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#### Search for a flat

# Start looking for a flat

Finding your own flat in Augsburg is currently very difficult for everyone, including new immigrants. It sometimes takes several months to find a suitable flat.

# Before you start looking for a flat, think about it:

- What exactly are you looking for (own flat, room in a shared flat)?
- How high can the rent be (upper rent limits, see also Rent/tenancy agreement)?
- What requirements does the flat have to fulfil (size, location, disabled access, etc.)?
- You can find a TODO list for finding accommodation here

# **Understanding a flat advert**

Landlords often use abbreviations when advertising flats. Here you will find a list of all the important <u>abbreviations</u>. This will help you understand the adverts better.

## Do you need help?

Then contact the following organisations:

<u>Wohnbüro</u>

Wohnprojekt Augsburg

# Keywords: flat search, room search, flat adverts, find a flat, flat search, flat advice

# Search via newspaper

### Where can you find flats?

Many landlords advertise their flats in the daily newspapers

# **Augsburger Allgemeine (AZ)**

You can find the newspaper here

You can find property adverts every Wednesday and Saturday here

### Augsburger Stadtzeitung and das Augsburg Extra

Property adverts appear free of charge every Wednesday

Keywords: flat adverts, flat advertisements, flat rental, rental offers, search for a flat, find a flat



#### Search on the Internet

## Where can you find flats?

Most rental offers can be found on the Internet. There are many websites where you can search for flats.

Here you will find a few examples of housing exchanges:

- **₩ohnungsbörse**
- **⊘**Immowelt
- **Immonet**
- **Ebay-Kleinanzeigen**

Keywords: property exchange, online portals, apartment adverts, flat advertisements, flat rentals, rental offers

#### Search on Facebook

#### Where can I find flats?

There are also groups and pages on Facebook where flats are offered, for example:

- WG & Wohnung Augsburg gesucht
- Wohnungen von Privat für Privat in Augsburg
- · Wohnung mieten in Augsburg
- · Wohnung Augsburg mieten Wohnungsmarkt
- Nachmieter Augsburg Mietwohnung & Wohnungssuche

To find other groups or pages, you can enter the following terms in the search field: Wohnung Augsburg, Flat Augsburg, Mietwohnung Augsburg, Zimmer frei Augsburg, Mieten Augsburg

Keywords: search for flat, find flat

Registration with housing associations

# What are housing associations?

- Housing associations and housing co-operatives offer flats.
- These flats are sometimes slightly cheaper than other flats.

There are several such organisations in Augsburg. It is worth contacting them. You can fill out online forms with many of them.

**S**You can find a list of possible providers and their contact details <u>here</u>



Register with the organisations. They often have waiting lists.

# Keywords: Wohnungsbaugesellschaft, Siedlungsbaugenossenschaft, flat search, flat find, rental flat

Sozialwohnungen/Wohnberechtigungsschein (WBS)

# What is social housing?

- Social housing is housing for people with little money. Many people would like to move into these flats. That is why there are special regulations.
- It sometimes takes several years before you get a council flat.

**Important:** Only complete the application form for social housing in full.

# I would like social housing. What do I have to do?

- You apply for the pre-registration certificate at the Housing and Foundation Office.
- The office will check whether you are entitled to social housing.
- The office will determine your personal urgency level.

You will receive a certain number of points depending on your social urgency. You can find this on Wohnberechtigungsschein, which will be sent to you by post.

You can find more information here

# Where can I get a Vormerkschein or a WBS?

#### Contact us

Stadt Augsburg
Wohnungs- und Stiftungsamt

Mittlerer Lech 5, 86150 Augsburg

You can download the form for WBS/Vormerkschein here

You can find more information on social housing here

# Keywords: social housing, Vormerkschein, Wohnberechtigungsschein (WBS), affordable housing

WG (shared flat)

# What are shared flats (Wohngemeinschaften)?

Shared flats are a special form of cohabitation.



- Especially if you are looking for a flat on your own, a shared flat can be a good alternative to your own flat.
- Living in a shared flat means that you share a flat with other (often young) people. Everyone has their own room. You only share the communal areas such as the bathroom, kitchen or living room.
- You can find available rooms in shared flats on Facebook pages or groups, for example. You can find an example here: "WG & Wohnung Augsburg gesucht".

A good overview of the individual and special features as well as illustrative videos from a shared flat can be found here

# Keywords: Shared flat, Wohngemeinschaft, Living together

# Flat viewing

# What do I need for a flat viewing?

There are currently very few flats available in Augsburg. Many people are applying for these flats at the same time. You should therefore obtain all the important documents in good time. This includes SCHUFA information or tenant self-disclosure. If you have these documents with you, this can increase your chances of getting a flat.

 $\mathbb{Q}$  Create an "application folder" with all the documents. This way you have everything in one place.

# The application folder should contain the following documents:

- Cover letter (who am I/we are, what do I do for a living, how old are my children, why would I like to rent the flat)
- Tenant self-disclosure
- Copy of identity card or residence permit (note: copy front and back)
- · Copy of the notice from the job centre or social welfare office if you are not working
- · Proof of salary for the last three months if you are working
- Copy of the Schufa credit report
- Copy of no rent arrears
- · Proof of liability insurance

Here you will find templates and important links for your application portfolio.

**Keywords: Rental documents** 

