

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.

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| 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                             |



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| 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 superintendant   |
| 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 / Kaution                         | 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.                       |



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| 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  |



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| 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  |

