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

An account with bunq can be set up in a short space of time, from the comfort of your own home. Video verification procedures take less than five minutes, and the whole process is totally secure. Best of all, as soon as you have a registered address, you can set up an account with a German IBAN – you then have three months to supply your *steuerliche identifikationsnummer*.

Once you've set up your bunq account, you can apply through the app to receive a Mastercard debit card in the post, allowing you to make purchases in far more places than is possible with a standard German *EC-Karte* (Eurocheque Card), and give you fee-free access at many ATMs.

Banking with [bunq](#) also means that you're banking sustainably, with the bank offsetting carbon emissions with the planting of trees and other corporate initiatives. As you will soon discover, this is a very German way of doing things!

There's plenty to do once you get to Germany to get settled, but banking doesn't need to be a laborious part of that. With a bank like bunq, life is made much easier, and you can get on with enjoying life in a fantastic, welcoming country.

[Take the difficulty out of banking in Germany with a bunq account, now with German IBANs](#)