Set up a bank account

Stay in contact: Phone

Residence Permit for Students

Health Care & Insurance

Public Transportation – How do I get around here?
YOUR FIRST STEPS IN HAMBURG

1. Find an apartment or dorm
2. Address Registration
3. If necessary: Open up a bank account
4. Health insurance
5. Residence permit

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Hamburg is divided in **seven** districts

Each district has several **Customer Service Centers**

**Registration:**
You can go to any Customer Service Center (book an appointment in advance)

**Residence Permit:**
You have to contact the immigration authority of the District where you live or the Hamburg Welcome Center
What documents are required?

- national passport
- Confirmation of the landlord (Wohnungsgeberbestätigung)
- fee = 12,00 Euro

Where to go?

- every customer service center
- please make an appointment online
  - http://www.hamburg.de/kundenzentrum
- Hamburg Welcome Center

You have to register your place of residence within two weeks after arrival.
RESIDENCE PERMIT FOR STUDENTS

- entitles to stay in Germany for the purpose of studying
- unlimited entry and departure, BUT: If you leave Germany for longer than 6 month, your residence permit will expire.
- a visa is not required for short term stays in the Schengen-area (up to 90 days)
- Please apply at least 6 weeks before expiry of the visa (or within 90 days after entry if no visa is necessary)
- visa as an applicant for a university place has to be changed immediately after enrollment
EU/EEA/Switzerland:
unrestricted internships
Self-employment or being employed
Limit: 20 hours/week

All other intern. Students:
Jobbing 120 days or 240 half days per year (regardless of salary)
Limit: 20 hours/week
Self-check
This also includes voluntary internships (also unpaid)

Exception: Student secondary employment at the university/
university-related activities
SETTING UP A BANK ACCOUNT

- There are two types: branch-based banks and direct banks (only online)
- Everyone who lives in the Europe Union has the right to open up at least a **basic bank account**
- Some bank accounts are free of charge under certain conditions, while others demand an account maintenance fee ➔ compare the different offers
- Required documents:
  - valid ID card or passport,
  - registration certificate
  - for some banks and/or account types: a pay statement from your employer and your residence permit.
- Banks usually check the creditworthiness of new customers with a Schufa query
HEALTH INSURANCE FOR STUDENTS

adequate health insurance is mandatory for everyone in Germany

EU / EEA

- EHIC remain insured in their home country and receive medical services in Germany

Other states

- Public student insurance in Germany
  - 76.04€ plus individual additional contribution of the health insurance
WHAT BENEFITS DO I GET?

- Medical & dental treatment
- Hospital treatment
- Medicines, remedies and medical equipment
- Check-ups and other preventive measures
- ...

→ Visiting a doctor is usually free of additional costs
HOW MEDICAL CARE WORKS

- Behaviour in case of illness
  - first Hausarzt → refers to specialist
- Billing between insurance and doctor
- Opening hours
- IGEL Leistungen (benefits)
- Pharmacy
- Prescription fee: 10% of sales price but max. 10€ per prescription
AFTER GRADUATION

Citizens of the EU, the EEA and Switzerland: unrestricted freedom of movement.

Graduates from third countries:

A. Take up employment (according to the acquired qualification):
Application for residence permit required before starting work (employment, EU Blue Card, researcher).

B. Seeking employment (corresponding to the acquired qualification):
Application for issuance of a residence permit for job search.
- Residence permit possible for up to 18 months directly after completion of studies
- Taking up a job to secure livelihood is possible
PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION – HOW TO GET AROUND HERE

Use S-Bahn, U-Bahn or Bus

Provided by HVV

Buy Tickets at the station, online or in APP

Website: www.hvv.de/en

Ask at your university - sometimes the season ticket is already included in the semester fee.
StadtRad (City Bike)
Provided by Deutsche Bahn

- Rent a bike at one of the stations
- First 30 minutes of every ride are free

Website: https://stadtrad.hamburg.de/en?
APP (in English or German)
Residence matters
Registration matters and issuance of residence permits
For foreign self-employed persons, researchers, students, furthermore for employees and freelancers with a current income of at least 44,304 Euros (§18b Abs. 2 S. 2 Aufenthaltsgesetz)

Advice and clearing on residence law

Advice on language courses and professional language courses

Services around the job
Job placement
Support in the application process
OFFERS AROUND LIVING AND HOUSING IN HAMBURG

We provide support for general questions...

Social security system
Child care
Government Services
School system
Health care system

Apartment search
Mobility
Public transport

...and explain the first steps necessary to settle in and register in Hamburg.
Online event | October 26th 2021 at 5 p.m.
When we shop, fill up our tank, drink beer or heat our apartment - we all pay taxes. The Hamburg Welcome Center will give you a general overview of tax levies in Germany and will also show you how it might be possible to get back taxes you have already paid. Don't worry, some things only seem complicated at first glance.
Sign up via email: hwc-event@welcome.hamburg.de
More info [here](#)

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Newcomers section: residence permit, studying, job search, health insurance, taxes, bank account, housing and renting...
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