

How to find a private room in Aachen...

Webpages mostly known and used by students

- www.wg-gesucht.de
- www.studenten-wg.de
- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/420521734669396/> - RWTH Aachen WG-Börse
- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/174428701783/> - INCAS
- <http://www.campuslife.de/anzeigen> - choose Kategorie-Wohnungen
- <https://groups.google.com/forum/?hl=de&fromgroups#!forum/oec/her.wohnungsmarkt>
- <http://aachen.homecompany.de/search-for-accommodation> - Home Company
- <http://www.wg-liste.de/aachen/>

Commercial webpages

- Be careful with „Provision“ (a German word for „comission“). On the following pages a lot of agents public their offers and normally they would like to have some additional payment for that. To avoid giving away a lot of money, make sure if the offer is „Provisionsfrei“ (e.g. „comission-free“)
 - http://www.immobilienscout24.de/de/finden/wohnen/wohnung_miete/index.jsp
 - <http://www.kalaydo.de/immobilien/>
 - <http://www.immonet.de/>
 - <http://www.immowelt.de/>
 - <http://www.immobilo.de/>

Additional options

- <http://www.stwkhg.de/index.php/wohnen.html> - Studentenwerk der Katholischen Hochschulgemeinde Aachen e.V. (this is the Catholic community of Aachen, but being a Catholic is not obligatory to apply for a place in this dorm!)
- Wohnduo: Option to live at (older) people's places in Aachen. The rent might be quite cheap, but they expect you to spend some time with the landlord/the landlady, help with the household, buy food etc.:
<http://www.studentenwerk-aachen.de/wohnen/wohnduo.asp>
- Private dorms:
 - <http://www.hess-partner.de/newton/index.html> - Newton Appartments
 - www.prestep.de
 - <http://www.campus-living.de/>,
https://www.facebook.com/campus.living.10?hc_location=stream

Useful German

- Hausverwaltung – Property Management
- WG (=Wohngemeinschaft): A flat shared among several people. Normally everyone has his/her room, but the kitchen and the toilet/ bathroom are shared
- Vermieter - Landlord
- Miete = rent
 - Miete „kalt“ – rent amount without prices for electricity, gas etc.
 - Miete „warm“ – rent amount incl. prices for electricity, gas etc.
 - Normally at the end of the year the costs and consume will be compared and you either have to pay more or get some money back
- Untermiete – Subrent
- Kautio – deposit. You should pay 1-2 monthly rents (normally „kalt“) for „security“. If you move out and leave the flat clean and without damages, you will get this money back

Some advices

- It might be difficult to find a flat when searching from abroad. In case you did not find any other options, try to:
 - Find at least a place for „Untermiete“ (subrent) –you can live in someone’s room or flat for a relative short period of time (2 weeks – 6 months). It is cheaper than a hostel and normally people also agree to skype with you and/or communicate on the Facebook
 - First live in a hostel and during this time visit flats which you are interested in. (Please check our information about hostels at <http://www.master-mechanical-engineering.com/content/accommodation>)
- **If you found an interesting offer, call or e-mail the landlord ASAP!**
- **If you are a Non-EU citizen**, be careful with the accommodation offers outside of Germany. Aachen is very close to Belgium and the Netherlands, but living there may bring to problems with the German Immigration Office

Good luck!

We hope this presentation was helpful for you and wish you good luck with the search!

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