

# Pre-qualification year work /occupation with focus on acquisition on German language skills - VABO



## Who?

The VABO is intended for students who have recently come to Germany, are between 16 and 19 years old and **do not yet speak German**.

Only students who do not yet have a German school-leaving qualification can be admitted!

The allocation to a VABO class is centrally regulated. Mr. Müller in Waldshut is responsible for this: Albrecht[Mueller@gs-wt.de](mailto:Mueller@gs-wt.de)

## Why?

**The aim of VABO is to learn German.**

*In Germany, school attendance is compulsory until the age of 18, so that minors who are new to Germany must attend school, even if they have already completed a degree in their country of origin or no longer have to go to school.*

## How long?

Lessons in a VABO class last **one or two years**, depending on how fast students learn the language.

## Are there any examinations?

At the end of the school year, language tests are carried out at levels **A2** and **B1**.

## What comes after the VABO?

If students are able to speak enough German, they can go to another class in the next school year, in order to graduate from school or start a vocational training there.

## Questions?

For further questions about VABO, please contact Sarah Reiser (head of department, [s.reiser@gwsbs.de](mailto:s.reiser@gwsbs.de)) or Jakob Ebner (socialworker, [j.ebner@gwsbs.de](mailto:j.ebner@gwsbs.de))