

List of abbreviations for the accommodation search

If you are searching for accommodation in Germany you will find that advertisements contain many abbreviations. To help you search more efficiently, we have compiled a list of the most common ones.

2 ZKB / 2-Zimmer, Küche, Bad 2-room apartment with kitchen and bathroom

2-Zi-Whg. / 2-Zimmer-Wohnung 2-room apartment (i.e., 1-BR apartment)

AB / Altbau old building (built before 1945)

AR / Abstellraum storage room

Abstellk. / Abstellkammer storage room

befr. / befristet short-term or fixed-term contracted

Bj / Baujahr year of construction

Blk / Balk./ Balkon balcony

BW or BaWa / Badewanne bathtub (cf. WB)

DG / Dachgeschoss top floor (literally: attic floor)

DT / Dachterrasse rooftop terrace

D / Diele hall, foyer

DU / Dusche shower

EB / Erstbezug first-time occupancy

EBK / Einbauküche fitted kitchen

EEK / Energieeffizienzklasse energy efficiency rating

EFH / Einfamilienhaus single-family house

EG / Erdgeschoss ground floor

ELW / Einliegerwohnung mother-in-law apartment

Etg. / Etage floor, storey

EZW / Einzimmerwohnung studio apartment

FeWo / Ferienwohnung holiday rental

freist. / freistehend detached

G-WC/ Gäste-WC guest toilet

Gashzg. / Gasheizung gas heating

gfl. / gefliesst tiled

HK / Heizkosten heating costs

HH / Hochhaus high-rise building

HH / Hinterhaus rear building (i.e., behind a courtyard)

HP / Hochparterre ground floor a half-flight up from street level

HV / Hausverwaltung or Hausverwalter management or superintendent

KG / Kellergeschoss basement floor

KM / Kaltmiete base rent (i.e., excluding utilities, such as heating, water, building maintenance, waste removal, etc.)

Kabel / Kabelfernsehen cable TV

kfr. / kurzfristig immediately or short-term

Kl. / Keller basement

KT / Kautions deposit

Keine zusätzl. Prov. no additional commission / no broker fee

MFH / Mehrfamilienhaus apartment building (literally: multiple family building)

MM / Monatsmiete monthly rent

MV / Mietvertrag lease

möbl. / möbliert furnished

Mtr. / Mieter renter

Nachm. / Nachmieter new tenant with their own lease (cf. Unt.)

Nachtspeicherheizung storage heater (electrical)

NB / Neubau new building (built after 1945, or 1953 in some areas)

NH / Nebenhaus side building (i.e., to the side of a courtyard behind front building)

NK or NBK / Nebenkosten additional costs, e.g., heating, water, maintenance, waste removal, cable TV, etc.

NKM / Nettokaltmiete base rent

NR / Nichtraucher non-smoker

Nutzfl. / Nutzfläche usable area

OG / Obergeschoss upper floor (anything between ground and top floor)

OH / Ofenheizung coal heating

Öl. / Ölheizung oil heating

Pk. / Parkettboden wood floor

PP / Parkplatz parking space

Part. / Parterre ground floor

Prov. / Provision commission, broker fee

prov.-fr. / provisionsfrei commission-free, no broker fee

qm / Quadratmeter square meter (1 qm = 10.76 sqft)

RH / Reihenhaus non-detached house (townhouse, row house, etc.)

ren. / renoviert renovated

san. / saniert renovated

SF or Seitenfl. / Seitenflügel side building (cf. NH)

Sout. / Souterrain basement flat (typically a half-flight down from street level)

SPK / Speisekammer dining room

Stellpl. / Stellplatz / Kfz-Stellpl. parking space

Terr. / Terrasse terrace, patio

TG / Tiefgarage underground parking

TLB / Tageslichtbad bathroom with bright natural light

UG / Untergeschoss basement flat

unbefr. / unbefristet long-term (unlimited contract)

Unt. or Unterm. / Untermieter subtenant, subletter

VH / Vorderhaus front building (i.e., on the street, before first courtyard)

WaMa / Waschmaschine washing machine

WB / Wannenbad bathtub (cf. BW)

WM / Warmmiete rent with at least some utilities (e.g., heating, water, maintenance, waste removal, cable TV, etc.)

Wfl. / Wohnfläche living area

WG / Wohngemeinschaft shared accommodation (i.e., with one or more flatmates)

Whg. / Wohnung apartment

WK or WoKü / Wohnküche kitchen/living room combo

WBS / Wohnberechtigungsschein subsidized housing permit

ZH / Zentralheizung central heating