Welcome to Dresden!

While adapting to your new home you will have to fulfil several obligations, depending on your nationality, purpose and period of stay.

The DRESDEN-concept Welcome Center at TU Dresden will be glad to assist you with the formal integration such as registration, residence permit and child care application. We invite you to contact us at welcome.center@tu-dresden.de if you have any questions concerning the steps listed below.

If you prefer to do the “paperwork” yourself, our checklist may help you to do everything in the correct order and keep all important issues in mind.

Your DRESDEN-concept Welcome Center at TU Dresden team
CHECKLIST BEFORE ARRIVAL

Step 1  As early as possible
Sign your cooperation agreement with TU Dresden (TUD) or external research institute/apply at the TUD as a PhD student (enrolment)

asisted by: your faculty; HR department of your research institute;
DRESDEN-concept Welcome Center at TU Dresden

Step 2  Three months before leaving your country of residence
Apply for visa at the German embassy or consulate in your country of residence

asisted by: DRESDEN-concept Welcome Center at TU

Step 3  Two months before leaving
Health insurance:
- EU-citizens: Apply for European Health Insurance Card, if necessary
- Non-EU citizens: Apply for a health insurance, which will be accepted in Germany. Please contact the TUD Welcome Center for detailed information

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Step 4  Continuously
Collect important documents in original, order legalization or “Apostille” for marriage or birth certificates, if your family is going to join you (further information)

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Step 5  As soon as you know your arrival date
Home search for temporary stay

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CHECKLIST AFTER ARRIVAL 1/4

Step 1

Week 1
Registration
You need:
• passport
• rental agreement and „Wohnungsgeberbescheinigung“ - landlord confirmation
• birth certificate of kids + German translation of it
You receive: “Meldebestätigung” and automatically about four weeks later via mail your Tax-ID

more: waiting line without appointment at the Central Passport and Registration Office (“Bürgerbüro”), Theaterstraße 11, room 008 or on appointment: at the “Dresden Welcome Center,” Schweriner Straße 1

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Step 2

One week after step 1
Ask for an appointment to apply for residence permit
Write an e-mail to termin.auslaenderbehoerde@dresden.de, stating:
• name & surname
• date & place of birth
• expiry date of the entry visa or arrival date
• purpose of your stay
You receive: appointment, list of required documents

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Step 3

After step 1
Sign your contract of employment and/or enroll at TU Dresden
Work contract: recruitment documents of the HR department
Enrolment: follow directions on website of the TU Dresden International Office

Regarding work contract: contact your supervisor, secretary, colleagues at the institute, HR department

Regarding enrolment: TU Dresden International Office

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CHECKLIST AFTER ARRIVAL 2/4

Step 4  
**After steps 1 and 3**

Open a bank account
You need: passport, “Meldebestätigung” (**step 1**), letter of acceptance or enrolment certificate/contract of employment

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Step 5  
**After step 1 and 4**

Non-EU citizens: take out a German health insurance
You need:
- Passport + passport-size photo
- “Meldebestätigung” (**step 1**)
- Letter of acceptance or enrolment certificate/contract of employment
- (certificate of previous health insurance)

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Step 6  
**After step 1**

Contract other insurances (e.g. liability insurance)
You need: personal data

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Step 7  
**As soon as possible**

Home search (permanent accommodation for long-term stay)
You need:
- personal data
- proof of income
- residence permit

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### CHECKLIST AFTER ARRIVAL 3/4

**Step 8**  
**After step 1 and 7 (school is compulsory in Germany)**  
Apply for kindergarten and school  
Kindergarten:  
- Application form for municipal or private kindergartens  
- “Meldebestätigung” (*step 1*)  
- Physician’s certificate of health  
School:  
- School reports  
- “Meldebestätigung” (*step 1*)  

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**Step 9**  
**Continuously until appointment for the eAT**  
Non-EU citizens: prepare documents for the application for the residence permit (eAT)  
You need: See the list in the e-mail from the Department of State and Foreign Affairs („Ausländerbehörde“)!  

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**Step 10**  
**After finding a permanent apartment**  
**Re-Registration**  
You need: Passport, rental agreement  

*more:* When renting an apartment: register your new address with the Central Passport and Registration Office (“Bürgerbüro”)  

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CHECKLIST AFTER ARRIVAL 4/4

Step 11  After finding a permanent apartment
Utilities (electricity, water, gas, TV, internet, phone)
You need:
• Personal data
• Rental agreement
• Relevant meter readings from apartment handover report

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Step 12  After step 1/no later than 3 months after arrival
Translate or obtain your national driving license
You need:
• Driving license
• Passport & biometrical photo
• Confirmation of the Department of State and Foreign Affairs that you have moved to Germany for the first time
• Translation of the driver’s license (by accredited translator)
• Certificate of a first-aid course & an eye examination
• … (depends on country of origin)

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