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Checklist for nationals from the EU, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Iceland interested in studying

How do I prepare to enter Germany?

1. Check conditions

✓ To be admitted to study, you need a recognised university entrance qualification ("Hochschulzugangsberechtigung") or a recognition of your academic degree.



- ✓ Get more information on universities & degree courses on <u>www.study-in-germany.de/en/</u>
- ✓ Keep in mind the application deadlines of the different universities and the prescribed numerus clausus.

2. Visa

✓ Citizens from the EU, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Iceland need for the entry to Germany just a valid passport or identity card.



3. Entry / Arrival

✓ From the first day of your arrival, you need a valid <u>health care insurance</u>. Find out if your health care insurance covers all German health care benefits.

Accomodation in the beginning

✓ In advance to your arrival in Germany, you have to register for a room in a student residence at the respective student social services (Studierendenwerk) of your university.



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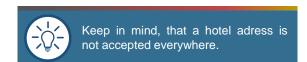
✓ Look for furnished appartments for subleasing.

Looking for housing

- ✓ You didn't find a permanent residence? Try to find German shared flats in online portals.
- ✓ Let your local Welcome Center help you find an accommodation.
- ✓ Our webpage provides tips on <u>looking for housing</u>.

4. Registration of residence

- ✓ A "reporting obligation" ("**Meldepflicht")** exists in Germany. You have to register within **2 weeks** with the registration office or the "Bürgeramt".
- ✓ Make a timely appointment at the registration office.
- ✓ Prepare the required documents for the appointment at the registration office:
 - > filled and signed form
 - > valid passport or identity card
 - lease or a confirmation from your landlord ("Wohnungsgeberbescheinigung")



5. Get settled

- International student groups organise many events for students from abroad.
- ✓ Make new friends in sports clubs or at public events.
- More opportunities on how to meet new friends in Germany are available on <u>Living in Germany</u>.



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Attachment: important documents at a glance

You probably need the following documents down below. We recommend to bring certified copies or original documents (incl. certified translations) with you.

- Valid Passport / ID
- Credit or debit card
- If neccessary: Birth certificate (required for the registration with the registration office)
- University entrance qualification ("Hochschulzugangsberechtigung")
- Academic degree in original form (neccessary for enrollment)
- o If neccessary: Proof of German language skills
- School-leaving-qualification
- Proof of health insurance