



# Eritrea

## General information and level of education

- Number of residents (2016): 5.7 Million
- Age structure (2015): 0-24 years: 61 %/ 25-54 years: 31.5 %/ 55 and older: 7.5 %
- Residents aged 15-24 (2015): 1 million (approx. 111,000 persons per age cohort)
- Illiteracy rate (2016): 35 % of the persons older than 15 years
- Enrolled in school (2015): 38.95 % of an age cohort
- Proportion of students in secondary education (2015): 36 % of an age cohort
- Proportion of government-run vocational education (2015): 0.57 % of an age cohort
- Proportion with academic qualifications (2015): approx. 2.56 % of an age cohort
- Languages: Tigrinya, Arabic, English, as well as the languages of the new ethnic tribes

## Immigration and integration in Germany

- Immigration in 2016: 12,291 registrations
- Asylum applications in 2016: 19,103 applications
- Protected status in 2016: 92.2 %, with adjusted protected status: 98.9 %
- Eritrean population in 2016: 59,800
- Eritrean employees with social security insurance benefits in 2016: 3,520 (2015: 2,888)
- Eritrean job seekers in 2016: 22,240 (2015: 7,906)
- The most frequent professions in the recognition process: (4/2012 - 12/2015): nurse, automotive mechatronics (so far only a few applications)

## Education system

- **History:** among others, British influence on the educational system; even today, beginning with the intermediate level (grade 6) the lessons are delivered in English
- **Structure:** centralised education system
- **Government-run vocational training programmes:** Initial training in the fields of agriculture, crafts, technology, industry and medicine; Requirement: passing of the national placement examination after eight years of compulsory schooling ("National Examination Certificates"), duration: 2-3 years; then joint graduation class in the Military Camp Sawa, followed by post-secondary vocational training, duration: 1-2 years
- **Number of vocational education options:** among others, 19 craft and technical training courses at the government-run training centre in Sawa
- **Non-governmental vocational training programmes:** There are non-formal training opportunities, especially for women and minorities (e.g. through the National Union of Eritrean Youth and Students (NUEYS)); traditional employer-intern vocational training ("learning by doing it"), especially in the craft and agricultural sectors
- **Further information** is available at the country profile **Eritrea** at [www.bq-portal.de](http://www.bq-portal.de)

## Would you be willing to employ refugees in your company?

Information about this is available at [www.kofa.de/fluechtlinge](http://www.kofa.de/fluechtlinge)

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