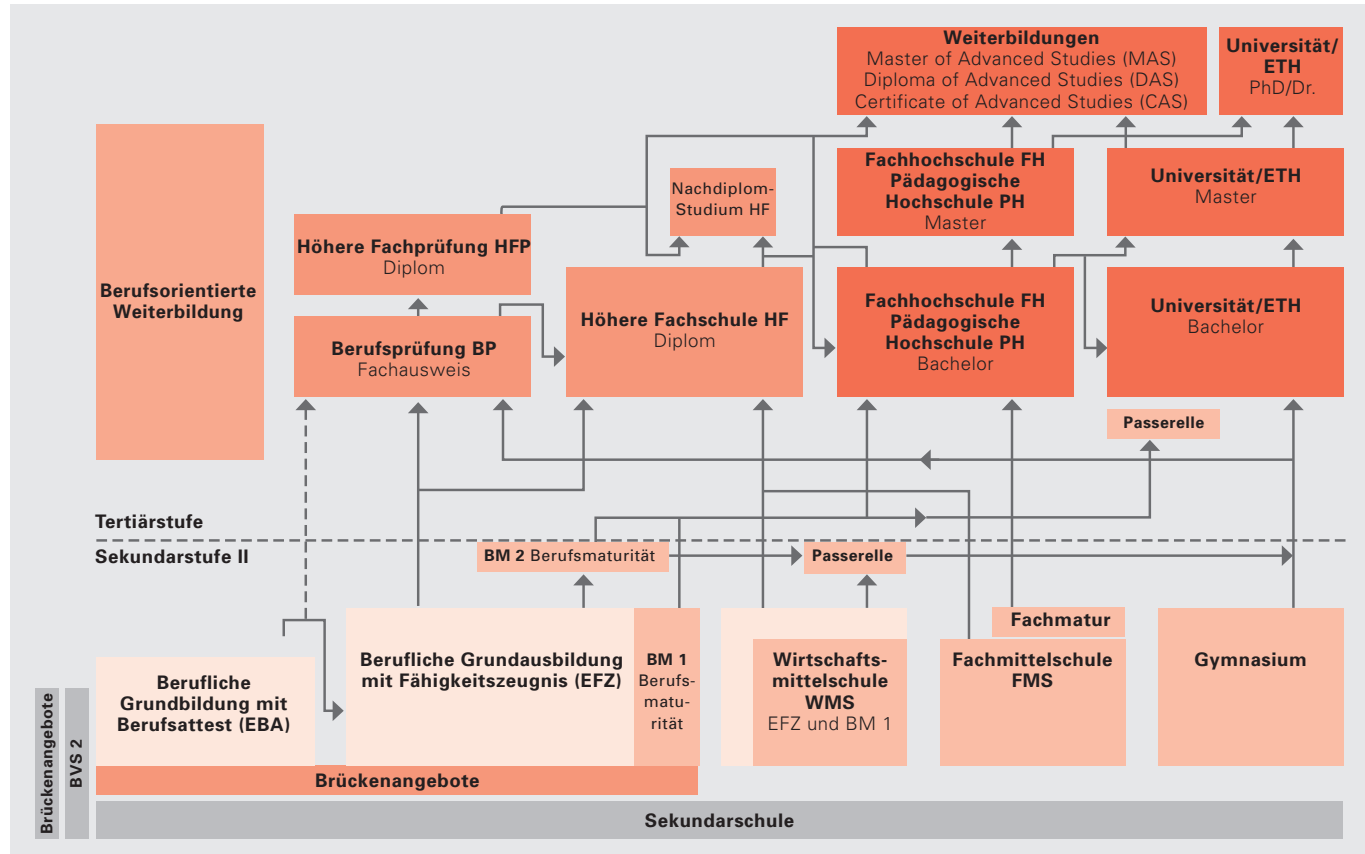
HOW CAN MY CHILD FIND THE RIGHT EDUCATION?

In the last three years of secondary school your child will learn about the various continuing education and training options as part of their careers guidance. Your child will focus on their own interests and aptitudes in order to reach a decision about their education.

You can support your child by discussing educational and career choices at home, telling them about your own job and helping them with applications.

Advice on work, careers and studying is provided at two careers information centres (BiZ) in Bottmingen and Liestal. This is where you and your child can find information about all continuing education and training courses. You can find the answer to straightforward inquiries by calling in at one of the centres – there is no need to make an appointment. For more complicated inquiries, various advisory services are available ranging from telephone discussions to individual consultations.

EDUCATION SYSTEM



Sekundarstufe II	Upper-secondary level
Sekundarschule	Secondary school
Brückenangebote	Bridge-year courses
BVS 2	BVS 2
Berufliche Grundbildung mit Berufsattest (EBA)	VET programme with Federal VET Certificate (EBA)
Berufliche Grundausbildung mit Fähigkeitszeugnis (EFZ)	VET programme with Federal VET Diploma (EFZ)
BM 1 Berufsmaturität	FVB 1 vocational baccalaureate
Wirtschaftsmittelschule WMS, EFZ und BM 1	Commercial middle school (WMS) Federal VET Diploma and FVB 1
Wirtschaftsmittelschule	Commercial middle school
Fachmittelschule FMS	Specialized middle schools (FMS)
Fachmatur	Specialized baccalaureate
Gymnasium	Matura school (grammar school)
BM 2 Berufsmaturität	FVB 2 vocational baccalaureate
Passerelle	Passerelle
Tertiärstufe	Tertiary level
Berufsorientierte Weiterbildung	Passerelle
Berufsprüfung BP, Fachausweis	Job-related continuing education and training (CET)
Höhere Fachprüfung HFP, Diplom	PET Diploma Examination, Federal PET Diploma

Höhere Fachschule HF, Diplom	Advanced Federal PET Diploma Examinations, Advanced Federal PET Diploma
Nachdiplom-Studium HF	College of professional education and training(HF), diploma
Fachhochschule FH Pädagogische Hochschule PH Bachelor	University of applied sciences (FH) University of Teacher Education (PH) Bachelor's degree
Fachhochschule FH Pädagogische Hochschule PH Master	University of applied sciences (FH) University of Teacher Education (PH) Master's degree
Universität/ETH, Bachelor	University/federal university of technology (ETH), bachelor's degree
Universität/ETH, Master	University/federal university of technology (ETH), master's degree
Weiterbildungen	Continuing education and training (CET)

Careers Information Centre (BIZ)
Berufsinformationszentrum BiZ
 Rosenstrasse 25, 4410 Liestal, T 061 927 28 28
 Wuhrmattstrasse 23, 4103 Bottmingen, T 061 426 66 66
www.biz.bl.ch

Vocational integration in Basel-Landschaft
Berufsintegration Baselland
 Hauptstrasse 28, 4127 Birsfelden
 T 061 552 91 91, www.berufsintegration.bl.ch

Coordination office for bridge-year courses
Amt für Berufsbildung und Berufsberatung
 Rosenstrasse 25, 4410 Liestal, T 061 552 28 11
www.brueckenangebote.bl.ch

EDUCATION

WHAT KIND OF CONTINUING EDUCATION AND SUPPORT SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE?

The transition from school to professional education and training presents a great challenge. Some young people need more time or require further specific preparation in order to make a successful start with their training. The canton of Basel-Landschaft offers various support services in the context of vocational integration to help teenagers and young adults aged from 15 to 25 to access a recognized professional education and training course.

CLASSES ON INTEGRATION AND CAREER CHOICE

Various classes on integration and career choice are available for teenagers and young adults who have just completed their statutory education in Switzerland. The aim is to learn German and focus on preparing for professional education and training.

BRIDGE-YEAR COURSES

Bridge-year courses follow on from compulsory schooling and last for one year. They aim to ensure that the young people can successfully start an apprenticeship at the end of the year. The courses focus on school subjects, career choice and essential personal and social skills for the world of work. Some bridge-year courses are classroom-based, others are highly practical and take place in a workplace environment.

VOCATIONAL INTEGRATION IN BASEL-LANDSCHAFT

Vocational integration in Basel-Landschaft provides various advisory and support services to help teenagers and young adults to enter vocational training:

– Vocational integration coaching

Vocational integration coaching offers targeted support in finding an apprenticeship. The advisor works with the young person to devise and implement strategies for vocational integration.

DID YOU KNOW ...

THAT YOUNG PERSONS WITH A SETTLEMENT PERMIT C (OR HAVE HELD A RESIDENCE PERMIT B FOR FIVE YEARS) WHO COMPLETE A PUBLICLY RECOGNIZED ACADEMIC OR VOCATIONAL COURSE OF EDUCATION CAN APPLY FOR BURSARIES IF THEIR PARENTS ARE UNABLE TO FINANCE THIS EDUCATION?

Information is available from BL Education Grants (061 552 79 99) or the Basel-Landschaft Foreign Nationals' Service.

– Mentoring for young people

Experienced professionals from various fields of work assist young people in their search for an apprenticeship. The mentor works in tandem with the young person and can therefore provide individual support.

– Case Management careers office

The Case Management careers office provides support if the young person finds integration into training more difficult because of various problems, or if their place on a vocational training scheme is seriously jeopardized. The case managers help the young person to secure the vocational qualification by offering advice and assistance.

– Clarification

– Training programmes

These services can be applied for and accessed at any time, free of charge.

Vocational integration in Basel-Landschaft

Berufsintegration Basel-Landschaft

Hauptstrasse 28, 4127 Birsfelden, T 061 552 91 91
berufsintegration@bl.ch, www.berufsintegration.bl.ch

Mentoring

Hauptstrasse 28, 4127 Birsfelden
T061 552 79 88, mentoring@bl.ch, www.mentoring.bl.ch

Information about vocational education and careers advice:

Amt für Berufsbildung und Berufsberatung

www.afbb.bl.ch

Centre of Competence for Further Education

Fachstelle Erwachsenenbildung, www.febl.ch

CONTINUING AND ADULT EDUCATION

CONTINUING EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Our current, rapidly changing world, with its fast-moving technological developments, increasing mobility and social changes requires people to acquire up-to-date knowledge and additional skills time and again.

JOB-RELATED CONTINUING EDUCATION AND TRAINING (CET)

For a long time now, what people learn at school and during their vocational training is no longer sufficient to last a lifetime. If you want to keep up with developments in the world of work, you must regularly undergo further education and training. However, such courses are also suitable for those returning to work or wishing to take their career in a new direction. For this reason, trade associations and colleges offer countless career-oriented continuing education and training courses. These may (but do not necessarily) lead to a trade association or federal qualification. Their duration ranges from a few hours, to several years for postgraduate courses.

GENERAL QUESTIONS ABOUT CONTINUING EDUCATION AND TRAINING:

In both the private and public sector, general continuing education and training as well as adult education provides the best way of keeping up with social and technological changes. Since society and technical capabilities are constantly changing, our own personal experience is often no longer enough. For example, dealing with the Internet and social media presents a challenge both in terms of our own capabilities and also for raising and supporting children and young people.

Providers of continuing education and training in the Basel region offer a good, comprehensive range of opportunities to meet various individual educational requirements, e.g.

- German courses (see p. 11, Language and Communication)
- Foreign languages
- General education
- Basic skills (everyday mathematics, writing, reading, information and communication technology)
- Health promotion
- Courses and information events for parents

CONTINUING EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAMMES

Career-oriented and general continuing education and training takes place in the form of courses, study programmes, lectures and presentations, and also (for example) by means of e-learning. Undertaking continuing education and training also provides the opportunity to meet other people who share the same interests. It allows you to talk about your own experiences and establish personal contacts.

INFORMATION ON CONTINUING EDUCATION AND TRAINING

With so much on offer, it can be difficult to find the right course. It is a good idea to ask friends and acquaintances, work colleagues, managers and people around you about their own experiences and recommendations.

You can also talk to the work, training and careers advice officers at the careers information centres (BiZ) in Bottmingen and Liestal. The advice and information they provide on career-oriented continuing education and training and career planning is free and impartial, and there is no need to make an appointment. As expert advisors in work, training and careers, they can also provide help with getting your degree recognized, retaking a professional or school-leaving qualification, or opportunities for study: see www.biz.bl.ch

Office for Vocational Education and Advice

Amt für Berufsbildung und Berufsberatung

BiZ Bottmingen, Wuhrmattstr. 23, 4103 Bottmingen

T 061 552 29 00

BiZ Liestal, Rosenstrasse 25, 4410 Liestal

T 061 552 28 28

www.biz.bl.ch

Allgemeine Gewerbeschule Basel (Basel Vocational School)

Allgemeine Gewerbeschule Basel

Vogelsangstrasse 15, 4005 Basel

T 061 695 61 11

urs.hammer@alice.ch, www.agsbs.ch

> Ausbildung > Weiterbildung > Link zum Beruf

MARRIAGE, BIRTHS AND DEATHS



WHAT IS REQUIRED FOR GETTING MARRIED?

Information about the required documents is available from your local register office, which also organizes the civil marriage ceremony. A religious marriage ceremony must not be performed before the civil marriage. The main task of the registrar is to document civilian status – in particular births, marriages, registered same-sex civil partnerships, deaths and child acknowledgements – by keeping an electronic civil register (Infostar), and by making preparations for marriages and conducting marriage ceremonies. All births, marriages, registered same-sex civil partnerships, deaths and child acknowledgements that take place in the canton are documented in Infostar.

There is one register office in the canton of Basel-Landschaft. It is located in Arlesheim.

WHAT ARE THE CONDITIONS FOR MARRIAGE?

- You must be at least 18 years of age and of sound mind
- You must not be already married
- Foreign nationals must have legal right of residence in Switzerland
- The law prohibits marriage between relatives in the direct line (parents, grandparents) and between siblings and half-siblings, regardless of whether they are related by blood or adoption.
- **Forced marriages are prohibited in Switzerland.**

WHAT IS REQUIRED FOR REGISTERING A SAME-SEX CIVIL PARTNERSHIP?

The same rules and regulations apply for same-sex civil partnerships as for marriages.

WHAT HAS TO BE DONE AFTER A BIRTH?

The birth of a child must be registered at the civil register office for the place of birth. In the case of a home birth, the birth confirmation papers completed by the midwife must be presented. If the child is born in hospital, the hospital registers the birth at the local register office. Please contact the register office in good time to find out which documents you need to take with you to hospital and hand in there.

WHAT HAPPENS IN THE CASE OF A DEATH?

A death certificate must be issued by a medical practitioner. Afterwards the death must be registered immediately at the register office for the place of death. The death may also be registered at the commune offices for the previous place of residence, if there is no register office in the commune of residence or if the death occurred in an institution or hospital. If the death occurred in a hospital, in a retirement home or hospice, then the hospital or the retirement home management is required to register the death.

Otherwise the death must be registered by the relatives of the deceased. An undertaker may be requested to transfer the body to the chapel of rest or crematorium, or to make arrangements for its transport abroad. The burial costs are paid for by the bereaved.

In order to register the death, please contact the register office for the place of death to find out which documents need to be presented.

Basel-Landschaft Register Office

Zivilstandsamt Basel-Landschaft

Kirchgasse 5, Postfach, 4144 Arlesheim

T 061 552 42 00, Fax 061 552 42 01, zivilstandsamt@bl.ch

www.bl.ch > Sicherheit > Zivilrechtsverwaltung > Zivilstandesamt

Opening hours: Monday to Friday

8 a.m. to 12 noon and 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.



RELIGION

DID YOU KNOW ...

THAT THERE IS A DEPARTMENT FOR "COORDINATION OF RELIGIOUS MATTERS",

which advises institutions, religious communities and private individuals on religious issues and conflicts?



The constitution of Basel-Landschaft guarantees freedom of belief and conscience. Every person can freely decide whether to have beliefs and which religion to practise. No one may be forced into practising a religion. Religious freedom is therefore an individual right which every person can carry out according to his or her own personal beliefs. It is important to know, however, that in Switzerland the state comes before religion. Religious freedom is guaranteed as long as it does not break any federal or cantonal laws. The state is responsible for ensuring religious freedom and peaceful relations between religions, and for preventing discrimination. The state itself may not comment on religious beliefs.

The Evangelical Reformed Church, the Roman Catholic Church and the Christian Catholic Church are recognized as «national churches», in other words as public institutions in the canton of Basel-Landschaft. Today, there are over 400 Christian and non-Christian religious communities in the two Basel cantons. Alongside the officially established churches, these are Christian free churches, Orthodox churches and migration churches. The non-Christian religions represented in the region include Judaism, Islam, Alevism, Hinduism (Tamil), Buddhism, Sikhism and newer religious movements.

The Round Table of Religions in the Two Basel Cantons was founded in 2007, supported by the two cantonal integration offices and led by the Basel coordinator for religious matters. It acts as a point of contact between religious communities, the authorities and the population. Alongside the representative for integration, its membership includes mandated representatives of two umbrella organizations and 13 different religious communities.

Coordination Department for Religious Matters:
Round Table of Religions in the Two Basel Cantons
Runder Tisch der Religionen beider Basel
 Marktplatz 30a, 4001 Basel
 T 061 267 47 42
 lilo.roost@bs.ch, www.inforel.ch
 www.entwicklung.bs.ch
 > Integration > Religion & Gesellschaft > Runder Tisch





MOBILITY



HOW DOES PUBLIC TRANSPORT WORK?

Switzerland has one of the most complete public transport systems in the world.

All 86 communes in the canton of Basel-Landschaft are connected to the public transport network. Just one season ticket lets you use all buses, trams and trains in the entire north-western Switzerland region. Public transport is reliable and punctual.

With a half-price card from Swiss Federal Railways (SBB) you can use trains, buses and boats throughout Switzerland at a reduced price.

WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO TO DRIVE A CAR OR MOTORCYCLE?

Have you moved to Switzerland from abroad and have a foreign driving licence? If so, you are obliged to exchange it for a Swiss driving licence within a year of arriving in the country.

In order to do this you will need a form which you can download from the website of the Basel-Landschaft Motor Vehicle Control Department. You must complete this form in full, including the sight test which you can arrange at a Swiss optician or ophthalmologist and enter directly on the request form.

The form must be returned to your commune offices, which will forward it to the Basel-Landschaft Motor Vehicle Control Department (MFK), where the new driving licence will be issued. The following documents must be supplied:

- colour passport photo
- original foreign driving licence
- copy of residence permit

If you own a vehicle abroad and wish to import it into Switzerland, you must reregister the vehicle within a year of entering the country.

In the first instance you must contact Swiss customs so that the vehicle can be cleared. Before having the vehicle inspected, you must take it to any garage in Switzerland for an emissions test. As soon as this is done, you can contact us to arrange an appointment at the Motor Vehicle Inspection Station (MFP) in Münchenstein.

Once the vehicle has been inspected by the MFP, you can register it at the Basel-Landschaft Motor Vehicle Control Department. You will need the following documents:

- foreign licence plates
- foreign vehicle documents
- form 13.20 A (available from the customs office)
- relocation goods form
- certificate of insurance (to be obtained from a Swiss insurance company)

Motorcyclists are required by law to wear a helmet. The Motor Vehicle Control Department will be able to answer any further questions, e.g. about exchanging your foreign driving licence or reregistering your vehicle.





THE FOLLOWING MAXIMUM SPEED LIMITS APPLY FOR ROAD TRAFFIC:

- In built-up areas: 50 km/h
- Outside built-up areas: 80 km/h
- Highway: 100 km/h
- Motorway: 120 km/h
- Variations to the above are signposted.

Use of the motorways is subject to a toll. You are required to purchase a motorway toll label (vignette).

WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW WHEN I AM RIDING MY BICYCLE?

Traffic rules also apply to cyclists. A test is not normally required. Children are not allowed to ride a bicycle on the road until they have reached school age.

The wearing of a bicycle helmet is recommended.

CAR SHARING

Car sharing is the organized, shared use of one or more cars. The vehicles in a car sharing organization are usually distributed across a town or wider area on permanently hired parking spaces. These locations are often at public transport hubs (railway stations, tram interchanges, bus terminals, etc.), where they can be easily accessed by the members.

The previously booked vehicles are used mainly to enable people to reach remote destinations from hubs. Unlike a hired car, the vehicles may also be used for short periods, e.g. by the hour.

DID YOU KNOW ...

THAT PEDESTRIANS, AS THE WEAKEST PARTICIPANTS IN THE TRANSPORT SYSTEM, NOT ONLY HAVE RIGHT OF WAY WHEN THEY ARE ALREADY ON PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS, BUT ALSO WHEN THEY ARE STANDING ON THE PAVEMENT AND ARE CLEARLY INDICATING THEIR INTENTION TO CROSS?

Drivers must therefore reduce their speed in good time. Pedestrians must however not enforce their right of way if the vehicle is already too close to stop.

Information about public transport:

Swiss Federal Railways
www.sbb.ch

Tarifverbund Nordwestschweiz (tariff association)
www.tnw.ch

Autobus AG Liestal
www.aagl.ch

Baselland Transport AG
www.bl.t.ch

Waldenburgerbahn AG
www.waldenburgerbahn.ch

Regio S-Bahn Basel (regional suburban rail network)
www.regio-s-bahn.ch

Basler Verkehrs-Betriebe (transport companies)
www.bvb.ch

Basler Personenschiffahrt (boat company)
www.bpg.ch

EuroAirport Basel Mulhouse
www.euroairport.com

Basel-Landschaft Motor Vehicle Control

Motorfahrzeugkontrolle BL
Ergolzstrasse 1
4414 Füllinsdorf
T 061 552 00 00
mfk@bl.ch, www.mfk.bl.ch

Vehicle registration:

T 061 552 00 33, mfk.fz@bl.ch

Driving licence:

T 061 552 00 44, mfk.fa@bl.ch

Information on car sharing in Switzerland:
www.mobility.ch



EVERYDAY LIFE AND LEISURE TIME



WHAT LEISURE ACTIVITIES ARE AVAILABLE?

Outside of school and work, leisure time is an important part of our daily lives. It gives us the chance to relax and meet new people.

The canton of Basel-Landschaft offers a wide range of leisure activities to suit every taste. The charming, ever-changing landscape invites tours of discovery; whether on foot, by bicycle, on roller skates or horseback. Discover mountains, castles and glorious vistas. Take a break from daily routine with a walk through the Arlesheim Hermitage or the Grün 80 botanical gardens, where you will also find the largest sports stadium in Switzerland. The sports available in the area range from skiing in Langenbruck to kayaking on the Rhine.

Yet the canton of Basel-Landschaft also has much to offer culturally. Be transported back to the time of the ancient Romans at the Augusta Raurica site. Enjoy world-class contemporary art exhibitions at the Kunsthaus Baselland art gallery or visit the various small theatres, cabarets and music venues in your local area. A great many sporting, cultural and leisure associations are available for children, young people and adults. Use these opportunities to make friends and establish new contacts.

Details are available in the local newspapers or from your commune office or cantonal sports office.

FAMILY PASS

For just CHF 30 per year, the Family Pass offers families in north-western Switzerland free or reduced-price entry to a wide range of facilities and attractions. People of all ages

DID YOU KNOW ...

THAT 50% OF THE SWISS POPULATION ARE ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN A CLUB OR ASSOCIATION?

can enjoy great deals in the areas of sport, culture and entertainment, excursions, holidays, courses and further education, trade fairs and exhibitions, shops and social organizations. From admission to museums and theatres and free entry to the artificial ice rink and swimming pools, to reduced-price or free cinema tickets and generous discounts in sports centres and shops, there is something for everyone.

Children aged from 6 to 16 who live in participating communes can make use of the Holiday Pass while at home during the summer holidays. This offers all kinds of exciting holiday activities, graded according to the age of the children.

There are no limits to the ideas of the scheme's resourceful organizers. The programme ranges from visits to production plants, the airport and the fire service, and meetings with football stars, to creative workshops such as making cheese or scented soap, and much more. A weekly pass can be obtained from the council offices for a modest sum. A passport photo is required for this purpose. It is necessary to register with the selected activities from time to time.

SPORT

There are countless opportunities to participate in sport in Basel-Landschaft, whether on an organized or non-organized basis. The Sports Office is the centre of competence in the canton for promoting sport and exercise. Working in accordance with the laws on sports promotion, it creates the essential background conditions for the successful development of sport and exercise for the entire population. All age groups benefit from a wide range of public sports facilities, which include the Vita Parcours fitness trail, natural running tracks, exercise parks, open-air pools, cycle paths and much more. There are over 700 sports clubs in the canton of Basel-Landschaft, most of which offer guided training for all age groups and facilities in both recreational and competitive sport. The Basel-Landschaft Sports Office ensures that the leaders are well trained, enabling children, young people and adults with special expertise to take part in regular sports activities. Children with sporting talents can use schemes such as Talent Eye or even attend the cantonal initiatives to promote talent in



competitive sport. With over 130 sporting events, sports camps and courses, the Sports Office organizes several events every week on average. By offering these activities, the Sports Office aims to motivate the population to participate in sport and to take regular exercise. The Sports Office's many tasks include advising individuals and sports clubs. The Sports Office team is always happy to provide assistance.

SCOUTS

The Scout Movement is an international, non-religious and non-political educational movement for children and young people, which is open to people of all nationalities and beliefs. The aim of the movement is to promote the development of young people so that they are equipped to assume responsibility in society.

The Scouts meet regularly for shared activities with young people of their own age. They spend a lot of time in the open air, where they learn practical skills for outdoor survival. Fun, games and adventure are at the forefront of these activities. Mutual respect and tolerance often lead to life-long friendships.

At the same time, however, children and young people gradually start to take responsibility. They determine what happens in their groups and are committed to their fellow humans. The high point of the scouting year is doubtlessly the annual camp in the holidays.

JUNGWACHT AND BLAURING

Jungwacht Blauring is the largest Catholic organization for children and young people in Switzerland, with 31,000 members. A wide range of activities is provided to enable children and young people to try new experiences and discover their own capabilities. Jungwacht Blauring is affiliated to the Catholic Church, but is open to all children and young people of any faith or culture.

Around 14,000 girls and 9,000 boys are supervised at parish level by around 8,000 young volunteer leaders. Girls can join the Blauring, and boys the Jungwacht. In some parishes, Blauring & Jungwacht have joined together to form Jubla, with meetings held in mixed groups.

DID YOU KNOW ...

THAT THERE ARE 12 COUNCIL-RUN FITNESS TRAILS IN THE CANTON OF BASEL-LANDSCHAFT?

These fitness trails, which are usually set in a forest, are available to the public and consist of various fitness posts at which exercises are provided for developing strength, endurance, agility and coordination.

Basel-Landschaft Tourism

Baselland Tourismus

Altmarktstrasse 96
4410 Liestal
T 061 927 64 64
www.baselland-tourismus.ch

Information on the Family Pass:
www.familienpass.ch

Information on fitness trails:
www.zurichvitaparcours.ch

Colourkey

The leisure card for the Basel region for young people and adults under 26 offers countless discounts and free offers.
www.colourkey.ch

Open Youth Work

Offene Jugendarbeit

Ferienpass Regio Liestal
Postfach 230, 4410 Liestal
T 061 921 94 74
info@jugendsozialwerk.ch, www.jugendsozialwerk.ch

Birseck Leimental regional holiday pass

Regio-Ferienpass Birseck-Leimental

Gartenstrasse 16, 4153 Reinach
T 061 717 81 20
ferienpass@regio-ferienpass.ch, www.regio-ferienpass.ch

Pro Juventute holiday pass for Laufental-Thierstein

Pro Juventute Ferienpass Laufental-Thierstein

Hofgarten 23, 4225 Brislach
T 061 721 25 70
info@ferienpass.ch, www.ferienpass.ch

Basel-Landschaft Sports Office

Sportamt Baselland

St. Jakobstrasse 43, 4133 Pratteln
T 061 552 14 00
sportamt@bl.ch
www.bl.ch > Sport > Sport

Information on the Scouts:
www.pfadi-region-basel.ch

Information on Jungwacht and Blauring:
www.jublbasel.ch



OTHER SERVICES



The main reason why people migrate is to improve their standard of living and increase their own and their family's prospects. Migration offers many opportunities, but also presents many new challenges.

Making new friends, learning a new language, living and working in a new environment, getting to know a different culture – these are all things that can enhance life greatly.

However, it also means leaving behind much that is familiar and is held dear, missing friends and family, and homesickness. Many people have little problem dealing with this, others find it difficult. The challenges are many and varied: learning German, settling the family into the new surroundings, succeeding in the employment market, making new contacts, learning about Swiss mentality and culture and complying with the laws applicable here. These challenges may prove overwhelming for newcomers in the short term or longer term. The important thing is to seek help at the first sign of problems and not to wait until things start to become intolerable. The earlier advice is sought, the easier it is for those affected and those around them.

In the Basel region there are numerous contact points, advisory centres and information services that help prevent problems arising or escalating, and can intervene in a crisis. Advice is provided free of charge.

BASEL-LANDSCHAFT FOREIGN NATIONALS' SERVICE / ALD

The Basel-Landschaft Foreign Nationals Service (ald) is a non-religious, politically independent organization which was founded in 1964 to offer advice and encouragement

to aid the integration of foreign nationals resident in the canton of Basel-Landschaft, by means of

- information and advice
- liaison with interpreters
- translators
- early learning (German in playgroups)
- German classes for adults
- integration projects
- liaising and coordinating with state, canton, communes and third parties

The Basel-Landschaft Foreign Nationals' Service is a centre of competence available to migrants, Swiss nationals and various institutions and individuals, for help with matters relating to integration.

BASEL-LANDSCHAFT CONTACT POINT

For advice on legal issues relating to the asylum process, residency, compulsory measures, marriage, employment and insurance.

NORTH-WESTERN SWITZERLAND ADVISORY CENTRE AGAINST DISCRIMINATION AND RACISM

People who suffer racial discrimination ought to be able to obtain advice on how to defend themselves and to demand respect, justice and dignity. Witnesses to racist incidents should be encouraged to come forward, thereby helping to ensure that people from a different cultural background are treated with respect.

Stopp Rassismus (stop racism) is available in particular to persons who feel in any way disadvantaged because of the colour of their skin, their language, appearance, religious affiliation, nationality or origin. Discrimination may occur when looking for work or accommodation, in pubs and shops, in dealings with officials and private individuals, in public or through the media. If you have been personally affected by or have witnessed such discrimination, please contact the Advisory Centre against Discrimination and Racism Stopp Rassismus .



CONTACT POINT FOR MIGRANTS

The contact point is a low-threshold service aimed mainly at people of different origins who are difficult to reach and have not integrated well. Around 24 women and children meet every Wednesday afternoon. The gathering is led by two co-leaders, with two other people on hand to help with childcare. Women of all ages and from many different nationalities meet at a central location to talk, sing and make handicrafts together. The children are professionally supervised with activities provided by German speakers while their mothers take part in crafts or attend information events. The female migrants are expected to find their way in their community and its institutions as quickly as possible.

MULTICULTURAL DRUGS ADVICE FOR THE TWO BASEL CANTONS (MUSUB)

Experienced specialists from different countries of origin offer culture-specific advice with drug problems. The centre is available to those affected and their families, and organizes therapy for individuals, couples and families, and group meetings. It provides aftercare, prevention and counselling in Italian, Turkish, Spanish, Serbian, Portuguese, Croatian, Macedonian and Bosnian.

INFOREL – INDEPENDENT ADVICE CENTRE FOR RELIGIOUS AND SECT-RELATED MATTERS

Information service offering specialist information and advice on all matters relating to religions and sects.

OMBUDSMAN'S OFFICE

The Basel-Landschaft Ombudsman is available to the population free of charge to act as an independent mediator in problems with cantonal and commune officials and departments, as well as public institutions. He offers advice and helps to resolve conflicts.

DID YOU KNOW ...

THAT MIX, THE MAGAZINE FOR DIVERSITY, IS PUBLISHED TWICE A YEAR IN THE CANTONS BE, BL, BS AND GR?

MIX contains information on the subject of migration and integration and is intended to motivate its readers to deal with the issues openly and objectively. You can subscribe to MIX magazine free of charge by e-mailing the Integration Department (sid-integration@bl.ch) or via our website www.mixmagazin.ch.

ALD Basel-Landschaft Foreign Nationals' Service

Ausländerdienst Baselland / ald

Bahnhofstrasse 16, 4133 Pratteln 1

T 061 827 99 00

info@ald-bl.ch, www.ald-bl.ch

Basel-Landschaft Contact Point

Anlaufstelle Baselland

Oberfeldstrasse 11a, 4133 Pratteln

T 061 821 44 77

«Stop Racism»

«Stopp Rassismus»

Oberfeldstrasse 11a, 4133 Pratteln

T 061 821 44 55

info@stopprassismus.ch, www.stopprassismus.ch

c/o frauenplus Baselland

Büchelistrasse 6, 4410 Liestal

T 061 921 60 20

baselland@frauenplus.ch, www.frauenplus.ch

Multicultural drugs advice

for the two Basel cantons (MUSUB)

Multikulturelle Suchtberatungsstelle beider Basel (MUSUB)

Nauenstrasse 49, 4052 Basel, T 061 273 83 05

Bleichemattweg 56, 4410 Liestal, T 061 903 92 77

Bruckfeldstrasse 3, 4142 Münchenstein, T 061 411 06 69

info@musub.ch, www.musub.ch

InfoREL, Information on Religion

InfoREL

Postfach, 4009 Basel

T 061 303 93 30

www.infoREL.ch

BL Ombudsman

Ombudsmann BL

Rheinstrasse 28, 4410 Liestal

T 061 552 62 90



TRADITIONS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

1. 1.	Neujahrstag	New Year's Day
*	Fasnachtsmontag	Carnival Monday
*	Fasnachtsmittwoch	Ash Wednesday
*	Karfreitag	Good Friday
*	Ostermontag	Easter Monday
1. 5.	1. Mai	May Day
*	Auffahrtstag	Ascension Day
*	Pfingstmontag	Whit Monday
1. 8.	Nationalfeiertag	Swiss National Day
25. 12.	Weihnachtstag	Christmas Day
26. 12.	Stephanstag	Boxing Day
31. 12.	Silvester	New Year's Eve
*	For exact dates see: www.feiertage-schweiz.ch > Basel-Landschaft	

Despite the significant industrialization and urbanization in some areas, the canton where you now live is characterized by a rich and colourful tradition. The people in our villages foster their traditions with enthusiasm and will be delighted to introduce you to their festivals and customs.

FASNACHT (SHROVE TUESDAY)

In the Catholic area of lower Basel, a week earlier than in the Protestant parts of the canton, a colourful carnival takes place in February/March with gala events and parades with drummers and pipers, carnival musicians and masked revellers processing on foot and in carnival floats. Far older than these Shrove Tuesday celebrations are the bonfire customs that are a tradition in many places at this time of year: depending on location, these take the form of a procession with paper lanterns, torches, fire brooms or even bonfires on carts, (as in Liestal) or disc throwing - the hurling of red-hot timber disks (particularly in Birseck and in Leimental).

SPRING

Eierleset

On the Sunday after Easter, two teams compete to see which one can be the first to pick up a row of eggs from the ground. Various different means of transport are used in this entertaining Easter game. There are Easter eggs for everyone at the end.

DID YOU KNOW ...

THAT THE CHIENBÄSE CUSTOM IS TRACED BACK TO AN ANCIENT TRADITION OF DRIVING OUT THE WINTER?

The burning of a great pile of wood on the castle mound breaks the power of the winter, and the warming power of the sun is brought from the great fire down into the dark valley with gleaming torches and flaming pinewood bundles.

Maypoles

To celebrate the spring, colourfully decorated pine trees are set up by the village well on the first day of May. If the village has a costume group, there is a merry display of singing and dancing on the first Sunday of the month.

Banntag (Community Day)

On Ascension Day, the citizens and residents of many towns and villages and (except in Sissach and Liestal) their families walk along the commune boundaries. This gives people the chance to meet old friends and get to know newcomers to the area.

SUMMER

Swiss National Day

Switzerland celebrates its birthday on 1st August – and the Canton of Basel-Landschaft joins in the celebrations. Everywhere, there are parties great and small: there are public addresses, grilled sausages, music and fireworks.

AUTUMN

Apfelhauet

This is an equestrian event which is known only in the Canton of Basel-Landschaft. The competitors must complete various tasks around a show jumping course. Also: wine festivals and turnip lantern processions.

WINTER

St Nicholas Day

St. Nicholas Day is celebrated every year on 6th December to commemorate the holy Bishop of Myra and forerunner of Santa Claus. This tradition has been known since the 13th century. In some places a procession of noisy children also passes through the village on 5th/6th December.

Also: Nünnichlingler (24 December in Ziefen) and Christmas markets.

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	Bildungs-, Kultur- und Sportdirektion (BKSD) <i>Department of Education, Culture and Sport</i>	Rheinstrasse 31, 4410 Liestal, Tel: 061 552 51 11 www.bl.ch > Bildung-Kultur-Sport
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	Sicherheitsdirektion (SID) <i>Department of Security</i>	Rathausstrasse 2, 4410 Liestal, T 061 552 51 11 www.bl.ch/sid
	Volkswirtschafts- und Gesundheitsdirektion (VGD) <i>Department of the Economy and Health</i>	Bahnhofstrasse 5, 4410 Liestal, T 061 552 53 43 www.bl.ch > Volkswirtschaft-Gesundheit
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	Fachstelle Erwachsenenbildung <i>The Centre of Competence for Adult Education</i>	Kriegackerstrasse 30, 4132 Muttenz T 061 552 16 00, www.febel.ch
	Fachbereich Familien <i>Families department</i>	Rathausstrasse 2, 4410 Liestal T 061 552 65 19, www.bl.ch > Sicherheit > Familien
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	Schulpsychologischer Dienst in Liestal <i>School Psychology Service in Liestal</i>	Wasserturmplatz 5, 4410 Liestal T 061 926 70 20 www.bl.ch > Schulen > Schulpsychologischer Dienst
	Schulpsychologischer Dienst in Muttenz <i>School Psychology Service in Muttenz</i>	Bahnhofstrasse 8, 4132 Muttenz T 061 552 70 20 www.bl.ch > Schulen > Schulpsychologischer Dienst
	Schulpsychologischer Dienst in Allschwil <i>School Psychology Service in Allschwil</i>	Baslerstrasse 255, 4123 Allschwil T 061 486 27 20 www.bl.ch > Schulen > Schulpsychologischer Dienst

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	Ausländerdienst Baselland / ald <i>Basel-Landschaft Foreign Nationals' Service</i>	Bahnhofstrasse 16, 4133 Pratteln T 061 827 99 00, www.ald-bl.ch
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	Beratungsstelle für Schwangerschafts- und Beziehungsfragen <i>Advice Centre for Pregnancy and Childrearing</i>	Rathausgasse 6, 4410 Liestal T 061 921 60 13 Hauptstrasse 85a, 4102, Binningen T 061 413 24 00 www.bsb-bl.ch
	Inforel – Information und Religion <i>Inforel – Information and Religion</i>	c/o Davidseck, Davidsbodenstr. 25, 4056 Basel T 061 303 93 30, www.inforel.ch
	Interventionsstelle gegen häusliche Gewalt <i>Intervention Department against Domestic Violence</i>	Rathausstrasse 2, 4410 Liestal T 061 552 62 38, www.interventionsstelle.bl.ch
	Frauenplus Baselland, Kontaktstelle für Migrantinnen und Migranten <i>Frauenplus Baselland, contact point for migrants</i>	Büchelstrasse 6 4410 Liestal T 061 921 60 20 www.frauenplus.ch
	Männerbüro Region Basel <i>Basel Region Men's Office</i>	Blauenstrasse 47, 4054 Basel, T 061 691 02 02 www.männerbüro-regionbasel.ch
	Mütter- und Väterberatung beider Basel <i>Advice for parents in the two Basel cantons Advice for Parents</i>	www.muetterberatung-bl-bs.ch > Beratungsstellen Baselland BL Advice Centres in the Communes
	Ombudsstelle <i>Ombudsman's Office</i>	Rheinstrasse 28, 4410 Liestal T 061 552 62 90
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	Spital Dornach <i>Dornach Hospital</i>	Spitalweg 11, 4143 Dornach T 061 704 44 44 www.so-h.ch
	Universitäts-Kinderspital beider Basel <i>University Children's Hospital for the two Basel Cantons</i>	Spitalstrasse 33, 4056 Basel T 061 704 12 12 www.ukbb.ch
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	Das neue Theater am Bahnhof <i>The New Theatre at the Station</i>	Bahnhofstr. 32, 4143 Dornach T 061 702 00 83 www.neuestheater.ch
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	Familienpass Region Basel <i>Basel Region Family Pass</i>	Feierabendstrasse 80, 4051 Basel T 061 691 09 45 www.familienpass.ch
	Goetheanum Dornach <i>Goetheanum Dornach</i>	Rüttiweg 45, 4143 Dornach T 061 706 42 42 www.goetheanum.org
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	Kulturzentrum Altes Schlachthaus Laufen <i>Alts Schlachthaus Cultural Centre, Laufen</i>	Seidenweg 55, 4242 Laufen T 061 761 85 66 www.kulturzentrumlaufen.ch
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Emergency medical service	061 261 15 15
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