

Handbook: Student Housing in Marburg

for international students

Foreword

We hope that the information in this handbook will help you in your search for accommodation in Marburg. All information in this brochure is provided without guarantee. It is the responsibility of the reader to check the accuracy of the information if necessary. If you have any queries or questions, you can contact us at any time. Information on the various projects and support services offered by the university can also be found on our [website](#). We will be happy to help you.

Imprint

Editors: Constanze Lipinski, Nikoleta Ioannidou, Sakshi Walte, Evgenii Perfilev

Version 2.0 from October 2025, previously:

"Information on finding accommodation in Marburg", December 2015

International Office

Deutschhausstraße 11+13, 35037 Marburg

Department VI

Incomings Department: Advice and support for international students and visiting academics

T +49 6421 28-24929

wohnen-international@uni-marburg.de



Inhalt

Foreword	1
1 General Information	4
1.1 Marburg Geography	4
1.2 Time and duration of the search	4
1.3 Personal preferences	5
1.4 Costs	5
1.5 Legal matters before and while moving in	6
Handover protocol	6
Landlord's confirmation of residence	6
Registering and deregistering at the residents' registration office	7
Residence permit	7
Schufa information and bank account	7
2 Types of accommodation and search	8
2.1 Student dormitories of the Studierendenwerk	8
2.2 Private dormitories	9
Collegium Philippinum	9
Marburger Diakonissenhaus Hebron	9
Vilmar House	9
2.3 Private housing market	9
2.4 Online housing platforms	10
General Information	10
Sample e-mail	12
Private room exchange	13
Marburger Express	13
Facebook	13
Property management companies	14
GeWoBau Marburg	14
Other online platforms for finding accommodation	14
3 Short rental periods	15

General Information	15
Youth hostels in Marburg	16
Tourism page of the city of Marburg	16
AirB'n'B	17
Couchsurfing	17
4 Living in a shared flat	17
General Information	17
Shared flat fund	18
Cleaning schedules and winter maintenance	19
Smoking	19
5 Furniture and More	20
Marburger Express	20
Flea and flea markets	20
Kleinanzeigen	20
Praxis GmbH	20
Support from the neighborhood	21
6 Legal matters after moving in	21
Broadcasting fees	21
House rules and regulations	21
7 List of Abbreviations	22
8 Conclusion	23

1 General Information

1.1 Marburg Geography

Marburg is a relatively small city with many different districts, in which a total of around 77,000 people live. Students automatically receive a semester ticket with which they can use buses and trains throughout Hessen. This ticket is also valid on the Marburg buses, which run very regularly. It is therefore not absolutely necessary to live near the university or in the city center, because you can reach almost all important locations in less than 30 minutes.

The University of Marburg is not a campus university. This means that the institutes and lecture halls are spread all over Marburg, so your courses will not necessarily take place in the city center. For some courses (e.g. chemistry and medicine) it may even be advantageous not to live in the city center.

1.2 Time and duration of the search

Marburg is a city with a high proportion of students in the overall population. This gives Marburg a very special atmosphere that is appreciated by many. However, it also means that many students are looking for a room at the same time - at the beginning of each semester. Accordingly, a number of rooms and apartments become available at the end of each semester because many students finish their studies, continue their studies in another city, or do an internship. The best time to look for accommodation in Marburg is therefore at the end of a semester. The closer you get to the beginning of the new semester, the more difficult the search becomes. It is therefore very important that you start early and take your time with the search, as it can take several weeks before you find what you are looking for.

For some accommodation types (e.g. dormitories) you have to apply very early. You will find information on the relevant application deadlines on the respective pages in this handbook.

1.3 Personal preferences

At the beginning of a semester, many students are looking for accommodation in Marburg. Most of them naturally want a low rent, a large room, and an apartment near the university or in the city center. You probably also have your own ideas about what your new home should look like. However, there are also many people interested in very attractive rooms and apartments (e.g. large, affordable rooms in the city center). You shouldn't accept an offer that you don't like, but you should be prepared for the fact that no room can fulfill all your wishes - so be prepared to make compromises.

If you don't like your accommodation after all and would like to move again, it is advisable to take your time to look again during the semester. Although there are fewer offers during the semester, there are also fewer students looking for accommodation at this time - so the chances are often very good.

1.4 Costs

Monthly rents in Germany are divided into a so-called cold rent and a warm rent. The cold rent only includes the pure rent of a "cold" apartment, i.e. an apartment without additional costs. The warm rent includes the cold rent and the additional costs (for water, electricity, heating, waste disposal, etc.). The additional costs in private apartments are usually estimated and charged monthly. If you use less, the remaining amount will be refunded to you at the end of the following year. If you use more, you will have to pay the remaining amount as part of a service charge settlement. In these cases, this is referred to as a Nachzahlung. In addition to the cold and warm rent, there are often additional costs for telephone, internet, and television.

When you move into a room or apartment, you usually have to pay a deposit (of one to three months' rent). This deposit will be returned to you when you move out, provided the apartment is still in good condition and you have always paid your rent regularly. The deposit therefore represents security for the landlord.

!!!Scam warning!!!

It is possible that you may come into contact with fraudulent advertisements when looking for accommodation. We therefore strongly recommend that you do not send any personal information (e.g. a copy of your passport) to potential landlords before you have seen an apartment. Furthermore, you should not transfer any money before a rental agreement has been concluded and signed. For more information on this matter please visit our website.

1.5 Legal matters before and while moving in

Handover protocol

To avoid legal disputes with the landlord during or after the rental period, it is advisable to complete a handover protocol or *Übergabeprotokoll* when handing over the apartment and keys. This records the condition of the apartment when you move in so that you are not liable later for any damage that occurred before you moved in. This is particularly important in order to get the entire deposit back. When you move out, a handover protocol is filled out again. A template for this can be found [on the website of the German Tenants' Association](#).

Landlord's confirmation of residence

The landlord's confirmation of residence or *Wohnungsgeberbestätigung* is a form that landlords must issue for their tenants after they have moved in. It officially confirms that the tenants have moved into the apartment. The landlord's confirmation of residence is mandatory for registration with the residents' registration office. It is not possible to register without this document.

Registering and deregistering at the residents' registration office

All persons moving into an apartment in Marburg must register at the residents' registration office *Einwohnermeldeamt* within two weeks. In addition to an identity document (e.g. passport or European ID card), a confirmation of residence (see above) is also required for this. If you move to an apartment *outside Germany* after your stay in Marburg, you must deregister at the residents' registration office. If you are only moving within Germany, you do not need to deregister.

Residence permit

Depending on your nationality and/or the duration of your visa, certain students may need a residence permit. You can apply for this after you have successfully registered at the Residents' Registration Office. Only then is the Marburg Immigration Office responsible for you. It is important that the residence permit is applied for online before the visa expires and, in the case of visa-free entry, before the 90-day period expires.

For more information on residence permits, please visit the [website of the Deutsches Studierendenwerk](#) or [the website of the University City of Marburg](#).

Schufa information and bank account

The SCHUFA report is a document that provides information about a person's solvency and creditworthiness. Landlords often request it to ensure that the rent can be paid reliably. SCHUFA collects data on contracts, loans and payment history - for example, whether bills have been paid regularly or whether there have been payment reminders or overdue invoices. You can apply for a SCHUFA report online for a fee on the following websites of the [Sparkasse](#), [Postbank](#) or [Schufa](#).

For students without income or with little financial history, the SCHUFA report may be empty or neutral. In such cases, it usually helps to provide a guarantee (e.g. from parents) or proof of income.

2 Types of accommodation and search

2.1 Student dormitories of the Studierendenwerk

The Studierendenwerk Marburg offers student accommodation at affordable prices. The offer includes single rooms in a dormitory community, rooms in shared flats, and apartments with a private bathroom and kitchenette. Most rooms are in corridor/shared flats, where you share the kitchen, bathroom, and other communal areas with other students. The Studierendenwerk also offers special apartments for families and persons with disabilities. All accommodations are furnished.

The possibility of living in a student dormitory is well-known and popular among students, resulting in a long waiting list. Dormitory spots are allocated according to the waiting list, meaning in the order in which applications are received. It is therefore important that you submit an application as early as possible. Nevertheless, it may happen that you are not offered a room in the first one or two semesters. If the Studierendenwerk can offer you a spot, they will contact you about two months before your desired move-in date and send you the rental contract and information by email. If you agree to the offer, send two signed copies of the rental contract as well as the signed SEPA direct debit mandate by post. Alternatively, you can drop the contract documents into the mailbox in front of the Studentenhaus (Erlenring 5).

If you don't receive an offer by your desired move-in date, you will **not** automatically stay on the waiting list for the following months. To remain on the list, you can contact the Studierendenwerk by phone or email to update your desired move-in date. If you do nothing, your application will expire three months after your chosen move-in date, and your waiting time will be lost. In that case, you'll need to submit a new application and start over. To avoid this, keep track of your timeline and contact the Studierendenwerk in time to extend your place on the waiting list.

You can find the registration portal and information about the student dormitories of the Studierendenwerk Marburg on their [website](#).

2.2 Private dormitories

In addition to the halls of residence run by the Studierendenwerk, there are a number of private dormitories in Marburg that offer rooms for students. The decision on your application can take several weeks, so you should apply early. You can find more detailed information on the application procedure and the application period on the website of the respective dormitory.

Collegium Philippinum

Collegium Philippinum is a self-administered hall of residence at Philipps-Universität Marburg with a total of 39 places. Due to a wide range of financial support, the warm rents are very reasonable, but this hall of residence also has a special philosophy in which cooperation by the tenants in the hall of residence is expected. A detailed description of life in the hall of residence can be found on their [website](#).

Marburger Diakonissenhaus Hebron

The Protestant deaconry rents out some rooms on the Hebronberg. There are currently places in shared flats as well as in single rooms. The rooms are normally rented without furniture, but in an emergency it is possible to borrow furniture by arrangement. Further information can be found on their [website](#).

Vilmar House

The Protestant church in Marburg offers a total of 112 single rooms in three houses for students of all disciplines and regardless of their religious and cultural background. The rooms are each approx. 11.5m² in size. Further information can be found on their [website](#).

2.3 Private housing market

Most students in Germany do not live in dormitories, but find accommodation on the private housing market. There are a variety of different offers, which differ in room size, number of rooms, number of roommates, price, and other

things. It is very important that you think about what exactly you want to look for beforehand so that you don't lose track of the many options. It will be easier for you to find the right offer for you if you can rule out what you don't want before you start your search.

When searching the private housing market, it is generally very helpful if you are already in Marburg at the time of your search so that you can view the offers directly. This gives you the opportunity to get a better impression of the accommodation and also protects you from fraudulent offers (see fraud warning p. 6). You can find tips for accommodation while you are looking for an apartment under "Short rental periods" (p. 15).

Unlike rooms in student dormitories, rooms on the private housing market are generally rented unfurnished. An exception to this are so-called interim lets, where people rent out their room for a limited period of time (maximum 2 semesters) while they complete an internship or study abroad. Sometimes it is also possible to arrange with the previous tenant or landlord to take over individual items of furniture. You can find information on purchasing furniture at a reasonable price under "After moving in" (see Chapter 5).

2.4 Online housing platforms

General Information

In Germany, many apartments and rooms are offered by private individuals on online platforms. The people offering accommodation are usually either the landlords or the people who are currently living in the apartment (pre-tenants) or currently living there (flatmates). The advantage of these portals is that you can make direct contact with the landlords or flatmates. You can find all kinds of advertisements on the online portals, e.g. apartments, shared flats, guest rooms, or interim rentals. In addition, many of these sites are constantly updated, so you should visit them frequently to increase your chances of finding something.

Shared flats (WGs) often get a lot of requests for their room offers and then only choose a small number of people they want to meet. It is usual to make an appointment after initial contact and to visit the flat share for a so-called viewing or flat share casting. These appointments last around 15-30 minutes and are used to see if both parties can imagine living together. From the people who have visited the flat share, the flatmates choose the person who they think is best suited to them. As a rule, you should receive an acceptance or rejection within a few days after a joint appointment (you can find out more about living in shared flats in chapter 4).

Here are the most popular sites where you can find room offers:

- <https://www.wg-gesucht.de/>
- www.studenten-wg.de
- <https://www.kleinanzeigen.de/>
- www.studenten-wohnung.de

Many students post their ads online on pages like the ones above when they want to move out of an apartment or when a room becomes available in their shared flat. Not only are there a large number of offers on these sites, but they vary, too. To find the relevant offers more quickly, you can filter the ads according to various criteria. *WG-Gesucht*, for example, is very well known, so there are a lot of offers here, but also a lot of people applying for rooms. It may be that offers are only online for a few hours because there have already been many inquiries in a very short amount of time. It is therefore important that you regularly search for new offers and contact many shared flats, as this will increase your chances of being invited to a viewing or casting.

Note: So-called student fraternities and sororities, which cultivate a special form of cohabitation and select their flatmates accordingly, also advertise on all common internet portals. When you move in, you not only rent a room, but also join a mostly political community that builds on a lifelong network. There are liberal and right-wing conservative associations, but also non-political, such as musical associations. If you are interested in a

corresponding offer, you should definitely find out about the values and membership criteria of the respective organization as well as the desired cohabitation beforehand. Such advertisements are often easy to identify, as they either mention directly that they are from a student fraternity or offer very cheap rooms in large shared flats, which are mainly located near the castle.

Sample e-mail

The first point of contact is usually a phone call or email. If you write an e-mail, you should tell them a little about yourself so that they can get a first impression of whether you might be a good match for them. It's a good idea to draft a standard text that you can then quickly send, slightly adapted, to many shared flats. If there is something in the ad text that particularly appeals to you (e.g. a shared hobby), you can mention this to show that you would be a good fit for the flat share. You can also give your cell phone number so that they can call you back. If you are not yet in Germany when they contact you, you can also explain this and ask if you can get to know each other digitally via video call first.

TO: lisa@zimmer-frei.de
FROM: ana@zimmer-suchend.de
SUBJECT: Your ad on WG-Gesucht

Hello Lisa,

I really liked your ad on WG-Gesucht and it made me curious. I would therefore be delighted to get to know you and the flat share.

My name is Ana, I'm 20 years old and I come from Colombia. I'm coming to Marburg for the winter semester to study German here for a year and would like to live in a shared flat during this time. Besides university, I like to do sports, especially volleyball, and watch movies. Just like you, I love cooking and would be happy to show you Colombian dishes.

I would be happy to come and visit the flat share.

Best regards, Ana

Private room exchange

The private room exchange is managed by the Studierendenwerk, which only provides the platform. The listings are posted by private individuals, and communication takes place directly with them, not with the Studierendenwerk. Old listings are not always removed immediately. Therefore, you should carefully check the date and the rental period stated in the advertisement.

Marburger Express

The free local newspaper *Marburger Express* offers a website for apartment advertisements. Unfortunately, this site does not have a filter function, although the offers are very diverse. The advantage of this portal is that it is widely used within Marburg. However, only a few people outside Marburg know about it, so there are numerous offers but comparatively few people applying for them. The listings are constantly updated, so it is important that you regularly check for new listings. Under "Wohnen+Leben" you will find the offers.

Facebook

There are various Facebook groups in which apartment and room offers are posted. Often these offers can also be found on other websites, but sometimes there are also separate advertisements. If you use Facebook, this can be a good way to network quickly. You can also post a request in these groups, giving a little information about yourself and stating your requirements. Sometimes landlords who do not want to post a public ad respond to these requests.

Here are two examples of Facebook groups:

- Wohnungsmarkt Marburg
- Immobilienmarkt Marburg und Umgebung

Property management companies

Many apartment owners do not want to look after their properties themselves and therefore commission property management companies to do this for them. They then also take over the re-letting of an apartment if the previous tenants have given notice. However, it often takes some time for an advertisement to be published, so it can make sense to ask the property management company directly whether they have a vacant apartment. In this way, you may be able to find an apartment very quickly that has not yet been advertised.

There are a number of property management companies in Marburg. Here is a selection:

- [Hausverwaltung Reinarz](#)
- [SHG Hausverwaltung](#)
- [1A - Top - Immobilien](#)
- [HVS Marburg GmbH](#)
- [HSB Haus- und Grundstücksverwaltung GmbH](#)

GeWoBau Marburg

The city of Marburg also offers apartments, which it manages through the company GeWoBau. [On their website](#) you will find the current offers with a detailed description of the accommodation.

Other online platforms for finding accommodation

In Germany, apartments are sometimes brokered by estate agents who manage offers, conduct viewings, and conclude contracts. When renting through estate agents, you often have to provide a number of documents proving that you can pay the proposed rent.

The majority of offers made through such agencies are for complete apartments, but sometimes there are also rooms in shared flats. If you are

planning to stay in Marburg for longer, live with your family or set up your own shared flat, you can look for offers here.

The following websites are portals where both private individuals and real estate agencies publish their offers:

- www.immobilienscout24.de/
- www.immowelt.de/
- <https://www.ebay-kleinanzeigen.de/stadt/marburg/>
- www.immobilo.de/
- www.wohngemeinschaft.de/
- www.wohnungsboerse.net/

3 Short rental periods

General Information

If you will only be staying in Marburg for a few days or weeks, there are special offers for this. The portals already mentioned do not usually contain offers for rentals of less than one month. So, if you are only in Marburg for a short time for an internship, a research stay or for any other reason, you should rather look for a short-term apartment, a guest room, or perhaps even a place in a hostel. This option can also be useful as a temporary solution while you are looking for a permanent solution.

Many offers are charged per night and are relatively expensive when added up over a month. During the semester break, it can therefore be worthwhile looking on online housing exchanges for rental periods of two weeks to two months, as some students rent out their rooms while they are on vacation or doing an internship (so-called interim rent). However, there are not

usually a large number of such offers. For short periods during the semester, it is very unlikely to find accommodation for interim rent on the housing exchanges.

Shortly before the start of the semester, many students in Marburg are looking for accommodation and live in a hostel or guest room for this time. Many offers are therefore quickly fully booked during this time. If you would like to stay in Marburg during this time, you should book a room a few weeks before your arrival in Marburg if possible.

For very short stays or while you are looking for accommodation, you can also consider whether you already have friends or acquaintances in Marburg with whom you could stay for a few days. This will not only give you a place to sleep, but will also put you in touch with other students who may have a permanent room available.

Youth hostels in Marburg

Youth hostels can often provide inexpensive accommodation for short rental periods. Marburg Youth Hostel, for example, is centrally located in Marburg and offers accommodation in 1- to 6-bed rooms. At the time of publication of this brochure, the youth hostel in Marburg is closed for renovation. The reopening is currently planned for December 2025.

The Marburg One Hostel is located directly at the main railway station and offers accommodation in dormitories, private rooms and apartments.

Tourism page of the city of Marburg

On the website of Marburg Stadt und Land Tourismus GmbH you will find all the accommodation options that the city of Marburg has put together. You will find hotels, guesthouses, vacation apartments and hostels.

AirB'n'B

AirB'n'B is an online portal for private individuals who want to rent out either their entire apartment or individual rooms for a few days. You must first create an account to be able to post a request. A room offer does not automatically mean that it is actually available for the period you are looking for. Sometimes you have to clarify this directly with the person offering the room.

Couchsurfing

Couchsurfing is an online community where (often young) people offer a place to sleep in their home. These offers are usually free of charge, as the providers are interested in getting to know people from other countries and showing hospitality. You need to create an account to be able to contact potential hosts. You should also create a likeable profile so that other users get a good impression of you. One contact is no guarantee that you will be able to stay in the apartment, as the host must first check whether they can accommodate you for this period.

A stay via Couchsurfing should not normally last longer than a few days, as you are really only being accepted as a guest.

4 Living in a shared flat

General Information

The most popular form of living among students in Germany is the shared flat (WG), where a large apartment is rented together with other students. You often share the kitchen, bathroom, and living room with the other student, while each person has their own room. As there are not enough small individual apartments in many German cities, shared flats offer a good and affordable alternative. At the same time, it is also an opportunity to come into contact with other students and perhaps even make friends.

Several people live together in a shared flat, each with their own wishes and ideas. To ensure that living together works well, many shared flats try to find new flatmates who suit them. In addition, you have to agree on certain rules in a shared flat so that everyone enjoys living together. The following points are some examples of typical rules. However, there are many more areas in which there can be rules (e.g. waste separation, shared flat parties, etc.). As these rules can vary greatly between shared flats, you should ask how life in the shared flat is organized during the viewing or casting, so that you can then decide whether you can imagine living there.

Shared vs. functional shared flats: shared flats can be very different in the way they live together. Some shared flats find it very important to spend a lot of time together, go to parties together, organize game nights or cook together. Other shared flats spend very little or no time together and only live together because it is often cheaper or because they have not found another apartment. Shared flats in which little time is spent together are referred to as functional shared flats (Zweck-WGs).

When looking for a room in a shared flat, you should consider whether you want to spend a lot of time with your flatmates or whether you would prefer to live alone and independently. Many shared flats already state in their advertisements what kind of shared flat life they are looking for. However, these descriptions are based on the self-assessments of the flatmates, so a similar description can mean different realities. The best impression of living together is gained during the viewing or the WG casting. You should therefore pay attention to the statements about living in a shared flat, but do not let them prevent you from applying. However, the phrase "not a Zweck-WG" always means that there is an interest in communal living in the shared flat.

Shared flat fund

Irrespective of the question of communal living, shared flats differ in terms of communal shopping. In some shared flats, all groceries and everyday items are paid for from the so-called shared flat fund *WG-Kasse*, into which everyone pays regularly. In most shared flats, however, grocery shopping is separated so that each person buys the food they want themselves and puts it in their own

compartments and shelves, while basic items (e.g. cleaning products, oil, salt) are bought together.

Cleaning schedules and winter maintenance

When different people live together, they also have different ideas about hygiene and cleanliness. Many shared apartments therefore have a cleaning plan that regulates who cleans which part of the apartment and when. There are often special rules for dishwashing that are independent of the cleaning schedule. Sometimes the cleaning schedule also includes other services in the house, such as cleaning stairs, putting out garbage cans or winter maintenance.

In some houses, services that have to be carried out in the house, such as cleaning stairs, putting out garbage cans or winter maintenance, are divided up. The winter service involves shoveling snow from the sidewalk in front of the front door in winter or spreading salt to prevent slipperiness and slipping. In some apartments and houses, this winter service is something that the tenants have to do. However, there are also apartments where these tasks are carried out by the janitor. However, this information must be obtained from the landlord. The removal of snow and ice in particular is very important and should not be forgotten if it is not taken over by a janitor or the city. If someone slips in front of the house and injures themselves, the tenants can be held responsible and may even have to cover the medical treatment costs.

Smoking

Many advertisements for rooms in shared flats include a note on how to deal with smoking. Some shared apartments allow smoking in the entire apartment, while others only allow smoking in certain rooms (e.g., in your own room). Other shared apartments generally do not want people to smoke in the apartment, neither in communal areas nor in their own room.

5 Furniture and More

As many rooms are rented unfurnished, many students are faced with the question of how to buy furniture at a reasonable price. The large furniture stores in Marburg and the surrounding area offer new, but also expensive furniture. There are therefore also numerous opportunities to buy furniture and other furnishings cheaply and possibly second-hand.

Marburger Express

On the website of the local newspaper Marburger Express there are many advertisements for furniture and household goods in addition to apartment and room advertisements under the heading "Wohnen+ Leben". The offers can be found under the category "Möbel/Hausrat".

Flea and flea markets

There are regular flea markets in Marburg where private individuals sell their old or unused items. Here you can also try to negotiate with the seller to get a better price. You can find an overview of flea markets and farmers markets in Marburg on the website of Marburg Stadt und Land Tourismus GmbH.

Kleinanzeigen

You can find many offers for furnishings on Kleinanzeigen.de. If you enter Marburg as the location, you will find all offers in the surrounding area. You should pay particular attention to how far away the people selling the furniture live from you so that you don't have to travel long distances with a large piece of furniture.

Praxis GmbH

Praxis GmbH is a non-profit employment and education company that focuses on giving unemployed people a good job. As part of this commitment, it runs a second-hand department store where you can buy used furniture and more. Praxis GmbH also sells used electrical appliances.

Support from the neighborhood

Another good tip is to look out for neighborhood groups. The "Solidarburg", for example, organizes a "Leihbar" where people can borrow tools or other useful items. There are also local Facebook and Telegram groups where furniture and household items are given away and information is exchanged. The offers are often only current for a short time, so it is important to be quick. The portal nebenan.de lists cheap or free items that can be given away. Posts are also made there to offer help or to find people who have the same interests. In addition, many Marburg residents put things on the street to give away, which anyone can take. Look out for a sign saying "Zum Verschenken" or "Zum Mitnehmen".

6 Legal matters after moving in

Broadcasting fees

In Germany, every household pays a broadcasting fee, which is used to finance public radio and television programs and internet services. After registering your apartment at the city, you will usually receive a letter from with further details. In a shared flat it is sufficient to pay a joint contribution. You can find more information about the broadcasting fee here.

House rules and regulations

House rules or *Hausordnung* in Germany regulate how tenants and landlords have to behave. These often relate to how the rented property is treated, but also to human behavior, such as getting a good night's sleep. Regular ventilation or *Lüften* can be regulated in the house rules, for example. Due to the damp and often cool weather in Germany, ventilation is particularly important in order to avoid the formation of mold in the apartment, which is harmful to health. As this is a frequent point of contention between tenants and landlords, it is essential to observe the rules on correct heating and ventilation. Depending on the building, either janitors or tenants are responsible for putting out garbage cans. This is also regulated in the house rules or the tenancy agreement. The city of Marburg has a calendar that regulates when which garbage cans are emptied.

7 List of Abbreviations

2-Zi-Whg	2-room apartment
Abstellk	storeroom
Blk / Balk.	balcony
DG	under the roof/ attic rooms
D	hall
DU	shower
EBK	fitted kitchen
EFH	single family house
EG	ground floor
EB	first tenancy
G-WC	separate toilet for guests
HK	heating costs
HH	high-rise building
KM	rent excl. utilities costs such as heating, cable TV, cleaning of communal areas, waste removal etc.
Kaution	deposit
Keine zusätzl. Prov.	no additional commission
KDB	kitchen, hall, bathroom
MM	monthly rent
NK / NBK	additional costs such as heating, cable TV, cleaning
	of shared areas, waste removal etc.
NR	non-smoker
OG	top floor
RH	terraced house
Stellpl.	parking space
TG	underground parking
TL	bathroom with natural light
warm/MM	rent incl. all utilities costs such as heating, cable TV, cleaning of communal areas, waste removal etc.
Wfl .	floor area
WG	shared accommodation
WK	open-plan kitchen
ZH	central heating

8 Conclusion

We hope that this handbook has given you an understanding of the topic of housing. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us by e-mail: wohnen-international@uni-marburg.de

For further information, you can also visit the following websites, e.g. DAAD or Deutsches Studierendenwerk:

<https://www.daad.de/de/in-deutschland-studieren/leben-in-deutschland/wohnen/>

<https://www.internationale-studierende.de/fragen-zur-vorbereitung/wohnen>

<https://www.studierendenwerke.de/en/topics/accomodation/tips-for-finding-accommodation>