WELCOME DAYS 2021

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1) **What kind of accommodations are there?**

- own flat such as a one room apartment (*Einzimmerapartment*) or more rooms if you won’t be living alone or can afford it
- one room in a shared flat (*Wohngemeinschaft = WG*)
- one room in a house/ apartment with a family
- student housing dormitories by the Studierendenwerk (usually your own room with shared bathroom and kitchen) [https://www.studierendenwerk-bonn.de/en/accommodation/](https://www.studierendenwerk-bonn.de/en/accommodation/)
  (How to apply for a room? Read through [this](https://www.uni-bonn.de/studying/international-students/counseling-and-service/accommodation))
2) Where to look?

The VRS is your „home-area“ for your student ticket – but you can go anywhere in North Rhine-Westfalia.

The smaller towns around Bonn are easily accessible by train, tram or bus and offer a good alternative to live – if only for the first months.
2) Where to look?

The newspaper or... there are many online portals such as:

- https://www.wg-gesucht.de
- https://www.immobilienscout24.de/wohnen/wg-zimmer.html
- https://www.ebay-kleinanzeigen.de/s-wohnung-mieten/bonn/c203l1038
- https://www.immowelt.de/liste/bonn/wg/mieten?sort=relevanz
- https://www.wohnungsboerse.net/Bonn/mieten/wohnungen
- https://www.erstraum.de/
- https://www.immobilo.de/mieten/wg/bonn
- https://housinganywhere.com/de/s/Bonn--Deutschland
- https://www.asta-bonn.de/B%C3%B6rsen
Private /commercial student residences

- https://www.kampmeyer.com/quantius/
- https://www.hausteresa.de/ (for women)
- https://www.quartierwest.de/index.php?show=4
- https://www.quartiervier.de/index.php?show=4
- https://www.annaberg.de/studentenwohnheim-2/
- https://house4students.de/en/
- And different Facebook groups such as „WG und Wohnung in Bonn gesucht“

Currently fully booked according to homepage:

- https://studentenwohnheim-schaenzchen-bonn.de/
- https://www.quartiermitte.de/index.php?show=1
- https://www.dbh-bonn.de/en (application deadline passed)
- https://www.42-bonn.de/apartments-mieten/
Most of the notices for flats or rooms are in German. Here are some more words or abbreviations you’ll need to know:

- **möbliert** = furnished / **unmöbliert** = not furnished
- **Nebenkosten (NK)** = running costs (electricity, heating, water - usually NOT internet)
- **Kaution** = deposit (usually 2 month’s rent)
- **keine Zweck-WG** = not only a means to an end (safe money) but also interact with the roomies 😊
- **Nichtraucher (NR)** = non smoker
- **Zwischenmiete** = rented for a short time for example when the tenant is abroad
- **Studentenverbindung** = fraternity
Pro Tipp: Answering to an housing ad

The housing market can be stressful, not all messages will be answered so try to stand out – positively!

✓ Introduce yourself fully (name, nationality, what you are studying)

✓ Explain that you have secure funding (such as enough money and support from family)

✓ Imagine what you would like to hear as a landlord: neat and tidy, quiet and focusing on your studies a.k.a. no trouble

✓ In case of shares flats: give some personal infos about yourself: hobbies, what you do for fun, if you already have experience in sharing an apartment.
3) Places to stay for a few nights

https://www.asta-bonn.de/Sofafrei?uselang=en = vacant couch offer by students of Uni Bonn

Similar to https://www.couchsurfing.com/

Hostels:

https://jugendpastoral.erzbistum-koeln.de/haus-venusberg/wohnen/wohnen/

https://max-hostel.de/en/

https://www.basecamp-bonn.de/
4) Types of contract

It is necessary to have a signed contract with the person renting out the room. That may be the landlord or in case of a sub-lease (Untermietvertrag) the current tenant. In this case make sure the landlord is informed because you will need him or her to sign your „Wohnungsgeberbestätigung“ (confirmation of the landlord) for the registration with the city.

Zwischenmietvertrag = also a sub-lease but for a limited time

Mietvertrag = rental agreement / lease contract
5) What landlords expect of a tenant

- Open the windows regularly i.e. the bathroom after taking a shower, kitchen after cooking, bedroom in the morning

- If you have a room in the cellar for the washing machine, dry the clothes there or outside

→ Both points are to reduce humidity in the apartment and prevent mold

- Inform the landlord if you detect something is broken or you find something odd (fungi growing out the kitchen sink 😞)

- Transfer the monthly rent on time according to what is written in your contract (usually beginning of the month) (you can install a standing order (Dauerauftrag) from your bank account so you don’t have to remember yourself)
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