

Accommodation Guide

Finding accommodation in Duesseldorf

Databases and resources on the web:

www.e-rent.de – furnished rooms

www.nuroa.de

search engine for flat-hunting platforms

duesseldorf.studenten-wohnung.de flat-hunting platform for students

[Studis online](#) – flat-hunting platform by a student community website

www.immonet.de

www.immobilienscout24.de

two major flat-hunting platforms (includes adverts by estate agencies and brokers, commissions may apply)

www.kalaydo.de/immobilien

regional advert platform incl. housing

www.wg-gesucht.de - platform for flat-sharing & small apartments

www.studenten-wg.de – platform for student flat-sharing & small apartments

www.wg-welt.de

platform for flat-sharing & apartments

<https://salzundbrot.com>

rental offers, commission-free

www.easy-rooms.net

furnished rooms and apartments for a limited period of time

[Mitwohnzentrale](#)

furnished accommodation

www.homecompany.de

temporary furnished accommodation (fees or commissions apply)

www.zweitwohnagentur.de

furnished accommodation (fees or commissions apply)

www.studentenwohnungsboerse.de

search engine for student accommodation

[Wohnen für Hilfe](#) - [Flyer (pdf)]

cross-generational housing project: students assist elderly people and get accommodation at low rates or for free

Short term accommodation

[Air B'n'B Duesseldorf](#) - platform with private room offers (furnished) for daily rent (inexpensive alternative to hostel or hotel accommodation)

Groups and pages for flat-hunting in social networks (Facebook):

HHU Accommodation Network International: [facebook.com/groups/Accom.International.HHU](https://www.facebook.com/groups/Accom.International.HHU)
administered by the International Student Orientation Service at the International Office

- [WG- und Wohnungsbörse HHU Duesseldorf](#)
- [Düsseldorf-International Students-Searching for a Flat/Room Share/Apt.](#)

- [Wohnung – Duesseldorf - Provisionsfrei](#)
- [Wohnung / WG-Zimmer in Duesseldorf](#) (open group)
- [Wohnung frei in Duesseldorf](#)

Assistance with finding accommodation

The [municipal housing office](#) (“*Wohnungsamt*”) offers assistance with finding accommodation for students. Please make a personal appointment.

Residential districts in Duesseldorf

The University campus is located on the borders of the quarters **Bilk** and **Wersten**. Bilk is therefore popular with students and you will find many cafes and bars there. Other central quarters are **Friedrichstadt**, **Carlstadt**, **Stadtmitte** (Center), **Unterbilk**, **Oberbilk**, **Flingern**, **Düsseltal** and **Pempelfort**. However, it is recommendable to consider more remote quarters and even adjoining cities like Erkrath, Mettmann, Hilden, Neuss, Kaarst and Ratingen in your search as the housing situation is tight and rents are often lower in these districts.

By clicking on the quarters in this [district map of Duesseldorf](#) you will find short descriptions (in German) and photos of the area.

Tips and guides: Finding accommodation in Germany

- [Find a student residence hall](#) (Study in Germany / DAAD)
- [Guide to finding an apartment in Germany](#) (My German Expert)
- [Finding a flat](#) & [FAQ Accommodation in Germany](#) (Study in Germany / DAAD)
- [Finding accommodation](#) (German Academic Exchange Service, DAAD)
- [Housing](#) & [FAQ Housing](#) (Goethe Institute)
- [The Great Apartment Hunt](#) (Young Germany)
- [Accommodation](#) (Student Services Association Germany)
- [Housing: A place where you feel at home](#) (Make it in Germany)
- [Tipps zur Wohnungssuche](#) / Flat-hunting tips (Studis online) [in German only]

Renting private accommodation

Glossary & Important aspects of renting private accommodation in Germany

- “**WG**” is short for “*Wohngemeinschaft*” and means shared flat.
- “**Zwischenmiete**” means a room offer for a limited period of time (usually during a temporary

absence of the regular tenant / flatmate).

- **“Kaution”** means the security deposit you will need to pay with the first rent (regularly two monthly rents).
- **Provision:** If the apartment is procured by a broker you will probably need to pay a commission (approximately two monthly rents). Therefore, it is worthwhile to look for apartments offered directly by the landlord (**Vermieter**) – these flats are often advertised as **“provisionsfrei”** (=no commission charged).
- If the indicated monthly rent is specified as **“warm”** the monthly payment includes the heating costs. The specification **“kalt”** means that heating costs will be charged individually. **+NK = Nebenkosten** means that utilities (heating etc.) are not included in the rent and will be charged extra.
- Electricity (**Strom**) is normally not included in the rent. You will need to get a contract with the local electricity company. Please contact [Stadtwerke Duesseldorf](#). Regularly, it will also be possible to simply resume the contract of the preceding tenant.
- Abbreviations frequently used in housing adverts:
3ZKDB = 3 **Zimmer** (rooms), **Küche** (kitchen), **Diele** (corridor), **Bad** (bathroom);
EK=**Einbauküche** (kitchenette)

Problems / legal advice / financial difficulties

In case you encounter difficulties with your landlord or another kind of legal conflict you may turn to the [Students’ Union](#) (AStA) (sozial.referat@asta.uni-duesseldorf.de). A consultation hour by the [Mieterverein](#) (Tenants’ Association) takes place every second week.

If you encounter financial difficulties you may also apply for **Wohngeld** (housing subsidy) with the municipality. It is granted if you can provide evidence that your income is very low. All information as well as application documents can be found on the [websites of the municipality](#) (in German).

Please also check our [WELCOME GUIDE](#) for more helpful tips on accommodation (p. 16ff).

In case you have further questions on accommodation, please do not hesitate to contact us (0211-8111582; isos@hhu.de) or the [Students’ Union](#) (AStA) (sozial.referat@asta.uni-duesseldorf.de).

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