

Licence fee (Rundfunkbeitrag) for students

1. Who has to pay and how much is the fee?

One person per residence / household has to pay the licence fee in Germany.

A single apartment at a dormitory is considered as a household. Therefore, you have to pay the monthly fee.

In a shared flat, only <u>one</u> person has to register (ask your flatmates if anyone has already registered!). All other residents can then deregister.

It doesn't matter how many TVs, radios, computers etc. you have. Even if you do not watch German TV, you have to pay.

The monthly fee is **18,36 €.** It has to be paid for each month in Germany.

(Example: You move into your apartment on 15th March and move out on 10th July again – you have to pay the Licence fee for March – July = 5 months)

2. How do I register?

You have to register even without request of the Licensing Service.

Please note: If you do not register/pay the licence fee, you risk being fined.

Fill out the online **registration form**:

https://www.rundfunkbeitrag.de/buergerinnen und buerger/formulare/anmelden/index ger.html

As it is only available in German, ask a friend to help you!

After the registration, you will receive a **confirmation** with your <u>registration number</u> and a <u>payment request</u>. Keep this confirmation and the registration number as you will need it for the deregistration again!

When you register at the city hall, your data will be forwarded to the Licensing Service.

The Licensing Service will then check whether you have already registered for the licence fee. If yes, everything is fine. If no, you will receive a letter with the request to register and also a payment request.

3. How can I pay?

We recommend to <u>transfer the fee</u> to avoid overpaid contributions. Please find the necessary **bank account data** here: https://www.rundfunkbeitrag.de/bankverbindung/index ger.html

Please do not forget to mention your registration number!

You receive a payment notification at maturity. Please pay the fee always **on time!** If you do not pay, you will receive a reminder and have to pay <u>additional</u> costs.

You can also choose the SEPA payment.

The fee will then be deposited from your bank account. Overpaid amounts will

be refunded after the deregistration.

Attention if you **close your German bank account** at the end of your stay in Germany! Please mention a <u>valid</u> bank account for the refund in this case.

4. How do I deregister when I leave Germany?

As soon as you know the date when you will leave your apartment, you can fill in the **deregistration form** online: https://www.rundfunkbeitrag.de/buergerinnen_und_buerger/formulare/abmelden/index_ger.html

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→ Please choose "weil ich dauerhaft ins Ausland ziehe" if you leave Germany.

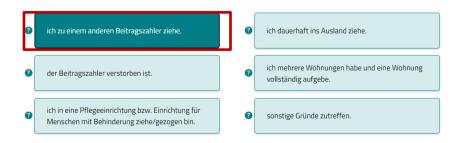
As soon as you officially deregister from the City Hall in Deggendorf, you are <u>automatically</u> deregistered from the Licensing Service.

In case that you **relocate within Germany**, fill in this form and inform the Licence Department about your new address etc.: https://www.rundfunkbeitrag.de/buergerinnen_und_buerger/formulare/index_ger.html



If you move into a **shared flat** and another flatmate has already registered, you can deregister here: https://www.rundfunkbeitrag.de/buergerinnen_und_buerger/formulare/abmelden/index_ger.html

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→ Mention the name and the registration number of the registered flatmate!

In case of further questions, please see:

https://www.rundfunkbeitrag.de/e175/e5280/Informationen fuer Studierende Englisch.pdf