Information about Accommodation Search

Tips for International Students
Looking for accommodation in the City of Bonn

International students

German universities do not automatically allocate rooms to students that have been admitted. Therefore, you need to search and apply for any room on your own. The International Office can help and support you in finding the right place to stay. As the housing shortage in Bonn is ongoing, we recommend you start looking as soon as possible.

Where to stay for the first few days?

If you do not have a permanent place to stay or you cannot move into your apartment or dorm just yet, a hostel or hotel may be an option for you.

Another option could be Sofa Frei, an initiative run by students for students, providing newcomers to Bonn with a temporary solution during their search for accommodation. This may involve offering a couch, a place for your inflatable mattress or even a guestroom for one night or more. In the following you will find some examples:

- [www.asta-bonn.de/Sofafrei](http://www.asta-bonn.de/Sofafrei) (German only)
- [www.airbnb.de](http://www.airbnb.de)
- [www.bonn.jugendherberge.de](http://www.bonn.jugendherberge.de)
- [www.haus-venusberg.de](http://www.haus-venusberg.de) (German only)
- [www.basecamp-bonn.de](http://www.basecamp-bonn.de) (German only)
- [www.max-hostel.de](http://www.max-hostel.de)
- [www.couchsurfing.com](http://www.couchsurfing.com)
Private housing

On the private accommodation market, you can find apartments as well as rooms in shared apartments (German: WG). Shared apartments are very popular since the occupants share the cost of the rent. Generally, everyone has their own room, while bath and kitchen are shared spaces. Rooms or apartments can be rented either furnished or unfurnished.

There are local newspapers and free weekly papers containing ads for apartments such as General-Anzeiger, Bonner Rundschau, Schnüss and Annonce. In the following you will find some examples. Please note that not every website is available in English:

Shared apartments:

- www.wg-gesucht.de
- www.wg-suche.de
- www.housinganywhere.com

Apartment search databases:

- www.zimmerfrei-bonn.de
- www.immobilienscout24.de
- www.immonet.de
- www.immowelt.de
Studierendenwerk Bonn - Accommodation

The Studierendenwerk Bonn operates a total of 29 residential units with around 3,774 places at the locations Bonn, Sankt Augustin and Rheinbach (as of December 2020). The offer includes single rooms in shared flats, flats as well as family flats for students with children.

The cost of the monthly rent can be found on the website of the Studierendenwerk Bonn. The rents include all incidental costs such as electricity and heating as well as broadband Internet access - with the exception of family flats, which receive a statement of operating costs and have to register electricity with an electricity supplier. In addition, a deposit of two monthly rents needs to be paid before the move-in.

Further information about rent and the dorm room application process can be found in the FAQs on the website of the Studierendenwerk Bonn.

▶ www.studierendenwerk-bonn.de/en/accommodation

Late arrival

In the event that you cannot arrive at your desired date due to delays such as visa or travel complications or other issues, you first have to contact the Studierendenwerk Bonn or your landlord/landlady. In most cases you are able to pay the first month’s rent and the deposit without being on site immediately and can move into your dorm room on a different date.
Moving in with other people

You want to study at the University of Bonn and want your partner and/or your children to accompany you here? Then you will have to take certain points into consideration. The International Office of the University of Bonn offers guidance.

Living as a couple

If you want to move into a dorm room offered by the Studierendenwerk as a couple, both partners need to be enrolled at the University of Bonn. You and your partner need to apply separately and indicate in the notice field with whom you want to live together.

Living as a family

If you wish to move to Bonn with your family and children, there is an assorted amount of institutions that can support you in finding accommodation, a school or a kindergarten and help you with every other necessity. The Studierendenwerk Bonn offers several different dormitories with apartments suited for families. Please note that a certificate of residence ("Wohnberechtigungsschein") is mandatory. You can apply for this form at the City of Bonn. Please use the following link:

www.bonn.de/vv/produkte/Wohnberechtigungsschein
(German only)

Please send your application for a family flat with the certificate of residence by e-mail to the Studierendenwerk Bonn: wohnen@studierendenwerk-bonn.de

You can apply for the following dormitories of the Studierendenwerk Bonn:

- Jagdweg 18 - 22
- Endenicher Allee 21
Further support:

- www.uni-bonn.de/en/university/equal-opportunity
- www.asta-bonn.de/Studieren_mit_Kind (German only)

Studying with disabilities

Students that are impaired during their studies due to a chronic physical and/or mental illness will find counselling and support with a representative of the University Bonn. Please use the following link:

www.uni-bonn.de/de/studium/beratung-und-service/studieren-mit-handicap (German only)

The Studierendenwerk Bonn offers barrier-free dormitories. For further information, please send an e-mail to wohnen@studierendenwerk-bonn.de.

On the private housing market, you can also find dormitories and apartments which are accessible for people with a handicap. Please pay attention to the word "barrier-free" (barrierefrei in German)
Private student residences

Private dormitories can present a good alternative to the Studierendenwerk Bonn. In the following you will find some examples. Please note that not every website is available in English:

- www.staytoo.de/studentenapartments-bonn
- www.annaberg.de
- studentenwohnheim-bonn.de
- stella-matutina-ev.de
- www.quartiervier.de
- studentenwohnheim-schaenzchen-bonn.de
- www.42-bonn.de
- www.dbh-bonn.de
- goebenstift.de
- www.hausteresa.de
- www.cusanushaus-mehlem.de
- www.mo-campus.de

Glossary/Technical terms and abbreviations

When browsing through accommodation ads, you may come across some of the following terms and abbreviations:

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Further information can also be found in the following video:
„Accommodation, City registration and broadcasting fee“

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www.uni-bonn.de/en/university/university-life/living-in-bonn

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