

Checklist – Immediately after your arrival

	Register your address (Anmeldung) within 14 days at the local Bürgeramt (citizen's office).
	Required documents: Passport, rental contract, landlord confirmation (Wohnungsgeberbestätigung).
	Get your Meldebescheinigung (registration certificate) – needed for bank accounts, taxes, and
_	insurance. Apply for a residence permit at the local <u>Ausländerbehörde</u> (foreigners' office) if not already covered
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Health Insurance Confirmation	
	Finalize public/private health insurance enrollment (if not done before arrival).
	Public insurance: Employer often registers you, but confirm coverage.
	Private insurance: Provide proof to your employer/university.
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Bank Account	
	Open a German bank account if you haven't yet (bring passport, Anmeldung certificate, work
	contract).
	Link your account to salary payments and health insurance.
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Tax and Social Security Registration	
	Obtain your tax ID (Steueridentifikationsnummer) from the Finanzamt (tax office) by post, this will
	happen automatically after your registration.
	If employed, your employer registers you for social security (Sozialversicherung).
	If you need a church tax exemption, file a request at the Finanzamt.
Work and Employment Formalities	
	Ensure your work contract is signed and valid.
	If applicable, register with a pension scheme (mandatory for employees, optional for short-term
	researchers).
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Miscellaneous	
	Get a German phone number (prepaid or contract).
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