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BONN.**

What is the role of the Integration Council Bonn?

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INTEGRATIONS RAT
der Bundesstadt Bonn

The Integration Council of the Federal City of Bonn

- represents the interests of migrants in Bonn with regard to politics, administration and the public in accordance with Section 27 of the NRW municipal code.
- addresses a wide range of issues relating to integration in Bonn, such as education, anti-discrimination, multilingualism, intercultural dialogue within the administration and more.
- allocates funding to migrant self-organisations and develops ideas for furthering integration in diverse urban societies.

Integration Council structure

- The Integration Council consists of 27 honorary members. Two thirds (18 people) are directly elected, and one third (9 people) are council members.
- The chairperson is elected from among the Integration Council members. There are two deputy chairpersons.
- The Integration Council is elected every five years, on the day of the local elections. The next election will take place on 14 September 2025.

Who may vote?

- Anyone who is not a German, as defined in Article 116, Paragraph 1 of the Basic Law, is entitled to vote.
- Foreign nationals.
- Those who have obtained German citizenship through naturalisation or
- have reached the age of 16,
- have resided legally in Germany for at least one year and
- have resided in Bonn since at least 29 August 2025.
- Anyone who acquired German citizenship at birth in Germany as the child of foreign parents is also entitled to vote. However, due to the system, this group of people must actively apply to be entered in the electoral register for the Integration Council election, as children of foreign parents are automatically registered as German citizens at birth.

- Naturalised citizens who have moved to Bonn must apply to be entered in the electoral register for the Integration Council election of their own accord, as they are registered as German citizens when they re-register in Bonn and their previous naturalisation is not disclosed automatically.
- **Those not eligible to vote: Members of diplomatic and consular missions, their family members and their domestic staff; electoral consular officials; asylum seekers currently in the process of being approved.**

Who can stand for election?

- Eligible candidates must be at least 18 years old, have lived in Germany for at least one year, and have been registered as having their main place of residence in the respective city for at least three months. Candidates may be German or non-German residents.
- They must have the right to stand for election, as defined in the Electoral Act – that is, they must be eligible to vote.
- Election nominations can be submitted either as a list or as individual candidates, and must be supported by a specific number of eligible voters. Personal deputies can be elected for members according to lists or individual candidates.

How are elections held?

- The address of your local polling station can be found on your polling card, which will be sent to you in the post by 24 August 2025.
- On 14 September 2025, you will be able to vote in person between 8:00 and 18:00. Remember to bring your voting authorisation and passport with you. Even if you have lost your voting authorisation, you may still vote by presenting your passport provided your name is on the electoral register.
- Votes can also be cast by post. You can apply for the relevant documents as soon as you receive your voting authorisation.

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