



You are moving to Aachen soon for your studies at RWTH Aachen and want to move closer to the university? In the following you will find general information about living in and around Aachen, about the registration of your residence and about the broadcasting fee. If you have further questions on this topic, you can find more information and contact options on our AStA page (Contact: <https://www.asta.rwth-aachen.de/en/counseling/housing/>).

The Studierendenwerk Aachen is the largest non-profit provider of student dormitories with currently 24 dormitories and 5000 rooms. If you want to get a spot in one of the dorms in time you should start applying as soon as possible according to the Studierendenwerk. You can do so online here: <https://bewerberportal.stw.rwth-aachen.de/en/apply/accept>.

The dorms are rented exclusively to students of the RWTH Aachen, FH Aachen, Musikhochschule Köln, or Katholische Hochschule in Aachen, but you do not need a certificate of enrollment when applying. Therefore, it makes sense to apply as soon as you decide on Aachen as your future place of study. Only when coming to the conclusion of the lease agreement you will need to hand in your enrollment certificate.

There is a central list for registration. Please note that you must re-register every month, otherwise you will lose your place on the list. It is a good idea to inform yourself well of all the different dorms as the maximum length of stay is limited to 4 years and 11 months. When you register, you should make sure that you apply for the student dormitories close to your place of study and near the university you study at as the Studierendenwerk also operates dorms in Jülich.



Residences of the Studierendenwerk

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Web: <https://www.studierendenwerk-aachen.de/en/housing/contact.html>
In-person office hours: Tue: 1:00 - 3:00 Thur: 8:00-11:00

Accommodation Options

If you did not apply in time for the student dormitories of the Studierendenwerk Aachen, you can use the following links to look for other housing options:

- <http://www.wg-gesucht.de>
- <https://www.ebay-kleinanzeigen.de>
- <http://www.immobilienscout24.de>
- <http://www.immowelt.de>
- <http://www.annonce.de>
- <http://www.immowelt.de>

You could also try to look for apartments in Facebook groups that post vacancies:

- Wohnungen frei in Aachen
- WG – Zimmer frei in Aachen

Living in and outside of Aachen

If you are looking for an apartment in Aachen shortly before the start of your studies, it is very difficult to find one immediately, because the rush of students is very high. Therefore, it is advisable that you do not only consider Aachen but also include nearby city areas in your search. This way you have a greater chance of finding an apartment. The following city areas are in the immediate vicinity of Aachen:

- Laurensberg (ca. 4km)
- Haaren (ca. 5km)
- Richterich (ca. 6km)
- Verlautenheide (ca. 7,5km)
- Würselen (ca. 8km)
- Aachen- Brand (ca. 8km)
- Eilendorf (ca. 8km)
- Herzogenrath (ca. 13km)
- Alsdorf (ca. 14km)
- Eschweiler (ca. 17km)

Living in the Netherlands or in Belgium

If you are unsuccessful looking for accommodation in Aachen, it is a good idea to look for a place in the Belgium and the Netherlands. If you are an EU citizen you can easily live in Belgium or the Netherlands.

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| Kerkrade | http://www.heemwonen.nl |
| Vaals | http://www.wohnenundlebeninvaals.de |
| | http://www.wohnenundkatzensprung.de/living@vaals.nl |
| Kelmis | http://www.kelmis.be |

If you are unable to find a suitable apartment among those options in time you can find a short-term accommodation to at least have a place to stay overnight.

- <https://www.mein-monteurzimmer.de>
- <https://www.jugendherberge.de/jugendherbergen/aachen-434/portraet/>
- <https://www.aohostels.com/de/aachen/>

These sites also primarily serve international students who cannot find an apartment right away and who can then look for long-term housing on site.

Registration of your residence

It is your duty to register your new place of residency within two weeks of moving. You can register either your main or your secondary residence at the Residents' Registration Office (Einwohnermeldeamt). In case of a violation of the registration requirement, a fine of up to €1000 is due. When registering in Aachen as a secondary residence, please note that the city of Aachen levies a tax on secondary residences.

That means that tenants with a second home in Aachen have to pay 12% of their rent or a lump sum to the city. According to the registration law, the predominantly used accommodation is the main place of residency. Important for the registration is a certificate of accommodation, which must be signed by the person you are renting the flat from, usually the landlord. The form can be found here: <https://www.wohnheime.rwth-aachen.de/wp-content/uploads/Wohnungsgeberbestaetigung-Formular-der-Stadt-Aachen.pdf>



Bürgerservice am Bahnhof

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Broadcasting fee

In Germany you will need to pay a broadcasting fee of around €19 per household, no matter how many people live in it. Therefore, shared apartments, families, and not married couples only pay one fee together.

Students can be exempted from tax liability if they are recipients of Bafög, Germany's students grants and loans. There is also the option to be exempted for special social circumstances. You can find more information on that on the website of the AStA or on the website of the broadcasting fee:

<https://www.rundfunkbeitrag.de/>