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Social housing is for people with little money. These flats are subsidised by the state. This means that the rent in these flats is cheaper than in normal flats. There are only a few subsidised flats, but many people apply for one. This is why it often takes a long time to get a flat.

#### Who can get social housing?

There are special regulations and requirements for the application:

- You must be a permanent resident in Germany (EU nationality, settlement permit or residence permit)
- You have your main residence in Germany
- You do not exceed a certain income limit

#### What documents do I need?

- Proof of income (e.g. salary/wage slips for the last 3 months, SGB II/ SGB XII notice (all pages), last tax assessment notice)
- Identity card, passport or residence permit
- Tenancy agreement or proof of current housing situation
- If applicable, confirmation of pregnancy (maternity record or medical certificate)
- If applicable,  [medical certificate](#)
- If applicable, proof of custody or  [declaration of child\(ren\) in separate households](#)

#### How do I submit the application?

You can either submit the application online or fill it out on paper.

- Online: Via the platform  [SOWON](#) (Soziales Wohnen Online)  
In the last step, you can see which documents you need. You can upload the documents directly to SOWON.  
Here you can find an explanatory video about the  "[Sowon Wohnungsantrag online](#)".
- Paper form: You can obtain the form at  [Internet](#) or at these locations:
  - 📍 Infothek im Amt für Wohnen und Migration, Werinherstraße 87, 81541 München (House 24)
  - 📍 Information centres of the [social community centres](#)
  - 📍 Stadtinformation im Rathaus, Marienplatz 8, 80331 München
  - 📍 Town hall gate

You can send the completed application form by post or drop it in the letterbox in person. This is the address:

**Amt für Wohnen und Migration, Soziale Wohnraumversorgung**  
**Werinherstraße 89**  
**81541 München**

The application will then be checked and you will receive a decision. The decision will state how many rooms will be allocated and how urgent the housing need is.

#### How do I look for a flat?

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Once you have the decision, you can search for flats on  [SOWON](#) to search for flats. There you will see offers that match your household (for example, in terms of flat size and income level). In the offer you will find all the important information about the flat (size, location, rent amount). The offers are usually available online for 14 days. You can apply for up to three flats at the same time.

### **What are the costs?**

Processing the application is free of charge. If a flat is successfully found, it costs 25 euros.

### **Contact & further information:**

Further information can be found on the  [website](#) of the Office for Housing and Migration. The most frequently asked questions about the application process are answered at  [SOWON-Hilfe](#). You can [contact](#) the Housing Customer Centre via the  [contact form](#).