

What are the rules for students and trainees?

When you move into the first flat of your own, into student accommodation or an apartment-sharing community, you will encounter the licence fee for the first time. Here's what you need to know:



One residence – one licence fee

Whether you live in an apartment-sharing community or in a room in a student hall: **One licence fee must be paid per residence.** It does not matter how many people live in the residence. Whether you own receiver devices or how many of them you own makes no difference.



Four payment dates per year

The licence fee is currently **18.36 euros per month**. You must pay it **every three months**, always on the 15th of the month in the middle of the payment period. On this date, all three monthly fees of 18.36 euros are due – **a total of 55.08 euros**.

Tip: Set up a **direct debit** procedure and payments will be made automatically.



Residence registration

You or someone you live with must **register the residence** with the contribution service. The other people living in the residence do not need to pay themselves if they provide the licence fee number of the person paying.

Note: if the person registered moves, they take their licence fee number with them. Another person will then need to register the residence in their name.



Exemptions for students and trainees receiving financial assistance

If you receive social benefits such as **federal education and training assistance (BAföG)** or **vocational training assistance (Berufsausbildungsbeihilfe)**, you can, in general, file a **request for exemption**. This also applies to **spouses and registered partners in the apartment**, but **not to flatmates**. The entire residence can only be exempted from the requirement to pay the licence fee if all occupants fulfil the requirements for exemption.



Semester abroad

In the event of a **temporary stay abroad**, you can **de-register your contribution account temporarily** if you are **subletting the entire residence**. You must enclose the subletting agreement with the de-registration form. The person who is subletting your apartment must then **register the residence with the contribution service** themselves.

Tip: It is easier to include the licence fee in the subletting fee or to make an agreement with the subtenant.



For more information, registration and application forms, visit:
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