

Residence Guide

Important information about living in our residences.

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Dear future residents,

Akademikerhilfe bid you welcome to your new residence. Living in a students residence gives you the opportunity to enjoy the community with other students as well as your private time in your own room. Arranging your everyday life together and supporting as well as appreciating each other are important cornerstones now and for your entire future life.

Our association was established in 1921 and in November 2021 we had our 100th anniversary. So Akademikerhilfe is a reliable partner for our residents and also for our business partners. At the moment we are running residences in eight cities here and due to that we meet housing demands of students from Vienna to Innsbruck all over Austria.

We stand for a lively community which gives you the opportunity of temporary partnerships of convenience but as well you can make up friendships for life. We are happy, if you seize the chance to be part of that tradition of the residence you chose.

Finally there is nothing more left, than wishing you the best of success for your academic studies and a good start into a new academic year!

Again, we bid you welcome to your new home!

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1. Information for living together in the residence

You have chosen to live in one of Akademikerhilfe residences.

This residence guide should answer the FAQs as well as serve residents, who have been living here already for a long time, to look up certain issues. Just in case your questions cannot be answered here, do not hesitate to ask your residence manager on site or direct your questions to the administrative central in Vienna.

1.1. Akademikerhilfe

Akademikerhilfe is a non profit association which is operating students residences all over Austria. Our team assists you in registering for a room (Studentservice), checking into the residence (residence managers on site), your monthly payment (Accounting Department), technical issues (residence technicians on site) up to finally checking-out again (residence managers on site). With all that we are always concerned in meeting your demands to your full satisfaction.

Our experience is our success: Since 1921 Akademikerhilfe (short form: AH) is building, preserving and running students residences. We really appreciate that you also decided for one of our residences!

1.2. Bicycle Parking

Please only use the certain bicycle parking areas (bike racks etc).

Parking your bicycle in your room, in the floors, on the balconies, stairways or common public rooms is not allowed.

1.3. Cleaning

Basically you have to clean your room by yourself. Cleaning Service of public areas and public rooms is done by Akademikerhilfe without being an obligatory part of the housing contract and is not a service which is covered by the monthly housing fees, but it is an extra service, which is free for our residents until further notice. In case cleaning public areas need extra work and time as usual this extra costs may be forwarded to the residence community or the responsible resident(s).

Once or twice per academic year there may be announced room checks. In case the room is dirty or full of trash, a deadline will be set to clean the room. If the room is not cleaned by that deadline, the room will be cleaned by Akademikerhilfe and the resident has to cover the costs therefor.

You do not need to be on site during the announced room checks, these will also be done, when you are absent.

Whenever you check-out or you change rooms you will have to pay a cleaning fee. The current cleaning fees can be looked up under „other fees“ on our website.

1.4. Contract Cancellation by resident

All details concerning a contract cancellation you find in your housing contract under X/1.

1.4.1. Check-Out

After you cancelled your contract, haven't prolonged your running contract or only have a temporary contract at all, You will receive an information e-mail about 5 weeks prior to your contract ending

date with all information about what to do for check-out (make Check-out appointment, deregistration etc.)

After the room check and returning the keys the check-out is done. In case of damages in the room caused by you, expenses for repairs etc. will be withdrawn from your deposit. If the costs are higher than your deposit you will be informed about the amount, which has to be paid.

1.5. Deposit

You have to pay a deposit. Detailed information you can find on our website www.akademikerhilfe.at in the topic „other fees“.

Concerning the housing contract the Akademikerhilfe returns the deposit after 45 but within 60 days after contract ending, if you left your room in time and in conditions meeting our guidelines. The final cleaning fee will be withdrawn from the deposit before refunding.

Please check your bank details you forwarded to us before we return the deposit.

1.6. Dishes and kitchenware

Dishes, cutlery, pans and pots need to be brought by yourself.

In some residences you may order and buy a basic kitchen package. Please contact your residence manager for detailed information, if the package is available in your residence and at what price.

1.7. Electronic Devices

Only normed, proven and legal electronic devices may be used in our residences. Using devices with high energy consumption is not allowed. (Residence Statute)

1.8. E-Scooter, E-Bikes

It is not allowed to park E-Scooters and/or E-Bikes in the residence. Batteries must not be charged in the rooms. (also see Fire Safety Guideline)

Akademikerhilfe does not take any responsibility or liability for parked/stored bicycles.

1.9. Fire Alarm System / Fire Safety Guidelines

The current version of our Fire Safety Guideline is integrated part of our housing contract and has to be followed.

Never manipulate any alarms in your room or the public areas and always keep the floors free as these serve as escape routes! (no shoes, trash, doormats, drying racks etc. on the floors)

You find our Fire Safety Guidelines on our website www.akademikerhilfe.at on the site for „Downloads“.

„Tipps and Suggestions“ for preventing false alarms you can find in the file attached to our Fire Safety Guideline.

Please note: In case of acting against our residence rules and against our Fire Safety Guideline we forward all costs for false alarms to the residents who caused the false alarm or the residents representatives. (see Fire Safety Guideline)

1.10. Internet and Internet User Guideline

The current version of our Internet User Guideline is also integrated part of our housing contract and needs to be followed.

In case you want to use/set up a WI-FI Router, please contact your residence manager or the IT-advisor of your residence. To clarify certain set ups to not interrupt the running system.

1.11. Inventory

Furniture, inventory and walls may not be removed, dismantled, laminated or changed. See Residence Statute.

1.12. Keys

1.12.1. Losing your keys

If you lose your keys you have to pay for the duplicates. For information about current costs for key duplicates please contact your residence manager. A notice of loss has to be made at the local authorities.

1.12.2. Forgetting your keys

If you forgot your keys at your parents' home for example or if you simply can't find the keys at the moment, you may get spare keys temporarily. If you get a spare key from your residence manager, students representatives or the residence technicians varies from residence to residence, please contact your residence manager for further information.

You have to pay a deposit for the spare keys, which equals the costs for the duplicates. When you return the spare keys you get back the deposit. If you do not return the keys within a fixed period of time (at the end of the month by latest usually) we concern the keys to be lost and the deposit will be kept for the duplicates.

1.12.3. External Key service

Outside our office hours or if you cannot reach anybody who can open your room or hand over spare keys you have to call an external key service at your own expenses. Contact details for a keyservice you can find on the announcement wall of your residence or in this guide in part 2.

1.13. Kitchens & Cooking

Public Shared Kitchens: These kitchens are fully equipped and can be used instantly.

Private Kitchens: If you have a private kitchen, you find all devices in the list of inventory.

Please follow cleaning suggestions for kitchen-/cooking devices as read in the manuals. If you do not have manuals in your kitchen, you can get a copy of it from your residence manager.

Kitchenware (like dishes, cutlery, pots and pans) has to be brought by yourself. (In some residences packages with kitchenware may be bought on site. For detailed information switch to point 1.6.)

If you do not have a private kitchen in your room, you must not use cooking devices in your room, as said in our fire safety guideline. If you bring your own cooking devices for your private kitchen or the

shared kitchen (like toasters, grills, raclettes, fondues etc.) please contact your residence manager before using it.

1.14. Linen, Pillows, Duvets

Usually we do not provide linen, pillows and duvets. If you do not bring your own, you may order online prior to arrival either linen or pillow and duvet or both. (Please note: This service is not available in all buildings.)

Generally you may buy linen, pillows and duvets on site at any time, depending on the stock on site. Just ask your residence manager on site if you can buy it and how much you need to pay for it.

1.15. Living and Community in the residence

The residences of Akademikerhilfe are pretty well known for the good residence community. Therefore we provide common public rooms in your residence. Which rooms you have in your residence you can look up in this residence guideline in the part which handles details for your certain residence.

1.16. Living in our residences

By accepting the contract you also accept our rules for living in our residences, especially:

- Careful handling with our inventory: Residence Statute
For preventing damages, furniture (like cupboards, beds, etc.) may not be shifted, removed or dismantled. Doors and furniture may not be decorated with stickers, mirrors, hangers etc. which have to be stuck or fixed onto doors and/or furniture.
- Prohibition of smoking: Residence Statute
- Compliance with legal sleeping hours: Residence Statute
- Parking of vehicles in or around the residence: Residence Statute

1.17. Online Portal – Login for residents on our website

Please check your personal data right after checking in.

In our „Online-Portal“ you can:

- Update and organize your personal data
- Update and organize your financial residence issues
- Set a wish for changing rooms or room categories
- Do the annual housing contract prolongation
- Download the current version of your housing contract

Make sure that especially your phone number (where you may be available most likely, like your mobile phone number) and your current e-mail address are correct, as we are contacting you either by phone or e-mail in case of important or urgent issues and information. (for example: deadlines for contract extensions, information about repairworks in your room etc.)

You can get into our „Online Portal“ by visiting our website: <http://www.akademikerhilfe.at> and pressing the button "[Login](#)".

1.18. Overnight Stays of non-residents

Look up residence statute.

1.19. Parking

Your residence manager can inform you about the availability and rates of parking spaces for cars and how to rent it.

Please note: Akademikerhilfe is not taking any responsibilities or liabilities in case of parking damages or thievery.

1.20. Personal Liability Insurance

We suggest to make a personal liability insurance or an expansion of an existing liability insurance of your parents' home for your stay at the residence.

1.21. Pests & Parasites

In case of pests and parasites, which have been brought into the residence by residents (for example: moths, cockroaches, bedbugs etc.) and which make it necessary to call an exterminator, the costs will be forwarded to the responsible resident. All forwarded costs will be announced beforehand.

1.22. Pets

You are not allowed to have pets in the residence: Residence Statute

1.23. Post/Postboxes

Please do always announce your room number to any person/company/department etc. wherefrom you might receive letters, so that all the letters and sendings as well as parcels contain your room number. Employees of Akademikerhilfe are not allowed to receive any parcels or registered letters for residents. So if you are not there in person when your registered letter/parcel arrives you will find the notification form for picking up or resending from the delivery service in your postbox.

In case you have a letter in your postbox which is not addressed to you, please bring it to the residence manager or put it in the residence manager's postbox.

1.24. Prohibition of Smoking

See Residence Statute.

1.25. Public radio and TV fees

Akademikerhilfe is paying the fees for public radio and TV so you don't need to pay these fees. In case you receive a letter saying that you need to pay the fees, please forward it to your residence manager for further steps.

1.26. Reporting Act (Registration Certificate & Residence Permit)

Due to the Meldegesetz (Austrian Reporting Act) you have to register officially within three working days, you can have either primary or secondary legal residence in Austria. Legal deregistration can be done three working days before until 3 working days after check-out.

Please note: you are responsible for your legal obligations concerning the registration process!

We do not take any obligations, responsibilities or liabilities.

You will get the registration form from your residence manager on the day your contract starts. We are not allowed to hand out or sign complete registration forms prior to the contract starting date.

You are also obliged to update your data and report it to the registration center (change of residence or also change of room)

Exceptions you find in §2 (2) Meldegesetz (Austrian Reporting Act)

Your residence manager can inform you about the nearest registration center.

IMPORTANT: If you do not follow your legal obligation concerning your registration/deregistration or updating your data, you act against Austrian law and you are likely to get an administrative penalty!

When you are EU or EEA Citizen it is likely that you need an additional Registration Confirmation. (EEA Countries are: Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway or Switzerland). To find out, if you need that Registration Confirmation or if you need a Residence Permit as a non-member country citizen, you can follow the link below:

Registration Confirmation and Residence Permit:

<https://www.oesterreich.gv.at>

§§51 ff (§§51ff Niederlassungs- und Aufenthaltsgesetz (NAG))

Implementing Order of Settlement- and Residence Act (Niederlassungs- und Aufenthaltsgesetz-Durchführungsverordnung (NAG-DV))

Aliens' Police Act (Fremdenpolizeigesetz (FPG))

<https://www.ris.bka.gv.at>

1.27. Residence Statute

The current version of our Residence Statute is integrated part of our housing contract and needs to be followed.

You find the main part of our Residence Statute on our website www.akademikerhilfe.at on the site for „Downloads“. It is important to know and follow it.

1.28. Room Changes

For making wishes for changing rooms please go back to the point „Online-Portal“.

1.29. Students Representatives (short: HV from German Heimvertretung)

The Students Representatives are directly elected annually by the residents of the certain residence and they represent the interests of the residents. All of you are welcome to be part of the Students Representatives. Akademikerhilfe is always supporting our Students Representatives and assists in topics like election, constitution and conduction of business of Students Representatives.

You can look up everything concerning election, rights and obligations of the Students Representatives in the law for residences. (Look up §7 and §8 Studentenheimgesetz)

1.30. Studying abroad

If possible you can have your contract being paused for studying abroad. The required written proof must be submitted no later than the last day of the month, two months before the start of your stay abroad. (studentservice@akademikerhilfe.at)

For your return we try to reserve a room in one of our residences in the city you lived before. Please note that we cannot grant a certain roomtype or residence, but we always try to offer the same type of room in the same residence, you used to live before you left to study abroad.

1.31. Telephones

If your room has a telephone, please look up the information in part 2 of this guide.

1.32. Washing Machines & Dryers

Your residence manager will give you a washing card at the check-in, on which the washing and drying cycles are reported and laundry costs have to be paid monthly. If you lose or break the washing card you will have to pay a fee.

2. Your residence

2.1. Ad Student residence

Campus Studios

2.2. Auditorium

In our entrance area, you can find coffee and snack machines, a print box and colourful seating areas to linger together.

2.3. Balconies

All our studios from the 2nd to the 7th floor have balconies or loggias. Keep the balcony clean and tidy. Weeds must be removed regularly. Do not leave any objects that could be blown away. The storage of rubbish is prohibited.

2.4. Bar (home bar/party room)

Our very well equipped party room (with sound and lighting system, bar) is managed by the Students Representatives and is located in the basement. Smoking is also prohibited here, as in the entire house! Triggered fire alarms are reported directly to the Vienna Fire Brigade. The costs are to be paid by the person who caused the fire alarm.

2.5. Bicycle storage

Bicycles can be stored in the bicycle room. The parking of bicycles is at your own risk. Akademikerhilfe accepts no liability for theft of or damage to bicycles. The parking and/or charging of e-scooters and bicycles in rooms is prohibited.

2.6. Billiard

A billiard table is available for use in the basement.

2.7. Cleaning

You are responsible for the cleanliness and tidiness of your room. The studios are cleaned by FA Purus approximately every 2 to 3 weeks. You will find your personal cleaning appointment in the cleaning schedule, which you will receive by e-mail every month. Please prepare your room for cleaning. Areas to be cleaned (bathroom/kitchen/floor) must be kept free of objects.

2.8. Common rooms

On the ground floor, you will find a common room with a shared kitchen, which invites you to eat, study or simply spend your free time together with other residents.

2.9. Communal kitchen

Our common kitchen is located on the ground floor. It is equipped with a dishwasher, fridge, stove with oven and extractor fan. The kitchen must always be left tidy and clean.

2.10. Curtains

Every resident has curtains in the room. These comply with fire safety regulations and may not be replaced.

2.11. Devotional room

see Meditation room

2.12. Elevator

There are two elevators.

2.13. Fire safety

Smoking is prohibited! For fire safety reasons, the storage of objects (doormats, garbage bags, boxes, laundry racks, shoes, umbrellas, etc.) in the corridor (i.e. escape paths) is not permitted. The use of candles, incense sticks or similar is also forbidden. False alarms activated by carelessness must be paid by the resident. Before using electrical appliances, the fire safety regulations and the home statutes must also be read and the guidelines mentioned must be observed. The use of electrical appliances with permanently increased energy consumption is generally prohibited. Cell phones, laptops, etc. are only to be loaded in attendance (fire hazard!). Air conditioners and heaters are prohibited. You can find our fire safety regulations here: <https://www.akademikerhilfe.at/de/download>.

2.14. Fitness room

The fitness room is equipped with some fitness equipment and is managed by the Students Representatives.

2.15. Front door/home entrance

The main entrance door has to be closed all the time. It can be opened with the room key.

2.16. Heating

Our heating works as soon as it gets constantly colder outside. Please adjust the heating level yourself using the thermostat knob on your heater. Make sure that the windows are closed while using the heating.

2.17. Intercom system

Visitors can enter your room number on the intercom and ring the bell in your room. You can open the door with your door opener.

2.18. Internet/WLAN

You will find LAN and WLAN access in your room. You will receive the access data from your residence management when you move in.

2.19. Key

When you move in you will receive a key that will open all doors authorized for you in addition to your room.

2.20. Key service

If you lose your key, the residence manager will help you during the office hours. Attention locksmiths are very expensive! If the lock is damaged, we also have to charge the exchange to the original cylinder. However, if you urgently need to get into your room, you will find information about the locksmith service in the display case in the entrance area.

2.21. Kitchen equipment in the rooms

There is a well-equipped kitchen in each room with a microwave, a ceramic hob (2 plates), an extractor fan and a refrigerator, as well a garbage bin under the sink.

2.22. Laundry room

The laundry room is equipped with three washing machines and two dryers and is located in the basement. The prices for a washing or drying cycle are displayed in the laundry room. You can obtain your washing card from the residence manager. The laundry card is billed monthly.

2.23. Mailboxes (parcel receiving boxes)

Six parcel receiving boxes are available in the entrance area.

2.24. Meditation room

The mediation room is located on the first floor, behind the management office. There you can find meditation or simply relax.

2.25. Moving in

To move in, arrange an appointment in advance during the office hours, which you can find on our website.

2.26. Music room

The music room is located in the basement. You can use it to make music together or to practise on your own. Akademikerhilfe does not provide any instruments, equipment etc. Please contact your Students Representatives if you have any questions in this regard. A deposit (1.1.2025: € 70,--) is required for the access key.

2.27. Office of the residence management

Your residence management in the Campus Studios and their telephone number can be found on the homepage. You can reach the management at the e-mail address campusstudios@akademikerhilfe.at. The office is located in the entrance area. The Akademikerhilfe staff will be happy to help you during office hours (see notice board).

2.28. Parking

There is a short parking area with fee on weekdays Monday to Friday, from 9am to 10pm. throughout Vienna. A public parking garage is directly below the building, if you are interested please contact <https://www.apcoa.at/parken/wien/campus-prater-wien-apcoa/>.

2.29. Post/post boxes

There is a post box for each studio in the entrance area.

2.30. Print box

A chargeable print box is located in the entrance area.

2.31. Public toilet

You will find public toilets for men and women in the basement and on the ground floor.

2.32. Repairs and repair reports

If any repairs are needed (light bulb, blocked sink, etc.), please send an e-mail to: campusstudios@akademikerhilfe.at or report it personally at the office.

2.33. Sauna

The sauna is located on the ground floor and is managed by our Students Representatives. Information regarding its use can be found in the notice board/elevator.

2.34. TV

Your room has a TV. The first eight channels are “empty channels” (kept free for Austrian channels). To receive these channels you need an ORF card. Further information can be found at <https://digital.orf.at/> . The card can then simply be inserted into the TV.

2.35. Waste disposal/separation

The garbage room is accessible from the outside. The door can be opened with your room key and please always keep the room locked. Dispose of your garbage regularly. The following garbage containers are available: residual waste, paper, white and coloured glass, yellow bins for plastic bottles and metal cans. Do not store your garbage bags in the corridors or on the balcony/loggias!

3. Important points in your vicinity

You are looking for something specific (doctors, pharmacies, bus routes or supermarkets...)? You will find a small overview of the surrounding area in the showcase or your home manager will be happy to help you.