

Fact sheet - Finding an accommodation in Cologne, Wuppertal or Aachen

The tense housing market in all three locations, especially in Cologne, and apartments are expensive. It is therefore important that you start looking for accommodation early and apply several times.

A tip to start with!

Please, also have a look outside the city centres, in the surroundings, suburbs. Having your semester ticket you can use public transport free of charge around your study place. Many spots in the surrounding areas are worth living and can easily be reached within 30 up to 60 minutes by S-Bahn and/or regional train.

Dormitories and other providers

The University of Music and Dance does not have its own halls of residence and does not offer accommodation.

COLOGNE

There are numerous student residences in Cologne that offer affordable apartments, rooms and shared apartments.

You can find a lot of information directly from the Kölner Studierendenwerk:

<https://www.kstw.de/wohnen>

Please note: Demand is very high! Please make your request early and expect waiting times or waiting lists. It is important that you apply for several accommodation options.

The Kölner Studierendenwerk also offers a private room search on its website:

<https://tl1.eu/SWK/index.html#privateroom>

There are also two other offers:

<https://www.hf.uni-koeln.de/33042>

<https://www.esgkoeln.de/angebote/esg-wohnheim/>

Other housing providers in Cologne:

- <https://www.wohnungsbaugenossenschaften.de/regionen/koeln/mitglieder>
- GAG Immobilien AG: <https://www.gag-koeln.de/>
- Kölner Wohnungsgenossenschaft: <https://www.koelner-wohnungsgenossenschaft.de/>
- Deutsche Wohnungs GmbH - DEWOG: <https://www.aachener-swg.de/mieten/liste-mietobjekte>
- Die Gesellschaft für Wohnungsbau und Baubetreuung: <https://www.gewobau-koeln.de/aktuelle-mietangebote/>
- Wohnungsgesellschaft des rheinischen Handwerks, Aktiengesellschaft: <https://www.wrh.de/wohnen/>
- Sahle Wohnen: <https://www.sahle-wohnen.de/wohnen-in/koeln/>
- Wohnen für Hilfe: <https://www.hf.uni-koeln.de/33042>

WUPPERTAL

There are also numerous student residences in Wuppertal that offer affordable apartments, rooms and shared apartments. These are managed by the Hochschulsozialwerk Wuppertal.

You can find a lot of information directly from the Hochschulsozialwerk Wuppertal: www.hochschul-sozialwerk-wuppertal.de/wohnen/wohnungssuche.html

Please note: Demand is very high! Please make your request early and expect waiting times or waiting lists. It is important that you apply for several accommodation options.

Other housing providers in Wuppertal:

- GWG Wuppertal: <https://www.gwg-wuppertal.de/mieten/wohnen-fuer-studenten>
- Sahle Wohnen: <https://www.sahle-wohnen.de/zufrieden-wohnen/#junge-menschen>
- GWM Wuppertal: <https://www.gwm-wuppertal.de/wohnungen.html>
- Allgemeine Baugenossenschaft Wuppertal: <https://www.abg-wuppertal.de/wohnungsangebote/>
- Ost-West Wuppertal: <https://www.ost-west-wuppertal.de/live/Wohnungen/wohnungen.aspx>
- Eisenbahn - Bauverein Elberfeld eG: <https://www.ebv-wuppertal.de/home.html>
- Wuppertaler Bau und Sparverein: <https://www.wbs-wuppertal.de/wohnen-beim-wbs/>
- Wuppertaler Bau- und Siedlungsgenossenschaft eG: <https://www.wbsg-wuppertal.de/ansprechpartner/>
- Gemeinnützige Wohnungsbaugenossenschaft „Cronenberg“ e.G: <http://www.gwc-wuppertal.de/>
- Bergo Verwaltung: <https://www.bergo-verwaltung.de/immobilienangebote/>
- Hausverwaltung Muckenhaupt: <https://hausverwaltung-muckenhaupt.jimdofree.com/angebote/>

AACHEN

There are also numerous student residences in Aachen that offer affordable apartments, rooms and shared apartments. These are managed by the Hochschulsozialwerk Wuppertal.

You can find lots of information directly from the Studierendenwerk Aachen: www.studierendenwerk-aachen.de/de/wohnen.html

Please note: Demand is very high! Please make your request early and expect waiting times or waiting lists. It is important that you apply for several accommodation options.

Other housing providers in Aachen:

- www.stuwo.de/wohnheim-region/aachen/
- www.studentenwerk-khg-aachen.de/de/
- awo3.de/wohnen/wohnformen/
- GWG - Wohnungsbaugesellschaft für die StädteRegion Aachen mbH: <https://www.gwg-aachen.de/mieten/>
- Aachener Siedlungs- und Wohnungsgesellschaft mbH: <https://www.aachener-swg.de/>
- WOGES Stolberg: <https://www.woges-stolberg.de/>
- GEWOGE Aachen: <https://www.gewoge-aachen.de/Mietinteressenten/139905,1031,145594,-1.aspx>

Some useful links:

www.kleinanzeigen.de

- You may also place an ad for your apartment search, but be realistic about the rental environment. Please provide precise information about your search and yourself
- look there for flats/shared apartments - create a search agent

Facebook: Post your search e.g. in Nett Werk Köln, join groups regarding apartment search/flat-sharing rooms at your respective place of study.

www.immowelt.de/suche/wohnungen

www.meinestadt.de/koeln/immobilien/wohnungen

www.immobilienscout24.de/wohnen/wohnung.html

www.wg-gesucht.de/wohnungen-in-Koeln.73.2.1.0.html

Important notes:

- Do not rent any all-inclusive offers. In Germany, service charges and operating costs must be listed separately in the rental agreement/flat advertisement!
- You can also find out in advance whether you are entitled to a Wohnberechtigungsschein (WBS). This is issued by the respective city. Please note the income limit. You can apply for specially subsidized apartments with a WBS. International students require a residence permit before applying for a WBS
 - <https://www.stadt-koeln.de/service/produkte/00758/index.html>
 - <https://serviceportal.aachen.de/suche/-/vr-bis-detail/dienstleistung/3242/show>
 - <https://www.wuppertal.de/vv/produkte/105/102370100000225719.php>

Warning notices:

As students repeatedly fall for apartment ads that do not exist, it is important for us to give you a few warnings when looking for an apartment / fake apartment ads: Please take care, when you're looking for an apartment!

- Please be careful if you find the following in the advertisement:
 - Very affordable apartment, in best and renovated condition, in a popular location.
 - Money transfer before having viewed the flat is requested
 - Or money transfer via cash transfer services is requested
 - Contact details are missing
 - No German-speaking contact person
 - You're asked to pay a deposit for the apartment's key, which was allegedly deposited in a safe on the property.
 - You're asked to send a copy of the ID card/passport in advance
- Be mindful of low prices or additional costs for advertised apartments or houses.
- Make sure that the landlord, property manager or estate agent are present, when you have a date to view the flat.
- If, in doubt, you may check the seriousness of an estate agent:
 - In Germany, estate agents require a license, a complete imprint and other apartment offers on the estate agent's website are also an indication of trustworthiness
 - check reviews/postal address/commercial register.

- Check, whether the employees can be reached by telephone or not.
- Never pay or transfer money in advance: only pay or transfer money, once you have seen the apartment and have signed a rental agreement.
- Compare apartment pictures e.g. with Google image search/enter the text of the advertisement in the search engine

If you fall victim of house scamming or fraud, please contact immediately the police and file an official complaint! It can easily be done by E-Mail or a form on the police's web pages.

Please contact the Central Student Advisory Services for further information: studienberatung@hfmt-koeln.de