

FINDING ACCOMMODATION

A GUIDE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS IN GIESSEN & FRIEDBERG



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Introduction

This brochure is designed to give you information and tips to make your accommodation search easier. Finding accommodation in Giessen and Friedberg can sometimes be difficult.

During the winter semester, availability in halls of residence and shared accommodation (WGs) is more limited.

That is why we recommend looking for accommodation as soon as you have been accepted as a student and have chosen to study in Giessen or Friedberg.

The closer you get to the start of the semester, the harder it will be to find accommodation.

Since there are usually more applications than places for accommodation through the Studentenwerk, you should also consider looking at the private housing market.

We are unable to assess that guarantee the quality of the rooms and flats offered on the private housing market, nor can we guarantee the completeness of this brochure. Numerous other tips on finding accommodation in the region may exist that we are unaware of. That is why we would like to get your feedback, ideas and suggestions for improvement regarding this brochure.



1. Halls of residence

1.1 Student halls of residence through the Studentenwerk Giessen

The Studentenwerk offers furnished rooms in halls of residence at affordable prices (from 180 EUR a month) in Giessen and Friedberg. Since the number of applications usually exceeds that of the rooms available, there is no guarantee that you will be accepted and able to quickly move in.

However, we still recommend applying for a room in the halls of residence at the Studentenwerk website www.studentenwerk-giessen.de/wohnen/wohnheimplatz-beantragen.html

After successfully submitting your application, you will be added to an applicant list and notified as soon as suitable accommodation becomes available.

The Studentenwerk carries out an enquiry once every two weeks to find out who is still interested in accommodation. This enquiry is sent to you by email. **You must therefore ensure that the Studentenwerk student accommodation office always has your correct email address.**

If you do not respond to the Studentenwerk enquiry, your application will be deactivated. By responding, your application will remain valid.

Please contact the Studentenwerk student accommodation office if you have any accommodation queries.



STUDENTENWERK GIESSEN

✉ Student accommodation office
Otto-Behaghel-Str. 23
35394 Giessen, Germany
Tel.: +49 (0)641 40008-300
Fax: +49 (0)40008-309
💻 wohnen@studentenwerk-giessen.de

FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE TOPIC OF HOUSING:

💻 www.studentenwerk-giessen.de/wohnen

ACCOMMODATION

Halls of residence application:
💻 www.studentenwerk-giessen.de/wohnen/wohnheimplatz-beantragen.html

1.2 Privately-run halls of residence in Giessen & Friedberg

In addition to the student halls run by the Studentenwerk, private accommodation becomes also available in Giessen.

Studentenwohnheim HGW-Gießen

Watzenborner Weg 7

35394 Giessen

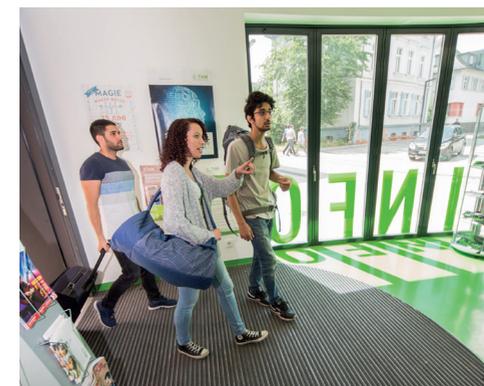
www.studentenwohnheim-giessen.de

Office Tel.: +49 (0)156 78344 879

(Tuesday & Thursday, 7-8 pm,

Sat 11 am - 12 pm)

120 rooms with cooking facilities, refrigerator, desk and storage area.



2. Looking for private sector accommodation

In this section, we will be giving tips on finding accommodation on the private housing market in Giessen and Friedberg. We are however unable to guarantee the quality of apartments and rooms. It is advisable to visit the property first before committing.

Train connections from Giessen to Friedberg are good, both towns are a 20 minutes train ride apart. Since there are more WGs available in Giessen than Friedberg, it can be useful for students in Friedberg to look for accommodation in Giessen too. Besides searching in the towns of Giessen and Friedberg, it can be worth extending your search to include places further away.

Rent is often much lower for properties in the smaller villages around Giessen and Friedberg, and the bus and train connections are usually fine. The JLU or THM semester ticket lets you use public transport free of charge, meaning you do not have to worry about additional bus and train costs. Under 2.5. you will find a list of areas and districts surrounding the towns of Giessen and Friedberg.

2.1 Studentenwerk Giessen services

The Studentenwerk Giessen helps you find accommodation on the private housing market in Giessen and Friedberg.

2.1.1 „Wohnen für Mithilfe“

An alternative to applying for accommodation in halls of residence or private housing is the “Wohnen für Mithilfe” project, which offers a special form of co-habiting: residential partnerships. Here, private individuals rent out rooms to students at cheaper prices and, in return, students help out with everyday tasks, such as household chores, gardening or babysitting. It provides an opportunity for students to connect socially and is a great way of everyday life in a local community. The Studentenwerk has set up a housing market at www.wohnen-fuer-mithilfe.de on which landlords and students can post and search for offers. More information about the project can be found online. The number of student applicants is usually higher than the amount of accommodation available, and so “Wohnen für Mithilfe” does not guarantee that you will find a room at short notice.

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www.studentenwerk-giessen.de
www.wohnen-fuer-mithilfe.de

2.1.2 Housing market

The Studentenwerk lists current offers of apartments and rooms on its “housing market”. Requests for accommodation can also be posted on this site free of charge.

💻 www.studentenwerk-giessen.de/wohnboerse.html



2.1.3 “Netzwerk Wohnen” before and at the start of each winter semester

The Studentenwerk Giessen provides an additional service prior to and at the start of each winter semester, called “Netzwerk Wohnen”. For several weeks, the “Netzwerk Wohnen” team is on hand for students seeking accommodation and can be found at the Info Point in the foyer of the Mensa Otto-Behaghel-Straße in Giessen. Students looking for accommodation in Giessen or Friedberg can get help and support with their search, view the most recent accommodation listings and read the housing ads in local papers.

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Netzwerk Wohnen: +49 (0)641 40008-330
Fax: +49 (0)641 40008-309
💻 netzwerkwohnen@studentenwerk-giessen.de
www.studentenwerk-giessen.de



2.2 Online accommodation portals

Online portals are the best way to find an apartment or room in a WG. Many portals also let you post requests for accommodation free of charge. Here is a selection of online portals:

EXPRESS

You will find a large number of WG adverts in Giessen in the online edition of the Express magazine:

 www.marbuch-verlag.de/okaz
Click on Wohnen + Leben: Biete

Many WGs are listed on the following portals:

 www.wg-gesucht.de
www.studenten-wg.de

Facebook groups

Other online portals include:

 www.ebay-kleinanzeigen.de
Click on Immobilien + Mietwohnungen
www.immobilio.de
www.studenten-wohnung.de/suche.php
www.homecompany.de/
www.immowelt.de/suche/wg
www.immowelt.de
www.meinestadt.de/giessen/immobilien

2.3 Other ways of finding private accommodation

You will find online accommodation ads and folders with accommodation listings at the THM Student Union (AStA) in Giessen and Friedberg. The JLU Student Union advises on how to find private accommodation.

STUDENT UNION JLU (JLU AStA)

 Otto-Behagel-Str. 25
Haus D, near Mensa
Otto-Behagel-Straße

 woso@asta-giessen.de

STUDENT UNION THM (THM AStA)

 www.asta.thm.de

Campus Giessen

 Eichgärtenallee 3
Building C14, room U11-U17

 sekretariat-gi@asta.thm.de

Campus Friedberg

 Wilhelm-Leuschner-Str. 13
Building A3, room 0.18

 sekretariat-fb@asta.thm.de

PENDLETON-BARRACKS HOUSING PROJECT

Accommodation service by the "Gesellschaft für soziales Wohnen mbH" in Giessen

 www.gsw-giessen.de/wohnprojekt-pendleton

Noticeboards

Many WGs put up a notice when a room is available to rent. You will find these in the entrance to Giessen university canteens as well as in various buildings, such as the Studentenwerk, the Student Union, the Catholic University Community (KHG) and the Evangelical Student Community (ESG)

Local newspapers and magazines

Local newspapers and magazines are a great way of finding shared accommodation (WGs) and apartments.

You can find a list of local newspapers and notice locations under:

 www.uni-giessen.de/studium/studienbeginn/wohnen

 www.thm.de/site/studium/sie-starten-ih-studium/wohnen.html

Local newspapers and magazines

Here are a few examples:

GIEßENER ANZEIGER

 www.giessener-anzeiger.de
Click on Anzeigen

- Immobilien
- Rentals, rooms / WG accommodation offers appear on Fridays in the print edition. Identical to the Gießener Allgemeine.

GIEßENER ALLGEMEINE

 www.giessener-allgemeine.de
Click on Anzeigen

- Immobilien
- Renting

accommodation offers in the Friday print edition. Identical to the Gießener Anzeiger

WETTERAUER ZEITUNG (FOR FRIEDBERG)

 www.wetterauer-zeitung.de
Click on Anzeigen

- Immobilien • Mieten

MAZ - CENTRAL NEWSPAPER ADS

 www.maz-verlag.de/
issued on Wednesdays to all households free of charge.



Accommodation managed by the Protestant and Catholic student communities (ESG and KHG)

The Protestant Student Community (ESG) rents out WG rooms to students and is situated at Henselstr. 7. The rooms are located in a 3-person, 4-person and 6-person shared flat. They vary between 13 and 17 m² in size, with a shared bathroom and kitchen. This accommodation is designed for German and international students who are committed to the ESG and looking for intercultural exchange. Please contact the ESG if interested.

PROTESTANT STUDENT COMMUNITY ESG

✉ Henselstr. 7
35390 Giessen, Germany
Tel.: +49 (0)641 76757
www.esg-giessen.de
Applications to:
info@esg-giessen.de

The Giessen Catholic Students Community (KHG) has two housing units with five and three rooms respectively. They are furnished. They can be let out to students in need. Involvement in the various KHG forums is desired. Submit your applications to:

CATHOLIC STUDENT COMMUNITY KHG

✉ Pfarrer S. Karl
Wilhelmstr. 28
35392 Giessen, Germany
Tel.: +49 (0)641 78031
www.khg-giessen.de/

2.4 Temporary accommodation

If you need accommodation during a transitional period or are still waiting for a response to WG requests, the following accommodation types might be an option.

2.4.1 Temporary accommodation in Giessen through the Studentenwerk Giessen

The Studentenwerk in Giessen offers temporary accommodation all-year-round for students who need to travel a longer way to look for accommodation in Giessen or Friedberg. This can be rented for one or several days at an affordable daily rate. The rooms have beds, and you will be sharing the room with other students who are also looking for accommodation. This temporary accommodation is not a long-term solution and is only available for a limited duration of up to 10 days. The rental takes place centrally in the office in Giessen.

STUDENTENWERK GIESSEN

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Otto-Behaghel-Str. 23
35394 Giessen, Germany
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Fax: +49 (0)641 40008-309
wohnen@studentenwerk-giessen.de

Other temporary accommodation options: **2.4.2 Friedberg**

GÄSTEHAUS GIEBENAU

✉ Wetzlarer Str. 103
35398 Giessen / Kleinlinden
Tel.: +49 (0)641 301 905 38
welcome@giessenau.de
Single room from 30 EUR/night
Double room from 56 EUR/night

GÄSTEHAUS WILHELMA

✉ Wilhelmstr. 3
35392 Giessen, Germany
Tel.: +49 (0)641-792665
info@gaestehaus-wilhelma.de
Single room from 35 EUR/night
Double room from 55 EUR/night
Apartments:
Single occupancy from 49 EUR/night
Double occupancy from 67 EUR/night

GÄSTEHAUS ALDER

✉ Königsberger Str. 6
61169 Friedberg
Tel.: +49 (0)6031 62239
info@seminar-und-gaestehaus.de
Single room from 30 EUR/night

PENSION ALFRED DOLLWET

✉ Dorheimer Str. 4
61169 Friedberg
Tel.: +49 (0)173 4650810
Single room only: 30 EUR/night
and from 4 nights 27 EUR/night

GASTSTÄTTE HOTEL „HANAUER HOF“

✉ Familie Bernd Heinrich
Fauerbacher Straße 6
61169 Friedberg
Tel.: +49 (0)6031 5575
info@hanauerhof-friedberg.de
www.hanauerhof-friedberg.de
Single room 40 EUR/night
Double room from 65 EUR/night



2.5 Regional search

Cheaper accommodation can be found within a 20-km radius of Giessen and Friedberg. Your semester ticket allows you to use local public transport (bus and train) in Mittelhessen and the Rhein-Main-area. Here is a list of nearby towns and city districts along with the travel time and transport links to these areas.



Transport links between Giessen and surrounding areas

Town	By train		By bus		By bike	
	Train no.	Minutes	Bus no.	Minutes	Minutes	
Biebertal	-		GI-42, GI-41 ⁽¹⁾	25	30	
Buseck	RB45	10 Min	GI-25	25	30	
Fernwald	-	-	GI-21	17	35	
Heuchelheim	-	-	24	11	15	
Hüttenberg	-	-	310	18	40	
Lahnau	-	-	24	31	30	
Langgöns	RB49, RB40 ⁽¹⁾	8	-	-	39	
Lich	RB 46	16	372	36	50	
Linden	RB49, RB40	5	378	26	30	
Lollar	RB98, RB41, RE30 ⁽¹⁾	9,7 Min	371	27	29	
Pohlheim	RB46	18	372, 375	30, 17	42	
Reiskirchen	RB45	14	GI-21	25	49	
Staufenberg	-	-	371	30	41	
Wettenberg	-	-	800, 801, 802	34	25	
Wetzlar	RB25, RB40, RB45 ⁽¹⁾ , RB99	11	11, 24	48	54	

Source: Bahn.de, rmv.de. Last updated: July 2020.

Image source: wikimedia.org

(1): There is a direct link without transfers with both bus/train lines.

Transport links between Friedberg and surrounding areas

Town	By train		By bus		By bike	
	Train no.	Minutes	Bus no.	Minutes	Minutes	
Bad Nauheim	RB40/41	4	FB-34	23	25	
Frankfurt (Main)	RB40/41, RB98/99, RE30, S6	Mit RB: 27 Mit S6: 40	-	-	90	
Butzbach	RB40/41, RE98/99, RE30, RB49	11	-	-	40	
Wölfersheim-Södel	RB47	20	363	20	38	
Nidda	RB48	40	-	-	90	
Rosbach	RB16	8	FB-33	20	15	
Bruchenbrücken	S6	3	FB-72	18	19	
Wöllstadt	S6	6	-	-	23	
Bauernheim	-	-	FB-03	8	20	
Ockstadt	-	-	FB-32	15	8	
Florstadt	-	-	FB-01	22	31	
Dorheim	RB47, RB48	5	-	-	19	
Reichelsheim	RB48	17	FB-03	23	40	
Karben	S6	11	FB-72	30	40	
Bad Vilbel	S6, RB40/41	With S6: 17 With RB: 10	-	-	60	

Source: Bahn.de, rmv.de. | Last updated: August 2020.

Image source: www.wrw-wetterau.de/region/

3. Shared accommodation (WGs)

3.1 General information

Wohngemeinschaften (WGs) are a popular form of accommodation in Germany, particularly among students. Each resident typically has their own room. All other rooms, such as the kitchen, bathroom, living room and communal area are shared between you and your flatmates. WGs are therefore cheaper than renting an apartment by yourself.

3.2 WG adverts

Generally, there are certain aspects to consider when looking for accommodation. In the case of WGs, there are a few extra factors that need to be considered. The picture below features an advert.

Student WG looking for new tenants

12m² attic room*. Not a studio room*. For 6-month **sublease** (from 2/11/2020 to 30/04/2021) in a WG of 6 people, 5-minute walk to the bus stop and 15 minutes from the university. **Fully furnished room**. Not a **Zweck - WG** and **smoking** is only permitted on the balcony. Basic rent*: 200 EUR plus service charges*: 100 EUR and additional charges including heating*: 320 EUR.

3 women and 2 men live here. Wanted: Woman or man aged between 20 and 30.

Mobile 0176 xxxxxxxx

Furnished / Unfurnished

Apartments can be let with and without furniture (bed, desk, closet etc.). If this is not specified in the advert, the room is usually unfurnished. Rooms that are temporarily let are often furnished.

Communal living versus „Zweck-WG“

In communal and student WGs, greater emphasis is placed on shared activities such as cooking, outings, celebrations, card games, etc. In other shared apartments, so called „Zweck-WG“, the roommates hardly spend any time together. „Zweck-WG“ are less focussed on social interaction, as people are primarily living together because of the cheaper rent and are less interested in socialising with other residents.

Sublease - „Zwischenmiete“

It means temporary accommodation, a room that is let for a limited period of time. If the tenant is going abroad for 6 months, they might let the room out during this time. In the meantime, you can look for more permanent accommodation.

Smoking/Non-smoking

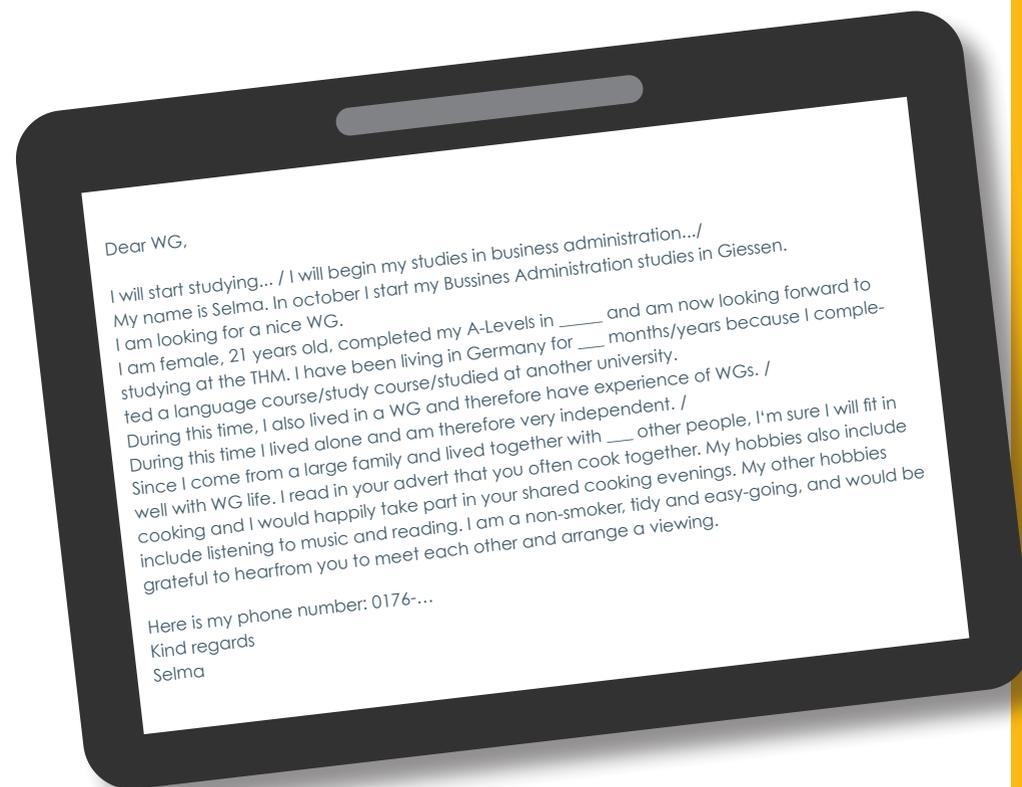
Some WGs allow smoking in the room or on the balcony, and in others it is not permitted. This is usually mentioned in the advert but, if not, simply ask when you visit.

3.3 Viewing and personal meeting:

Most adverts for WGs include a description of details the location of the WG, the room, public transport connections and similar aspects. Particularly with WGs, the section about living together is very important.

Read the text carefully and ask yourself if you fit in well. It is often mentioned if the WG is quieter, if activities are done together and what future flatmates do, as well as age and occupation. Once you have found a WG whose description fits your requirements, you will then need to make contact. This is usually done by phone, WhatsApp

or email. Write a friendly and personal message to the WG. An example message is pictured below. If the WG thinks you are suitable, an appointment will be arranged for you to view the accommodation and meet the flatmates.



Viewing

Usually, you are shown the apartment and room first. As with any normal viewing, you should check that the condition of the room is acceptable. Can you see any mould? What condition are the walls and floors in? Make sure that any damage is documented and signed by the landlord.

Personal meeting

After taking a look at the room and apartment, you will usually sit down with the other flatmates. This gives you an opportunity to tell them a little bit about yourself and answer any questions they may have for you. You can of course ask questions too, whether it's about life in the WG, the people living there or the accommodation itself. This conversation is considered a type of interview ("WG casting"). It is a way of finding out more information and figuring out whether it is the right place for you. The WG will consult on the potential new flatmate and confirm or decline within a few days.

3.4 Living together in WGs

WG life differs depending on whether you choose a communal, student or „Zweck-WG“. Regardless of the type of WG, there are often rules and measures that need to be taken to prevent disagreements and disputes.

Cleaning rotation / winter road maintenance

Almost every WG has a cleaning rota for communal areas.

It details who is to clean which part of the WG and when, who is to take out the rubbish, Hoover, etc. You are of course responsible for your own room.

If the apartment building does not have a caretaker, then the winter road maintenance also requires planning. In Germany, residents must ensure that any snow is cleared in front of your doorway. If anyone slips and falls in front of your house or your doorway because the snow has not been cleared, the tenants can be held responsible and forced to pay any medical costs.

WG common cash

Many WGs have a shared petty cash for joint purchases such as toilet paper, cleaning products, sugar, salt and oil. A fixed amount between 5 and 20 EUR is usually paid into the WG shared account each month for the purpose of buying joint products.

Recycling

Most households recycle their waste. This typically includes organic waste, general waste, recyclable materials, cardboard and glass. The waste bins for your accommodation are either labelled or you will need to ask your flatmate what goes where. The communal waste bins for apartment buildings, in which WGs are often based, are usually labelled or colour-coded. Glass must be taken to recycling centres, which are easily found online.

WASTE COLLECTION

For many apartments, the waste bins must be regularly put out on the side of the road for refuse collection.

Enter your street and house number on the website for the collection calendar.



www.giessen.de/Umwelt_und_Verkehr/Abfallwirtschaft_und_Stra%C3%9Fenreinigung/Abfuhrkalender/

ABFALL-ABC

Abfall-ABC is a helpful service for any queries about certain waste



www.lkgi.de/umwelt-bauen-und-entsorgung/abfall-und-entsorgung/abfall-abc-so-bi/55-abfall_abc

Recycling

Biowaste



Cardboard



General waste



Recyclable materials



4. Furniture/furnishings

In addition to large furniture stores in Giessen and the surrounding area, there are various options for purchasing cheap and used furniture or furnishings. Here are a few examples:

In the online edition of Express magazine, you can sometimes find used, cheap furniture under the section "Möbel/Hausrat":

 www.marbuch-verlag.de/okaz/
Click on Wohnen + Leben: Möbel / Hausrat

FLEA MARKETS / SECOND-HAND MARKETS

Open-air
✉ Rodheimer Straße 116
35398 Giessen

The flea market is situated off the motorway exit towards Giessen, Heuchelheim

 www.marktcom.de/veranstaltungen
from April to October, Saturdays 6 am to 2 pm
from November to March, Saturdays 8 am to 2 pm

Online student ads: used furniture from students, for students:

 www.studenteninserate.de/giessen/

Jugendwerkstatt in Giessen: used, semi-refurbished furniture at very affordable prices:

 www.jugendwerkstatt-giessen.de/das-kaufhaus

The local newspapers Gießener Anzeiger and Gießener Allgemeine have a flea market every Tuesday or Wednesday with sales of up to 25 EUR. Here, you can also find offers for home and furnishings.

FLEA MARKET DATES IN GIESSEN

 www.giessener-anzeiger.de/anzeigen/suche?keyword=&rubric=flohmarkt

ADVERTS

 www.giessener-allgemeine.de/anzeigen/

It is also worth looking for furniture sales on the notices and blackboards at the THM or JLU and in the university canteens. There are also online or app-based second-hand markets such as ebay-kleinanzeigen and shpock.

Other options include Facebook groups (such as Buying and Selling or Used items/furniture) and sometimes also posts on the virtual blackboard at the JLU, which can be accessed via Stud.IP.

5. Rental contract & tenancy law

Read a rental contract well before signing it. There are different types of rental agreement. Temporary rental contracts stipulate a fixed end date of the contract and tenancy, i.e. landlords and tenants are unable to terminate this contract during the contractual period (exception: termination without notice). Note: Not all temporary rental contracts are legally compliant, please get this checked (e.g. with the legal advice service at the JLU Student Union, see below). For open-ended contracts, the period of notice for tenants is typically three months at the end of the month, i.e. termination is possible not later than the third business day of each calendar month of the end of the month after next. If, for example, you wish to leave your accommodation on 31 August, you must notify the landlord/landlady by the 3rd working day of June at the latest. Longer notice periods cannot be arranged. The termination must be in writing and signed. An email is not sufficient. Ideally, this should be handed over in person with a witness present or by registered post.

A deposit of two to three months' rent (basic rent) is usually required on the private housing market (deposit for the Studentenwerk: 250 EUR). You have to pay this right at the start when you rent an apartment or room. When you move out, you will receive this deposit back - provided there are no unpaid bills or claims (e.g. unpaid rent or other bills) and that you have left the room in a tidy condition without damage.

LEGAL ADVICE SERVICE - STUDENT UNION JLU (JLU ASTA)

Tenancy law and general law
Monday and Wednesday from 12 pm - 1 pm
✉ Jürgen-Dietz-Haus
Otto-Behaghel-Str. 25d
Raum 16.1
 www.asta-giessen.de/service/rechtsberatung/

More information about tenancy law and standard rental agreements is available on the German National Tenants' Association (Deutscher Mieterbund) website:

 www.mieterbund.de/startseite.html



6. Abbreviations in adverts for accommodation and rooms

2 MM KT	Two months' deposit
Abstand / Ablöse (Key money / one-off payment)	The previous tenant may request an apartment transfer fee for the furniture, eg. for the kitchen, a bed or other pieces of furniture. This means that the person wishes for you to purchase some of the furniture in the room/apartment. It may also be a small fee for a new washing machine or kitchen fittings. The apartment transfer fee is a contract of sale. There is no legal obligation to assume the costs.
AR	Storage room
BaWa	Bathtub
BeKo	Service charges
Blk	Balcony
DaBo	Loft
DG	Attic floor
EBK	Fitted kitchen
EG	Ground floor
GEZ	An archaic term for the radio broadcasting fees.
HK	Heating costs
Inet	Internet
KM	Basic rent (rent without additional costs)
KT	Deposit
m	male, number and then m or w (e.g. 2 m, 1 w)= Number of male or female residents (Example: 2 male residents, 1 female resident)
MV	Rental contract
NK	Additional costs (additional costs which typically include water, heating, electricity, building and any other costs.)
NkVz	Payment in advance of additional costs (monthly advance payment of additional costs, the amount of which is reviewed and amended later on. If consumption is less than the amount paid in advance, you might get a proportion of it back; whereas you will need to make an additional payment in the event of greater consumption).
NR	Non-smoker
OG	Top floor
ÖPNV	Public transport (e.g. bus)
renov.	renovated
SpüMa	Dishwasher
TGB	Naturally lit bathroom, i.e. the bathroom has a window

VB	Basis for negotiation
w	female, number and then m or w (e.g. 2 m, 1 w)= Number of male or female residents (Example: 2 male residents, 1 female resident)
WaMa	Washing machine
Whg.	Apartment
WK	Kitchen/diner (large kitchen in which everyone sits together)
WM	Rent which typically includes heating and water costs, usually excludes electricity costs.
ZH	Central heating
ZKB	Room, kitchen, bath
zzgl.	in addition



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