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Welcome to the district of Soest

Greetings from the District Administrator

Dear citizens,

In the globalised world in which we live, people of different origins are without doubt an enrichment for our circle. At the same time, this cultural diversity also presents us all with some challenges.

On the one hand, as a new immigrant you have certain rights, but also obligations that you must fulfil in order to integrate into German society. Finding one's way in a foreign country is often a question of coming to terms with one's own identity and with the norms and values that have been lived up to now. On the other hand, we as locals also have to overcome many inhibitions such as fear of the unknown and of change. This requires a lot of curiosity, tolerance and openness from both sides!

We offer you this app as an information and contact platform. It offers useful information and contact addresses in clearly structured subject areas.

We ask you to use the platform, look for contacts, give us feedback and up-to-date information so that the good cooperation that has been established can be further advanced.

I wish that the district of Soest becomes our common home for all of us, regardless of origin and nationality.

Eva Irrgang

District Administrator of the District of Soest

Municipal Integration Centre

The Municipal Integration Centre (KI) is part of a network. The network promotes the integration of people with a migrant background. The KI was established in the district of Soest in 2012.

The basis for the work of the KI is the concept "At home in the district of Soest". This was developed in 2013.

The employees are committed to the participation of people with a migrant background in social life in a variety of ways. In the spirit of a culture of welcome and recognition, the KI promotes respectful interaction with one another.

The employees coordinate, advise and support. The services are accepted by local authorities and educational institutions as well as volunteers.

You can find contact details [here](#).



District of Soest

Interesting facts about the district of Soest

The district of Soest was created from the districts of Lippstadt and Soest and the Warstein office of the Arnsberg district with the municipal reorganisation in 1975. With over 300,000 inhabitants, its total area makes it the fourth largest district in North Rhine-Westphalia. Approximately 74,000 people in the district have a migration background, which corresponds to around 1/4 of the population. The district of Soest is one of the largest rural districts in the country with a considerable infrastructure. There are two official car licence plates. LP (stands for Lippstadt) and SO (Soest).

The traditional Hellweg runs through the centre of the district. In terms of landscape, the district is characterised by a great variety between the Münsterland parkland and the beginning Sauerland. The region also has a lot to offer tourists. Wonderful hiking trails, cycle paths and bridleways lead through unspoilt nature. Water sports of all kinds are possible on the lakes and rivers. The region can also be explored from the air.

The 14 towns and municipalities in the district offer a high quality of life for every generation. Culture and history can be found everywhere. The district of Soest has proven to be a dynamic growth region in terms of turnover, production and exports. A solid economic structure and good transport connections support this development.

The district of Soest is part of local self-government with the district council and the district administration. In addition to the direct responsibilities of the 14 towns and municipalities, it sees itself as their partner. The district administration is based in the town of Soest. The district administrator is the representative of the district of Soest. She is directly elected by the citizens. As a full-time district administrator, she heads the district administration and represents the district of Soest. She also heads the district police authority on behalf of the state of NRW.

Cities and municipalities

Here you will find the contact addresses of the towns and municipalities in the district of Soest.

If you click on the names of the towns and municipalities, a map with all the contact information will open.

[Anröchte](#)

[Bad Sassendorf](#)

[Ense](#)

[Erwitte](#)

[Geseke](#)

[Lippetal](#)

[Lippstadt](#)

[Möhnesee](#)

[Rüthen](#)

[Soest](#)

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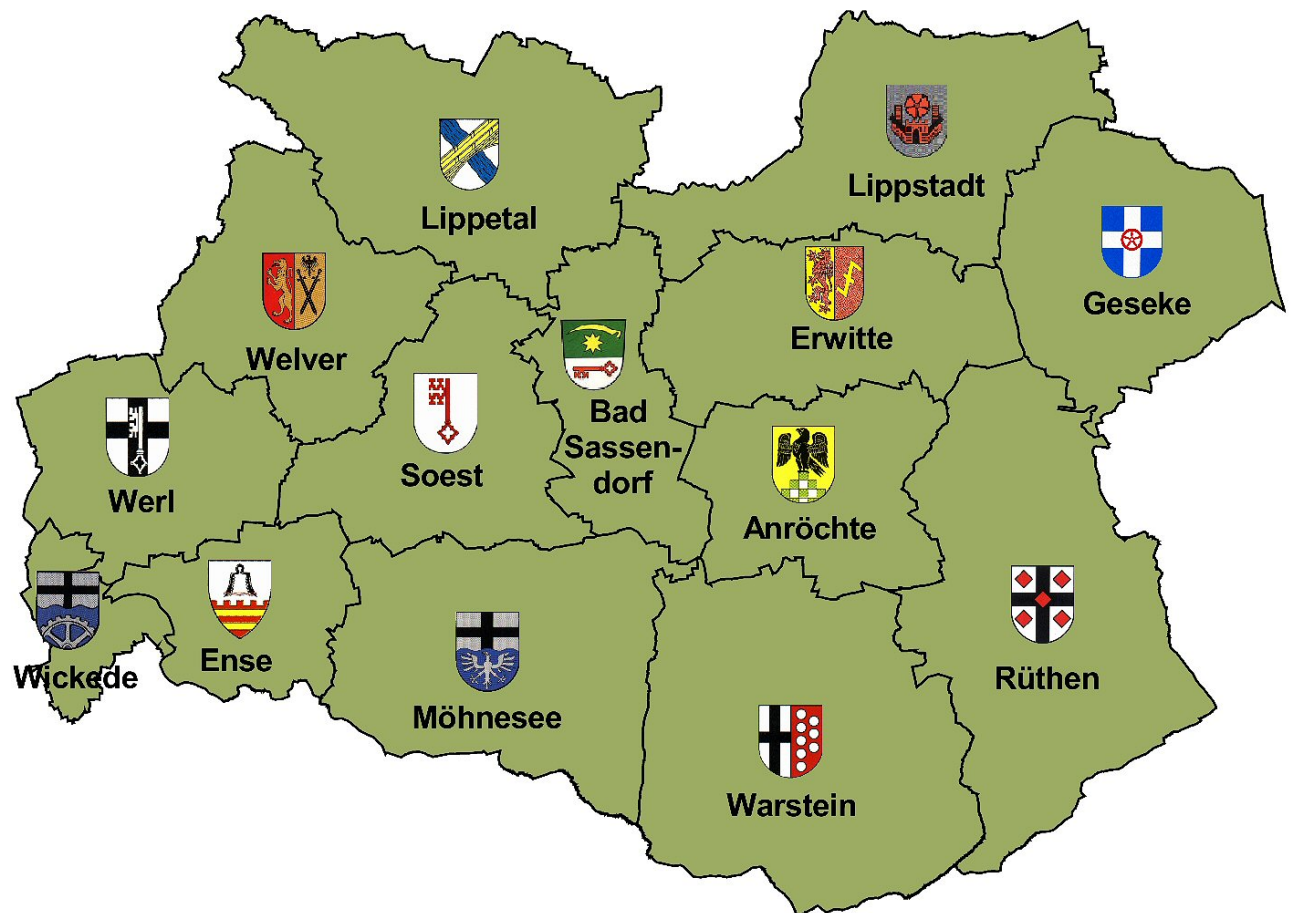
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District map

Here you will find an overview of the 14 towns and municipalities in the district of Soest:



Important offices

Job centre

If you are unemployed and in need of help, you can contact the job centre.

They can help you both financially and in your search for a job or training opportunity. If, for example, you would like to take part in a language course or need career counselling or certificate recognition, the job centre can help you.

🗣️ Job Centre staff are not allowed to pass on any information about customers. A power of attorney is required as a voluntary accompanying person, which must be completed in full and signed by both parties.

Contact

Jobcentre AHA Kreis Soest - Lippstadt location

for customers from Lippstadt, Erwitte, Geseke and Anröchte

📍 [Am Siek 18-22, 59557 Lippstadt](#)
 ☎ [02921106500](tel:02921106500) (InfoCentre)
 @ jobcenter-Soest.Lippstadt@jobcenter-ge.de
 🌐 www.jobcenter-soest.de

Job Centre AHA District of Soest - Soest location

for customers from Soest, Bad Sassendorf, Möhnesee, Welver and Lippetal

📍 [Paradieser Weg 2, 59494 Soest](#)
 ☎ [02921106500](tel:02921106500) (InfoCentre)
 @ jobcenter-Soest@jobcenter-ge.de
 🌐 www.jobcenter-soest.de

Job Centre AHA District of Soest - Warstein location

for customers from Warstein and Rüthen

📍 [Bahnhofstraße 10, 59581 Warstein](#)
 ☎ [02921106500](tel:02921106500) (InfoCentre)
 @ jobcenter-Soest.Warstein@jobcenter-ge.de
 🌐 www.jobcenter-soest.de

Job Centre AHA Kreis Soest - Werl location

for customers from Werl, Ense and Wickede (Ruhr)


📍 [Alter Markt 3, 59457 Werl](#)
 ☎ [02921106500](tel:02921106500) (InfoCentre)
 @ jobcenter-Soest.Werl@jobcenter-ge.de
 🌐 www.jobcenter-soest.de

Employment Agency






The Federal Employment Agency is responsible for everything to do with employment. For example, if you are looking for a job, need help choosing a career in Germany or need your qualifications recognised, the Employment Agency is your point of contact.

Employment Agency Meschede - Soest - Lippstadt location






📍 [Geiststraße 20, 59555 Lippstadt](#)
 ☎ [08004555500](tel:08004555500)

 [02921106200](tel:02921106200)
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 www.arbeitsagentur.de






Employment Agency Meschede - Soest - Soest location

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 @Meschede-Soest@arbeitsagentur.de
 www.arbeitsagentur.de

Employment Agency Meschede - Soest - Warstein location

 [Bahnhofstraße 18, 59581 Warstein](#)
 [08004555500](tel:08004555500)
 [02921106200](tel:02921106200)
 @Warstein@arbeitsagentur.de
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Employment Agency Meschede - Soest - Werl location

 [Steinerstraße 5-7, 59457 Werl](#)
 [08004555500](tel:08004555500)
 [02921106200](tel:02921106200)
 @Werl@arbeitsagentur.de
 www.arbeitsagentur.de

Social welfare office

The social welfare office is responsible for providing social assistance. This includes the following benefits:

- Basic security in old age and in the event of reduced earning capacity
- Care assistance
- Assistance with living expenses
- Integration assistance for disabled people
- Assistance to overcome particular social difficulties
- Assistance with health
- Assistance in other life situations

The Social Welfare Office will advise and support you in all matters relating to these topics.

The social welfare office will ask you about your financial circumstances. You will therefore have to show whether you have any valuables such as jewellery or money. You will sign some documents and declarations. Please bring all your papers with you. All persons who are registered on your residence permit must accompany you to the appointment.

You will also receive the cheque for your living expenses here. You can exchange the cheque for cash (euros) at the bank. Please note that this money must last until your next appointment with the social welfare office (approx. 1 month). You will not receive any money until your next appointment with the Social Welfare Office.

The Social Welfare Office is your contact for the following issues:

- Vouchers for initial baby equipment and for your child's school supplies
- Money for train tickets to interview appointments
- Sickness certificates, authorisation for operations and other medical measures
- Education and participation package (BUT)
- Activity and employment programme
- Applications for redistribution, exemption from compulsory housing

Here you will find the contact details of the social welfare office in your place of residence.

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[Wolver](#)

[Werl](#)

[Wickede \(Ruhr\)](#)

Registry office

The registry office has many tasks. You will need to contact the registry office in many situations in your life. For example, after the birth of a child, for a marriage or in the event of a death.

Here you can see other tasks:

- Notarisation of births and deaths
- Marriages and civil partnerships
- Acceptance of church resignations
- Name changes

- Issuing certificates (birth certificate, death certificate, marriage certificate)

Here you will find the contact details of the registry office in your place of residence:

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Residents' Registration Office

In principle, all people who come to Germany and wish to stay for longer than three months must register their residential address with the authorities after two weeks at the latest. Are you moving within Germany? Then you must inform the authorities of your new address.

💡 This registration has nothing to do with registering as an asylum seeker or registering with the [immigration authorities](#). You must do this in addition. You can find out how to register as a refugee in the chapter on [asylum and refugees](#).

Who has to register and when?

All people who move to Germany or move within Germany must register or re-register at the Residents' Registration Office (often also called the Citizens' Registration Office or Citizens' Office). Registration within two weeks is mandatory. Are you registering too late or not at all? Then you may have to pay a fine.

When you register, you will receive an "official confirmation of registration". Keep this document in a safe place. You can use it to prove - even without your ID - that you are registered in a municipality or city in Germany. This means that you are resident there.

What do I need to bring with me to register?

You must register in person at the Residents' Registration Office or Citizens' Registration Office. You can find the address of your residents' registration office or citizens' registration office at the bottom of this page.

You must bring your ID (identity card, residence permit, residence document, etc.) with you when registering. Do you have a passport? Or passport replacement documents? Then bring these with you too. You must also fill in a registration form. You can obtain the form directly from the residents' registration office.

In some cities / municipalities, you will also need a so-called "landlord's confirmation of moving in" for the registration. This is a document in which your landlord or landlady confirms that you are renting his or her flat. Sometimes your birth certificate or marriage certificate is

also required for registration. If you have these documents, bring them with you to the registration office as a precaution.

You can find the contact details of the residents' registration office in your place of residence here:

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Naturalisation office

You can obtain German citizenship through naturalisation. Foreign nationals who are registered in the district of Soest and wish to apply for naturalisation can find out about the requirements for naturalisation.

If you are registered in Lippstadt, please contact the naturalisation office of the city of Lippstadt.

Naturalisation - City of Lippstadt

📍 Administration building Geiststraße 47 in 59555 Lippstadt

The naturalisation office of the district of Soest is responsible for all other municipalities in the district of Soest.

Naturalisation - District of Soest

📍 Osthofen-Thomä-Wallstraße 2 in 59494 Soest

You can also find further information [here](#).

Immigration office

Foreign nationals generally require a residence permit to stay in Germany. In Germany, the foreigners authority is responsible for issuing residence documents.

If you have registered with a local authority in the district of Soest, with the exception of the town of Lippstadt, the foreigners authority of the district of Soest is responsible for you. Please use the following link to obtain the necessary information.

[Migration and residence - Soest district immigration office](#)

📍 Osthofen-Thomä-Wallstraße 2, 59494 Soest

If you have registered in Lippstadt, please contact the Foreigners' Registration Office of the city of Lippstadt. Please use the following link to obtain the necessary information.

[Foreigners' Registration Office - City of Lippstadt](#)

📍 [Administration building Geiststraße 47, 59555 Lippstadt](#)

Naturalisation offices in the district of Soest

Foreigners who are registered in the district of Soest and wish to apply for naturalisation can find out about the requirements for naturalisation. Please use the following link to obtain the necessary information.

[Naturalisation - District of Soest](#)

📍 Osthofen-Thomä-Wallstraße 2, 59494 Soest

If you are registered in Lippstadt, please use the following link to obtain information.

[Naturalisation - City of Lippstadt](#)

📍 [Administration building Geiststraße 47, 59555 Lippstadt](#)

Youth welfare office

Children's rights are important. Every child deserves to be respected and loved. Do you have a child? Then bring it up in accordance with children's rights. This is important for the well-being of your child. You can find out more in the chapter on children's rights.

The Youth Welfare Office supports parents in bringing up children and young people. Anyone can contact the Youth Welfare Office free of charge. Are you a child or young person? Do you have problems? Then you can contact the Youth Welfare Office.

Responsibilities of the Youth Welfare Office:

- Supporting young people in their individual and social development
- Advise and support parents in their upbringing
- Protecting children and young people
- Creating positive conditions for young people and families
- Avoiding and breaking down barriers

Have you had a child? Then the youth welfare office contacts you after a few weeks. You would like a home visit. You can get to know the Youth Welfare Office. You will then receive a whole folder with information and offers. These are important for your child and your family.

Unaccompanied minor refugees are also subject to youth welfare law. This means that the case goes to the youth welfare office.

The towns of Lippstadt, Soest and Warstein have their own youth welfare office. The youth welfare office of the district of Soest is responsible for residents from the other municipalities.

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[City of Soest](#)
[Town of Warstein](#)
[District of Soest](#)