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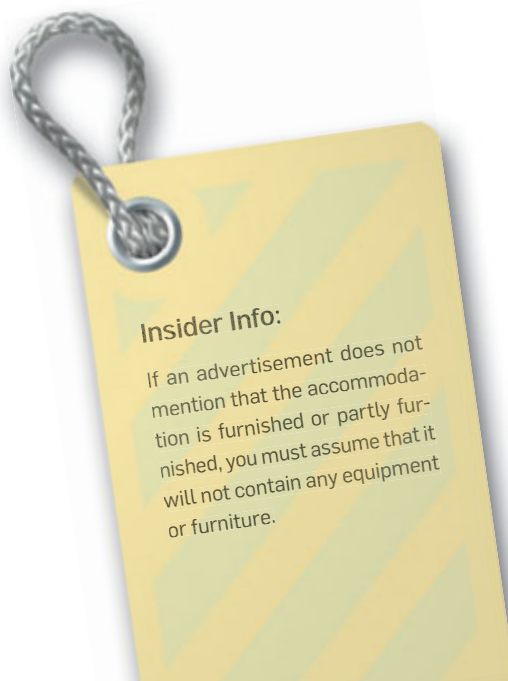
ACCOMMODATION
IN GERMANY



7.1 THE HOUSING MARKET IN GERMAN TOWNS

There is a shortage of housing in Germany which means that accommodation is expensive, at least in the larger places. You often have to spend 40% of your monthly salary/fellowship on rent. This is particularly true for the kind of accommodation visiting researchers usually require: furnished or at least partly furnished, readily available and on a short lease. The relationship between supply and demand, particularly in towns where there are large numbers of students, changes radically in the course of the year. At the beginning of the semester the demand for accommodation is particularly high.

We urgently recommend you to start looking for accommodation for yourself and your family in Germany as soon as possible, preferably several months before you begin your stay.



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Guesthouses at Ruhr-Universität Bochum


At Ruhr-Universität Bochum there are two guesthouses for visiting researchers from abroad: the "International Guest House" and the "House of Nations" with a total of 54 apartments. Both guesthouses are located near the university. You can submit an accommodation request via your host department. Your mentor in the department will then book the accommodation you have chosen for you.

You can find more information on the guesthouses in chapter 3.2.

If you are interested in renting an apartment, please talk to your mentor in the host department at the earliest opportunity.

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For general information on accommodation in Germany (search criteria, lease, advertisements, deposits, handing over property) visit the EURAXESS Germany website:

 www.euraxess.de/en

7.2 SEARCHING FOR ACCOMMODATION

GUESTHOUSES

At some universities there are guesthouses for international visiting researchers. As there is huge demand for accommodation in these guesthouses you should make enquires at the earliest opportunity.

PRIVATE ACCOMMODATION

If you want to search for accommodation privately, you can consult the following websites:

- www.homecompany.de
- www.immobilienscout24.de
- www.immowelt.de
- www.quoka.de
- www.zwischenmiete.de

It is worth reading the advertisements in the local newspaper and checking the notice boards at the university for offers. You can also post your own advertisement on the websites mentioned above, for example, or in local newspapers and on notice boards. Furthermore, you can enlist the help of an agency to find accommodation. You should note, however, that in Germany it is usually the tenant/purchaser who pays the agent's commission. A list of estate agents at your place of residence can be found in the Yellow Pages:

- www.gelbeseiten.de
(enter 'Immobilienmakler' and the name of the town)

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS FOR ACCOMMODATION SEARCH

If you want to search for accommodation in Germany privately you will discover that advertisements contain a lot of abbreviations. To help you search more efficiently we have compiled a list of abbreviations with English translations:

Insider Info:

If you decide to search for accommodation using Internet providers please remember that agents use the Internet, too. Check that you will not have to pay any additional agency fees or commission before you decide to go for an offer.

2-Zi-Whg	2-Zimmer-Wohnung	2-room apartment
Abstellk	Abstellkammer	storeroom
Blk / Balk.	Balkon	balcony
DG	Dachgeschoss	under the roof/ attic rooms
D	Diele	hall
DU	Dusche	shower
EBK	Einbauküche	fitted kitchen
EFH	Einfamilienhaus	single family house
EG	Erdgeschoss	ground floor
EB	Erstbezug	first tenancy
G-WC	Gäste-WC	separate toilet for guests
HK	Heizkosten	heating costs
HH	Hochhaus	high-rise building
KM	Kaltmiete	rent excl. utilities costs such as heating, cable TV, cleaning of communal areas, waste removal etc.
Kaution		deposit
Keine zusätzl. Prov.		no additional commission
KDB	Küche, Diele, Bad	kitchen, hall, bathroom
MM	Monatsmiete	monthly rent
NK / NBK	Nebenkosten	additional costs such as heating, cable TV, cleaning of shared areas, waste removal etc.
NR	Nichtraucher	non-smoker
OG	Obergeschoss	top floor
RH	Reihenhaus	terraced house
Stellpl.	Stellplatz	parking space
TG	Tiefgarage	underground parking
TL	Tageslicht	bathroom with natural light
warm/WM	Warmmiete	rent incl. all utilities costs such as heating, cable TV, cleaning of communal areas, waste removal etc.
Wfl.	Wohnfläche	floor area
WG	Wohngemeinschaft	shared accommodation
WK	Wohnküche	open-plan kitchen
ZH	Zentralheizung	central heating


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In Bochum:

A lot of accommodation is advertised in the free local magazine "Stadtspiegel Bochum" (you cannot buy the "Stadtspiegel"; it is published Wednesdays and Saturdays and is distributed to households and public places like shops, cafés, bars and so on) and the "Westdeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung" – WAZ (available at kiosks).

The Welcome Centre at Ruhr-Universität Bochum has a pool of reliable private landlords. You can download the current list from our website:

 www.rub.de/welcome-centre/en/information/accommodation