

# ACCOMMODATION GUIDE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS



To support you in finding accommodation for your stay in Göttingen, we have summarised the most important information for you in this guide. All information concerning accommodation can be found on our [website](#).

## CHECKLIST: FINDING AN ACCOMMODATION

For degree-seeking students (except Double degree/dual enrolment or Erasmus Mundus), PhD research stay, internship (Erasmus+ etc.) or short-term stay:

- Inform yourself on our [website](#) about accommodation options in Göttingen.
- Fill out the [online-form](#) to apply for a room. Please inform the **Accommodation Service** in case of any changes.
- Apply** for a student dorm at Studentenwerk. Keep in mind that you need to show a proof of your student status for a rental contract in a dorm.
- Search for accommodation on the private market.

- Inform the **Accommodation Service** if you have found a room; it's important to reply to any room offers you get from the Accommodation Office or Studentenwerk within 7 days, also if you are not interested.
- Sign your rental contract: keep in mind that this is legally binding.
- Before your arrival: get in touch with your landlord about receiving your keys or sign up for the **Buddy Service** in time.
- Ask your landlord to fill out the form "*Wohnungsgeberbestätigung*" and register as a resident at the city hall (Einwohnermeldeamt) within 14 days of your arrival.

We are trying our best to help you find suitable accommodation, and we will forward potential offers to you if available that meet your criteria. However, please be aware that ultimately you are responsible for finding accommodation. You should **actively search for accommodation as soon as possible**.

**For Erasmus+ and partnership students, Double degree/dual enrolment or Erasmus Mundus students:**

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## TYPES OF ACCOMMODATION

Different types of accommodation for students include: rooms in a student hall of residence, rooms in a private student hall of residence, small apartments, or rooms in a privately shared apartment.

### Student dorms

Many international students live in student dorms. Most dorms are run by an independent organisation called Studentenwerk.

You can **apply online** and find more information about student dorms on our **website**.

### Private market

→ **More information on the private housing market**, including tips on where to search for a room.

### Temporary stay

If you are just staying for a short time, please check under “Temporary stays” on our **website** for more information.



**In general, please do not underestimate the time and effort it takes to find accommodation in Göttingen – especially at the beginning of the semester (in September/October and March/April)!**

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Please note that finding accommodation in Germany is a bit like searching for a job 😊 It's advisable to write more than “I want the room”. Follow our **tips on how to “apply” for a room** on the private housing market.



## GOOD TO KNOW

### Contract

Contractual obligations are taken very seriously in Germany. More information and templates can be found on our [website](#).

### Deposit

You can find more information on our [website](#).

### Confirmation of Landlord/Provider of Housing

Everyone who registers at the local Residents' Registration Office (in order to stay more than three months in Germany) needs a confirmation of the landlord/provider of housing (***Wohnungsgeberbestätigung***). You can find more information on our [website](#).

### Legal Housing Issues

In case you have any questions concerning tenancy law (leasing contracts, deposits, cancellation periods etc.) the General Students' Committee (AStA) provides legal consultation for free. You can arrange appointments for this complimentary advice at the AStA administration office: [sekreteriat@asta.uni-goettingen.de](mailto:sekreteriat@asta.uni-goettingen.de), phone: 0551 39 34564.

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## CHECKLIST: MOVING OUT

Rental contracts have deadlines for regular and early contract termination. To avoid extra costs, you should pay close attention to the deadlines of your contract. If you want to terminate your contract earlier than originally agreed upon, you usually have to find a new tenant before moving out.

- Cancel your contract (in written form and with your signature, usually there is a three months' notice).
- Go to the city hall to inform them that you moved out (or moved to another address).
- If you are staying in Göttingen: inform other services you have a contract with (electricity etc.).
- Inform your landlord, flatmates or Studentenwerk about the exact date on which you are moving out and make an appointment, so that they can check your room/flat. If you are living in a student dorm from Studentenwerk: contact your responsible service office (*Wohnheimverwaltung*).
- Remove all your belongings from the apartment and try to leave it clean and tidy
- Make sure that all walls are clean and painted the same colour as before you moved in.
- For your own legal protection, it is advisable to also fill out a flat transfer protocol and take photos of your room, apartment or flat.
- Return your keys to your landlord, flatmates or Studentenwerk.

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