Housing Guide

for international degree and non-degree students
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Welcome

Congratulations on being accepted to study at RWTH Aachen University!

You have chosen Germany as the country to pursue your degree or your exchange stay. We are very happy that you will be coming to Aachen soon and that you will learn more about the German culture, university system and the way of life in general.

One of the things that might appear as the biggest challenge for you as a foreign student will be to find an accommodation. In Germany in general, but specially in Aachen, the number of students (German and Internationals) as well as the rental prices increase every year, whereas the number of rooms and dorms doesn’t. The concurrence for student rooms will appear to you as particularly tough and will push you to the edge. It might be very frustrating, but remember that you are not alone. Many students are in your situation and we have gathered the most important facts and tips about housing in Aachen to prepare you for this tough task!

Do not hesitate to ask for help but also prepare to get active in your housing search. It might take time, but we are sure you will eventually find a place that you can call home. We wish you a nice stay here in Aachen and a successful start in your studies at RWTH Aachen University!

Your Housing Advisors
Living in Germany, what does that mean?

1. The University does not provide accommodation
   Unlike in other countries, you do not automatically get a place to live when you come to Germany to study. You must actively look for housing and independently apply for a room in a dorm. RWTH does not own or manage any dorms and thus cannot provide nor guarantee you housing.

2. Consider other options
   Every student wishes for a cheap single apartment in the city center and close to campus. In Aachen, you should definitely consider other options. Not only are apartments in the inner city extremely expensive but the RWTH campus is also spread out all over town. Aachen is a small city where every place is easily reachable by foot, bike or bus.

3. Don’t get stuck on one offer
   We cannot stress enough how quickly accommodations in Aachen get allocated. You might find a place that seems perfect for you but you should not get stuck on one offer. Increase your chances of getting a room by applying everywhere possible and by sending an elaborate application each time. For more tips about application, check the chapter „How do I apply?“.

4. Patience is the key word
   Since the concurrence at the beginning of the semester is tough, you will need to start searching for an accommodation early and you will need tons of patience. If you apply for a room in a student dorm, expect at least six months up to one year to get an offer. On the private market, you might have to apply to several different places without getting any reply.

5. Preparation, preparation, preparation...
   In Germany, you need a registered address to open a bank account, therefore make sure to have enough cash for the first month (we recommend 1000€) in order to settle down smoothly. If necessary, book a temporary accommodation! You will find further tips under „How do I find a place to stay?“.

6. Do not give up
   A simple but very important tip: do not give up! Nobody will provide you an accommodation and you will need to get active and search on your own. But do not hesitate to ask us or your Buddy for help. Heads up, you are gonna make it!
Registration at Citizens Office (Bürgeramt)

Resources: Confirmation of appointment (schedule online); „Wohnungsgeberbestätigung“ (from landlord).
Deadline: at the latest 2 weeks after start of rental contract.

Registration at Immigration Office (non-EU students)

Resources: Your valid passport.
Deadline: best within a week of your entry.

Apply for a residence permit at the foreigners’ office

Resources: application form, valid passport (if applicable with visa), biometric passport photo, certificate of studies (e.g. admission certificate, study certificate), documents to prove that your subsistence is guaranteed, (proof of health insurance, if applicable), 100,00€,
Deadline: before your visa expires.

Bank account

Resources: Proof of address, tax number (issued by mail upon registration at Citizens’ office).

Health insurance

Resources: Appointment or walk-in at local offices
(EU students with EHIC and Turkish students please ask for waiver)
How do I find a place to stay?

Step 1: Find a place for the first nights

If you will be coming to Aachen soon and you have not found any permanent place to stay, you should definitely book a temporary accommodation for the first days or even weeks. Please note that you cannot register your address with the following temporary accommodations.

Stay at locals for a few days with...

- Couchsurfing (free of charge)
- AISA HomeBuddy Program
- AirBnB
- KHG "Nachtlager"

Stay at a hostel, hotel or boarding house...

- A&O Hostel
- Hostel Aachen
- Prestep Boardinghouse
- Aachen Youth Hotel
- Aparthaus Frankenberg
- Klenkes Apartments
- Apartments Zeidler
- Aparthaus Frankenberg
- Fastrada Apartments

Price may increase on peak season.

We cannot guarantee that the list is complete or up-to-date.
Step 2: Choose the right kind of accommodation…

Now that you have a roof over your head, you will be able to start house hunting!
We recommend looking preferably at offers with a phone number, as you will get an answer faster than by email. If need be, ask a native speaker (i.e. your Buddy!) to help you searching or for the first contact with the potential landlord.

In Germany, there are basically two kinds of accommodation that you will have to consider:

**WG (Wohngemeinschaft = shared flat)**
It is a great way to meet people quickly, to learn German and to experience life in community. Also, the rent is usually lower and you share costs such as GEZ or utilities with your flat mates. While living in a WG, you need to be considerate of your flat mates needs and you might need to adapt to new rules.

In a student dorm, you might also have a **single room with a kitchen (and sometimes also bathroom) shared** by the students living on the same floor. This might be a good compromise if you like to socialize but also need a quiet retreat place.

**Single apartment**
The advantage is that you do not have to share your space and you can have tranquility whenever you need. But a single apartment will be more expensive and you will not be able to share the costs (i.e. GEZ, utilities). If you apply for an apartment, you will probably not have to go through an interview with your landlord.

Step 3: Start the hunt...

If you have a **Facebook account**, you should definitely follow the groups below, as students often post ads for their apartment or room in shared flat:

- www.wg-gesucht.de (available in English)
- www.immobilienscout24.de
- www.extraraum-aachen.de
- www.aachen.studenten-wohnung.de
- www.immonet.de
- www.immowelt.de
- www.campuslife.de/angebote ("Schwarzes Brett")

“**Schwarzes Brett**” is the German name for notice boards where long and short term offers are published. You can find them at the following addresses to name a few:

- KHG (Katholische Hochschulgemeinde), Pontstraße 74
- Cafeterias and lecture buildings (e.g. Foyer Ahornstraße 55, Audimax, Kármán-Auditorium or C.A.R.L. Building)
- Pubs and bars in Pontstraße
- Supermarkets

You can also buy some **local newspapers** (Aachener Zeitung or Aachener Nachrichten) and look through the classifieds.

If you have a **Facebook account**, you should definitely follow the groups below, as students often post ads for their apartment or room in shared flat:

- INCAS Aachen
- AISA (Association of Indian Students in Aachen)
- Suche Wohnung in Aachen
- WG & Wohnung Aachen sucht
- Wohnung Aachen
- Wohnung & Haus in Aachen sucht
- Wohnung WG Zimmer Aachen – Room & Flat Aix-la-Chapelle
- Wohnungsbörse Aachen
- WG Zimmer frei in Aachen
- Wohnungen frei in Aachen
- RWTH Aachen WG Börse
My Home is your Castle

The RWTH International Office has started a project called “my Home is your Castle”. The rules are simple: once per semester, the International Office asks all RWTH students going abroad for the next semester: how about subletting your room to an international student?

The International Office has implemented a register summing up all offers coming through “my Home is your Castle”. Any international student, regardless of the period of stay, is welcome to contact the International Office Housing Advice Service and check the current availability and range of offers.

Step 1: Fill the contact form for housing-seeker properly
Step 2: Send the form back to housing@rwth-aachen.de
Step 3: The Housing Advice Service will provide you the contact data of Outgoing students\(^5\) according to your budget criteria and preferences
Step 4: Contact the main tenant (introduction of yourself, further information, house rules, lease contract...)
Step 5: If the main tenant chooses you as his subtenant, congratulations!

\(^5\) Offer subject to availability

IMPORTANT: The International Office takes responsibility neither for the condition of the room, nor for the lease contract conditions or any issue that might arise between the main tenant and the subtenant.

You also might want to contact INCAS, as they also manage a database with offers from private landlords they receive regularly.
Applying for a room in a student dorm:

Studierendenwerk Aachen VS. Quota rooms
The Studierendenwerk Aachen is the institution managing most of the dorms in Aachen, as well as the university canteen. Depending on your eligibility, there are up to two ways to apply for a room in a Studierendenwerk student dorm.

Classic application with Studierendenwerk Aachen
Characteristics:
- You can apply any time of the year
- Application open to any RWTH or FH student
- You can apply to up to six specific dorms / rooms
- Waiting time: 6 months up to one year
- Not linked to the International Office
- Room available for up to three years and six months
- Age limit: 30 years

Quota rooms for exchange students and scholarship holders
Characteristics:
- Collaboration between Studierendenwerk Aachen and RWTH International Office
- Allotment of 200 rooms
- Reserved to exchange students and scholarship holders
- Different application portal with access provided only by International Office
- Application to up to four room types (not to specific dorms)

! IMPORTANT If you are eligible for quota rooms, you can both apply for a regular room at Studierendenwerk and for a quota room via the International Office. Your application for quota room has no impact on your application at Studierendenwerk (vice versa). There is also no guaranty you will be allocated a quota room or a regular room, as the number of applicants exceeds by far the number of rooms available. Therefore make sure to apply in both portals in due times and to start looking on the private market early enough.

Private dorms
There are several private dorms in Aachen which are not managed by the Studierendenwerk Aachen. The application procedure is therefore different from dorm to dorm. We have prepared a list of all private dorms where you can find their key information.
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<td>Hermannstraße</td>
<td>Hermannstr. 15, 52062 Aachen</td>
<td><a href="mailto:bewerbung@hermann.rwth-aachen.de">bewerbung@hermann.rwth-aachen.de</a></td>
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<td>Eckertweg</td>
<td>Eckertweg 3-5, 52074 Aachen</td>
<td><a href="mailto:eckert@studentenwerk-khg-aachen.de">eckert@studentenwerk-khg-aachen.de</a></td>
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<td>Campus Living</td>
<td>Junkerstr. 1, 52064 Aachen</td>
<td><a href="mailto:info@campus-living.de">info@campus-living.de</a></td>
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<tr>
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<td>Roermonder Str. 101, 52072 Aachen</td>
<td><a href="mailto:info@campus-living.de">info@campus-living.de</a></td>
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<td>Templergraben 39, 52062 Aachen</td>
<td><a href="mailto:hv@t39.rwth-aachen.de">hv@t39.rwth-aachen.de</a></td>
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**Student Housing. Just Better.**

Live, learn and relax: all of this works perfectly well at THE FIZZ Aachen. With our all-in living concept there is something for everyone: Move into one of our fully furnished apartments and enjoy the international flair in a vibrant community. Perfectly located between the city centre and one of Germany's top universities, with every necessity you need close by.

- **All-in price**
- **Fully furnished**
- **Free rental items**
- **House Managers**
- **Community areas**
- **Events & activities**
- **CCTV & security**
- **Bicycle & car parking**
- **Washing & drying**

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**THE FIZZ Aachen**
Kasernenstraße 16-20, 52064
the-fizz.com/en/contact
+49 89 - 88 96 90 - 300
Scan. Book. Live.
How do I apply?

- **Make contact**
  
  **Resources:** Description of yourself, motivation, if possible, write in German

- **Visit the accommodation**
  
  **Resources:** Be your best self, bring proof of financial resources

- **The contract**
  
  **Resources:** Read and understand, obtain „Wohnungsgeberbestätigung“, sign, return and get the key(s)

- **The deposit**
  
  **Resources:** Direct bank transfer to details indicated in lease contract, if applicable set up deposit account (Mietkautionskonto) at bank, Verpflichtungserklärung (if applicable)
  
  **Deadline:** refer to lease contract

- **Move In inspection**
  
  **Resources:** Document and photograph any damages, notify immediately
  
  **Deadline:** move-in date

- **Find an electricity provider**
  
  **Resources:** STAWAG or look to online portals
  
  **Deadline:** move-in date

- **Insurance**
  
  **Resources:** Liability insurance, household insurance
  
  **Deadline:** move-in date

Private studios and Flatshares - live exactly the way you want directly in Aachen.

Move in for the long-term or stay for however long you need.

We’ve got the space to be.

**Your private space**

- High quality furniture
- Free superfast WiFi
- Great city or nature view

**The Perks**

- Stylish community spaces
- Innovative events
- Inspiring and diverse community
- Convenient Laundry
- Life management with the POHA App

POHA House Holding GmbH
hey@pohahouse.com
0241-89435525
Any special needs?

Students with disability

If you have physical disabilities, you will probably need your apartment to be particularly accessible. While searching on the private market, always use the filter “handicapped accessible” (barrierefrei), if available.

You will need to inform yourself about the facilities:

- Is there a lift in the building?
- Are the entrances broad enough for wheel chair users?
- Is the bathroom adapted to tenants with disabilities?
- How far is the next supermarket / pharmacy / bus station...?

Studierendenwerk Aachen also offers a few rooms accessible to students with disability in several dorms. During the application, you will need to indicate your degree of disability so that the allocation priority can be adjusted.

Generally, we recommend that students with disability contact AStA’s representative for disabled students. They can inform you about additional services adapted to your personal situation and might support you in finding an accommodation.

Couples

Finding a place for you and your partner might not be so difficult on the private market, since the budgets combined are higher than for single students and you will be eligible for both single apartments and shared flats.

At Studierendenwerk, you should apply together for a so-called “Doppelapartment”. With two different applications for rooms in shared flat, you cannot have the guaranty that you will both be accepted in the same flat since the rooms get allocated separately.

The following private dorms also offer accommodation for couples:

- Neupforte: 47sqm apartments. Contact: KHG Aachen
- Hermannstraße: 50-75sqm apartments. Contact: Email or website
- ESG Nizzaallee: 18 sqm apartments. Contact: ESG

And what about...

Living for help?

There are quite a lot of Aachener living in a big house and having a spare room since their children moved out. The Studierendenwerk has implemented a special program called WohnDuo that allow students to live with older persons – either a senior or a family.

In exchange for help with buying groceries, taking care of the garden or just completing every day chores, you get a rent reduction. The amount of support required depends on the size of the room available.

Further information can be found on www.studierendenwerk-aachen.de/en/housing/wohnduo.html.

N.B.: The application form is only available in German.

Living in the Netherlands?

At first glance it may seem counterintuitive to study in Aachen and live in the Netherlands. At second glance though, this is clearly a good alternative! Aachen is located in the three-country corner and is just a few kilometers from Vaals, Kerkrade or Heerlen.

EU citizens specifically can easily commute between countries. The connection with public transportation is very good and you can even cover parts of the route by bike.
Katzensprung
You might also be interested in having a look at Vaals, which is a stone’s throw (Katzensprung) away from Aachen and especially from Campus Melaten. As the community of Vaals is very interested in attracting a younger population, a student dorm has been built with fully furnished single apartments. The dorm has common and recreation rooms on each floor to help you integrate as part of the dorm community. The city also provides advantageous offers for students. Further information is available at www.wohneninkatzensprung.de/en/.

NB: This option is only available to EU citizen at the moment. In any case, as a non-EU student, you should check with the immigration office whether you are allowed to live in the Netherlands while studying in Germany.

Living in an international dormitory?
The International Academy has a private student dorm with shared flats in the Frankenberger district of Aachen. The rooms are fully furnished and are reserved especially for international students. With up to 15sqm living space and modern facilities in one of the most popular and student-friendly districts of Aachen, this flat share community will quickly feel like home. The flats are shared either by three or five students and can be rented for at least a year with renewable contract.

Further information (price, application form) can be found at https://housing-aachen.de/ and can be requested at the Housing Advice Service.
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Who can I contact?

International Office Housing Advice Service

The International Office coordinates RWTH Aachen’s international relationships, develops programs with partner universities abroad, and advises and supports international students, and students wishing to spend time abroad. We, the International Office Housing Advice Service, support exchange students, scholarship holders, international researchers and international degree students in finding an accommodation.

Contact:
- Email housing@rwth-aachen.de
- Phone 0241 80 90 681
- Website www.rwth-aachen.de/international-housing
- Registration in mailing list via contact form available on Housing website
- Instagram: @rwthinternationaloffice (www.instagram.com/rwthinternationaloffice)

Service offers:
- Guidance in the quota rooms application procedure for our exchange students and scholarship holders
- Consultation and advising via email and personally upon appointment for any international students about the housing situation in Aachen
- Database with private offers from external partners of RWTH Aachen University, RWTH Outgoing students or private landlords

INCAS Housing Service

INCAS stands for Intercultural Center of Aachen Students. We are a student organization, partly financially and logistically supported by the RWTH International Office and FH Aachen, which mainly serves international students and interns or students taking a German class in Aachen.

At INCAS Housing Service, we try our best to help you find good accommodation. Our aim is to show you how to find a flat in Aachen. We do not own any flats, so in the end it is up to you!

Contact:
- Email wohnungssuche.incas@rwth-aachen.de
- Phone 0241 80 98 184
- Website http://www.incas.rwth-aachen.de/
- See office hours here

Service offers:
- Consultation and advising via email and personally during office hours
- Support in contacting the owner / landlord / flat mates and arranging an appointment to visit the room or flat
- Database with private offers from other students (short and long term)
AStA Housing Consultation

The students’ union executive committee (AStA) is the university-wide representation of students’ interests at RWTH. Our tasks consist of the university-political representation of the students to the university, the land and the public, of the administration of the student body’s finances, of the organization of a cultural program and in political education. We offer consultation in various topics, such as finance, jobs, and also housing.

**Service offers:**
- Consultation and advising via email and personally during office hours
- Collaboration with housing platform Extraraum and housing project WohnDuo
- Tenancy law and housing benefits consultation

**Contact:**
- Email wohnen@asta.rwth-aachen.de
- Phone 0241 80 93792
- See office hours at [https://www.asta.rwth-aachen.de/en/consultation-general](https://www.asta.rwth-aachen.de/en/consultation-general)

AISA

The Association of Indian Students in Aachen (AISA) represents the growing community of Indian students in Aachen and has been established primarily to preserve and increase awareness of Indian heritage, not only through cultural and social activities, but also by providing community service to international students. We implemented a system similar to Couchsurfing for international students called “Home Buddy” program. You can live up to ten days at a local student’s and search for a new accommodation more easily. You should register at least one month before arriving to have a chance to get matched in time with a host in Aachen.

**Important: AISA takes no responsibility in case of issues such as inappropriate behavior or damage to property.**

**Service offers:**
- Support in finalizing public health insurance affiliation
- Providing general information and tips about housing
- Home buddy program

**Contact:**
- Email infodesk.aisa@gmail.com
- Website [http://www.aisa.rwth-aachen.de/](http://www.aisa.rwth-aachen.de/)
- Information about health insurance can be found here.
- Information and registration to Home Buddy program can be found here.