

Checklist - Moving into Your First Apartment

Getting ready to move into your first apartment in Germany? Here's a complete checklist to help you stay organized, from documents to furniture and practical essentials.

Important documents & formalities

- Signed rental agreement
- Apartment handover report created/signed
- Registration with the residents' registration office ("registering your place of residence")
- Register for broadcasting license fee (GEZ) or apply for exemption
- Register for electricity (if necessary)
- Select an internet provider and sign a contract
- Check household and liability insurance

furniture and household items

Bedroom

- Bed + mattress
- Bed linen, blanket, pillow
- Wardrobe or chest of drawers
- Bedside table / lamp

Living room / work area

- Desk + chair
- Lamp / light source
- Shelf / storage space
- WiFi router

Kitchen

- Table + chairs (dining area)
- Refrigerator (if not available)
- Stove / hotplate (if not available)

Kitchen utensils

- Plates, bowls
- Cutlery (knives, forks, spoons)
- Pots & pans
- Cutting board, knives
- Glasses, cups
- Kitchen scissors, can opener
- Trash can + trash bags
- Dish soap, sponges, dish towels

Bathroom & hygiene

- Towels
- Shower curtain (if necessary)
- Soap, shampoo, toothpaste, etc.
- Toilet paper
- Toilet brush
- Detergent (for washing machine, if available)

Cleaning utensils

- Broom & dustpan
- Vacuum cleaner or mop
- All-purpose cleaner
- Cloths, sponges
- Waste separation system (paper, plastic, residual waste)

Miscellaneous / Practical

- Extension cord & power strip
- Tools (hammer, screwdriver, tape measure)
- Clothes hangers
- Laundry basket / drying rack
- First aid kit

Security and finances

- Save emergency numbers (police: 110, ambulance or fire brigade: 112, property management)
- Deposit transferred / receipt received
- Account set up for rent + utilities

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