

Checklist – moving into your first flat

Are you ready to move into your first flat in Germany? Here is a complete checklist covering many things from documents to furniture and practical essentials to help you stay organised.

First steps and important documents

- Signed rental agreement
- Signed move-in checklist
- Registration with the registration office in your city (i.e. registering your place of residence)
- Registration for broadcasting fee (Rundfunkbeitrag) or application for exemption
- Registration 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 space

- Desk, chair
- Lamp
- 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, cooking knives
- Glasses, cups
- Kitchen scissors, can opener
- Rubbish bin, bin liners
- Refuse separation system (paper, plastic, residual waste)

- Dish soap, sponges, kitchen towels

Bathroom and hygiene

- Towels
- Shower curtain (if necessary)
- Soap
- Toilet paper
- Toilet brush
- Laundry detergent
- Toiletries

Cleaning utensils

- Dustpan, brush
- Vacuum cleaner or mop
- All-purpose cleaner
- Cloths, sponges

Miscellaneous

- Extension cord and double-sided tape
- Tools (hammer, screwdriver, tape measure)
- Hangers
- Laundry basket, drying rack
- First-aid kit

Security and finances

- Save emergency numbers in your contacts (police: 110, ambulance or fire brigade: 112, property management)
- Save receipts, bank transactions (e.g. deposits)
- Account set up for rent and utilities

Kind regards,
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