



Universität Hamburg

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SERVICE FOR NEWLY APPOINTED PROFESSORS

PARENTING IN HAMBURG

CHILDCARE CENTERS AND SCHOOLS

WELCOME ABOARD

SERVICE FOR NEWLY APPOINTED PROFESSORS

Welcome to Universität Hamburg! The [Service for Newly Appointed Professors](#) supports you and your family as you plan your move to Hamburg. It can help you get settled in the city and at the University.

WE CAN GIVE ADVICE ON

- finding a place to live and dealing with Hamburg’s municipal offices
- finding a childcare center or school
- dual career - helping your partner look for employment

GETTING STARTED

To help you get off to the best possible start at our University, we hold an [welcome event](#) at the beginning of every semester as well as a reception for newly appointed professors and junior research group leaders.

SIGNING UP FOR CHILDCARE CENTERS AND SCHOOLS — FIRST STEPS

CHILDCARE CENTERS

To sign up for a childcare center, you do not need to [register your residence](#) right away. If possible, you should register your residence 3 months before childcare begins so that you can apply for a childcare voucher in a timely fashion.

SCHOOLS

To sign up for a school, you first need to [register your residence](#); schools should be nearby. To sign up for schools in grades 1–5 (primary and

middle/secondary school), you must register your residence by the beginning of the year. For all other grades, there is no set registration deadline. If you do not yet have a permanent residence or your children are in grades other than 1–5, you can contact the school you are interested in directly. The Service for Newly Appointed Professors is glad to help.

CHILD BENEFIT

See the City of Hamburg’s website for comprehensive information about the [child benefit](#). If you are already receiving the child benefit, notify the [Family Benefits Department of the Federal Employment Agency](#) of your change of residence. [Find the local office of the Family Benefits Department](#).

PARENTAL PAY

You can apply for [parental allowance](#) at your district office or [digitally](#).

FINDING THE BEST CHILDCARE CENTER / SCHOOL FOR MY CHILD

KITAS

- This is how [childcare centers](#) work in Hamburg.
- Hamburg offers free childcare for 5 hours per day. For additional hours, there are income-based [childcare fees](#).
- For [childcare](#), you need a [childcare voucher](#) for which you can also [apply online](#). [Here](#) you can also find explanations in English about applying for a childcare voucher.
- Find the [childcare center](#) that best suits your child. We are happy to advise you.

- You can also find childcare places at short notice at: [elbkinder-kitas / kita-awo / kita kinderzimmer](#).
- Alternatively, you can use [qualified nannies](#).

SCHOOLS

- The [Hamburg school system / parent guide for migrants](#)
- Hamburg has free [preschools](#).
- [Find the primary school](#) in your neighborhood online and figure out your child's school route.
- You can sign up for first grade at a [primary school](#) and for fifth grade at a [middle or secondary school](#) at the end of January / beginning of February of the same year.
- If your [child does not yet speak German](#), it can attend any preschool or primary school up to second grade. From third grade, school registration proceeds via the [Schulinformationszentrum \(SIZ\)](#), which will also find an appropriate school with classes designed to teach language skills ("integration classes").
- [Bilingual schools in Hamburg](#)
- International schools in Hamburg Private schools: [International School of Hamburg](#) / [Phorms](#) / Moderne Schule Hamburg / [Lycée Antoine de Saint-Exupéry de Hambourg](#)
Publicly funded schools: [Deutsch Französisches Gymnasium Hamburg](#)

Downloads: [Understanding Hamburg schools](#) / [Primary schools \(map\)](#) / [Middle/secondary schools \(map\)](#)

AFTERNOON CHILDCARE / BABYSITTERS

- Find [childcare and babysitters](#) for the afternoon / after-school hours.
- On the wanted ads platform [Stellenwerk](#) you can place your own search ad for childcare or tutoring.



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