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



lease. The process usually takes around fifteen to twenty minutes. Once you're done, you'll have an *anmeldebescheinigung* (registration document) that allows you to do all sorts of things, and a *steuerliche identifikationsnummer* (tax ID number) will arrive in the post shortly after.

From this point, the *Bürgerbüro* will be your primary point of contact for a wide variety of services, meaning that you won't have to travel far if you need to work with them.

Get insured

Everybody who works or studies in Germany needs to be covered by health insurance – it's mandatory. This means that there is a high standard of healthcare, and a wide variety of options as to how to get covered.

Often your work will have their own provider that they work with, and your monthly payments will be deducted from your salary. There are also insurance providers who cater for freelancers, who will work with you in English – you pay them directly.