

Anmeldung & First Weeks in Germany

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Before you fly

- ☐ Passport + visa valid; copies saved on phone and in cloud
- ☐ Admission letter / job contract printed
- ☐ Blocked account confirmation (Sperrkonto), if required for your visa
- ☐ Travel / incoming health insurance active from arrival day
- ☐ Temporary address for the first nights booked
- ☐ Some cash in euros — many places still don't take cards

First days: get your address registered (Anmeldung)

- ☐ Book a Bürgeramt appointment online straight away — slots fill up fast
- ☐ Register within 14 days of moving into your home
- ☐ Bring: passport (and visa), completed Anmeldeformular
- ☐ Bring: Wohnungsgeberbestätigung — signed by your landlord / main tenant
- ☐ Married or with children? Bring marriage / birth certificates (+ translations if needed)
- ☐ Leave with your Meldebescheinigung (registration certificate) — keep it safe

Right after the Anmeldung

- ☐ Open a German bank account (IBAN) — needed for rent, salary, contracts
- ☐ Activate statutory or private health insurance; get membership certificate
- ☐ Watch your post: your tax ID (Steuer-ID) arrives by letter after a few weeks
- ☐ Register for the broadcasting fee (Rundfunkbeitrag) — one payment per household
- ☐ Get a German SIM / mobile contract (bring passport + Meldebescheinigung)
- ☐ Consider personal liability insurance (Haftpflichtversicherung) — cheap and widely expected

Residence permit & study / work

- ☐ Check your visa expiry date and book the Ausländerbehörde appointment early
- ☐ Prepare: passport, biometric photo, Meldebescheinigung, insurance proof, finances proof
- ☐ Students: enrol (Immatrikulation), get your student ID and semester ticket
- ☐ Workers: give employer your Steuer-ID, IBAN, social security & health insurance details
- ☐ Set up a folder (paper + cloud) for every official letter you receive

Want it done faster?

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