

How to get along in Bonn

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Moving to a new city often comes along with a lot of difficulties, which is why we gathered some information which might help you to get along in Bonn.

Where can I find a flat/room?

- Dorms supported by university: <https://www.studierendenwerk-bonn.de/en/>
(apply couple of months in advance!)
- Private shared flats:
 - wg-gesucht.de
 - <https://www.kalaydo.de/immobilien/mietwohnungen/o/3/4/>
 - https://house4students.de/en/?noredirect=en_US
 - <https://www.studentshome.de>
 - <https://www.immobilienscout24.de/>
 - <http://www.boenschkwartier.de/>

Important procedures to do after coming to Bonn

- City Registration (apply online at <https://www.bonn.de/vv/produkte/Anmeldung-nach-dem-Meldegesetz.php>. The list of documents required for this is given on the website)
- Complete any and all enrollment procedures at the university (if not done already)
- Obtaining a German SIM card (Vodafone/O2/winSim/Aldi, etc)
- Opening a local German bank account (whichever is more suitable for you - eg, Sparkasse/N26/Deutsche Bank, etc. Please remember this has to be linked with your blocked account in case you have one)
- Activation of health insurance (you will have to provide university enrollment documents, confirmation of opening a German bank account and linking with blocked account, city registration document)
- Book appointment online for **Residence Permit** (<https://www.bonn.de/microsite/en/services/formalities/residence-permit.php>)
- ARD ZDF Deutschlandradio (broadcasting fee): you will get a letter asking you to fill in the necessary details and the taxable amount. Information available on <https://www.rundfunkbeitrag.de/>)

**** IMPORTANT** - During the time you complete city registration, etc, you will receive your “Steuer-Identifikationsnummer” and “Sozialversicherungsausweis” - both of these are important and please keep them carefully!

German courses

- By university: <https://www.uni-bonn.de/en/studying/international-students/learning-german/sdk>
- By VHS:
https://www.vhs-bonn.de/programm/deutsch-und-integration.html?action%5B147%5D=category&cat_ID=484-CAT-KAT282
- DAAD: <https://www2.daad.de/deutschland/studienangebote/international-programmes/en/detail/6279/>

- <https://www.bonn-lingua.de/>

Jobs

Pay attention that you have to pay taxes when earning more than 450€/month.

- Apply for the mentoring program of our study course
- UKB: <https://karrireamukb.de/category/studenten/5730>
- Studierendenwerk:

How to get to know people

- Bonn Expats Facebook group
- Hochschulsport (sport courses) organised by UniB