You have received your official confirmation of admission (congratulations!) and you are now about to embark on a whole new phase in your life.

This raises many issues: for example, “where to live” will now be an important question for many of you.

1. Basic information about the housing situation in Munich:

The Munich housing market is tough and highly competitive!

You may well have been confronted with this phenomenon more than once in course of your search.

This information folder aims to provide students with a helpful guide on finding suitable housing in Munich as quickly as possible.

Our main task is to support the double year group of G8/G9 school leavers from the Bavarian education system in finding a place to live.

You will find initial information on the topic of housing at [http://portal.mytum.de/studium/soziales/wohnen/index.html](http://portal.mytum.de/studium/soziales/wohnen/index.html)

An important contact point is the private room service provided by the Munich "Studentenwerk" (student union) on Leopoldstrasse.

[http://www.studentenwerk-muenchen.de/wohnen/vermittlung-von-privatzimmern](http://www.studentenwerk-muenchen.de/wohnen/vermittlung-von-privatzimmern)

As a member of a Munich university (also online when applying for an identifier and password) it is possible to obtain all types of housing offers here (theoretically it is even possible to contact landlords while you are still in another city and negotiate a binding contract by, for example, through photos of the properties sent by e-mail etc.).

[http://www.studentenwerk-muenchen.de/wohnen/](http://www.studentenwerk-muenchen.de/wohnen/)

2. Property links for you to run your own search

* [www.wg-gesucht.de](http://www.wg-gesucht.de) (only offers without agent’s fee)

* [www.studenten-wg.de](http://www.studenten-wg.de) (only offers without agent’s fee)
* [www.studenten-wohnung.de](http://www.studenten-wohnung.de) (frequently offers without agent’s fee)

* [www.quoka.de](http://www.quoka.de) (Munich rentals - very large housing market)

* [www.Immobiliensocut24.de](http://www.Immobiliensocut24.de) (Germany’s largest and best-known housing link)

* [www.immowelt.de](http://www.immowelt.de)

* [www.myimmo.de](http://www.myimmo.de) (here you can search specifically for offers without an agent’s fee)

* [www.wohnung-jetzt.de](http://www.wohnung-jetzt.de) (special search link for student apartments)

* [www.wohnungsmarkt24.de](http://www.wohnungsmarkt24.de) (some offers without agent's fee)

**www.muenchen.de**

It is certainly worth taking a look at the "Housing" section on the City of Munich website:

http://www.muenchen.de/Sadtleben/Jugend/Infos_und-Beratung/Wohnen/90615/00awohnungssuche.html

**www.munichx.de**

In addition to a wide range of interesting and important information about Munich, munichx.de also offers a particularly large flat-sharing platform (it claims to be the largest in the world!), as well as other housing options.

The link is: [http://www.munichx.de/wohnen/wg/zimmersuche/m%C3%BCnchen.php](http://www.munichx.de/wohnen/wg/zimmersuche/m%C3%BCnchen.php)

For a summary of the various main housing websites and further information on the subject of housing, see:

[www.immobilenportale.com](http://www.immobilenportale.com)
3. Special situation - Garching

For information on the housing situation (especially for students) in Garching see:

http://www.garching.de/forschungs_hochschulstandort/wohnungen_fuer_studenten

4. Housing agencies

One way to avoid the enormous competition on the housing market at large would be to go through a housing agency.

Here you have the clear advantage that you receive "exclusive" (often until you have found what you are looking for), independent housing offers with landlord contact details, often located in the best areas of Munich and frequently acceptable in terms of rent - in all possible categories and variations.

It should be noted that such agencies charge a fee (in German "Provision") - as is the case with many offers on the market at large, too.

The fees charged by such housing agencies are a good deal less than the usual real estate agent’s fee charged on the regular rental market.

Another important point is that housing agencies often allow rentals of very short periods (short-term stays of week, months and sometimes even days). This type of option is recommended if there is very limited time. It is also a good option if someone prefers to pay a one-off fee (with some agencies no more than one month’s rent, with others a maximum of one and half months' rent) for the chance to live in (even long-term) in one of the best districts of Munich (Schwabing, Lehel, Maxvorstadt,..).

Examples of this type of agency are as follows:

- Citymitwohnzentrale (www.mitwohn.org)
- Statthotel (www.statthotel.de)
- Mr. Living (www.mwz-munich.de)
- Mr. Lodge (www.mr.lodge.de)

5. Final note
To find what you are looking for, it especially important to be prepared to put in a lot of time and effort - sometimes it can take months (worst case scenario), as is stated elsewhere on the TUM homepage.

If after two or three weeks you notice that you are not making progress despite repeated efforts using the help offered here, please contact us.

We will then attempt to provide you with more concrete, individual advice.

We wish you all the best in your search. If and when you get a place, please let us know briefly for statistical purposes.

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