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Living in Germany: 3 key steps to help you settle in faster

Life in Germany can be exciting, rewarding and an overall fantastic experience. However, regardless of whether you're here to study or work, there are a few things you'll need to do if you want to stay long term.

Together with online bank, bunq, we walk you through some of the important steps to settling in Germany, once you have entered the country.



Get registered

You'll often hear that the Germans love their bureaucracy, and there is a lot of truth to this statement. However, in some ways, this makes life a lot easier. One key example is the *anmelden* (registration) process that everyone staying more than 90 days needs to complete. This may sound daunting, but it really couldn't be easier. Wherever you live, there will always be a *Bürgerbüro* (citizen's office) within easy travelling distance.

Within two weeks of moving into an address, whether that be shared accommodation or your own flat, it is required that you present yourself at the office with your passport, visa, and a copy of your