

Welcome to Dresden – Get started

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Start your new chapter!

Welcome to the exciting journey of relocating to Germany – to the vibrant city of Dresden specifically! At Infineon Dresden, we are proud to have a diverse workforce, with employees from over 100 countries collaborating in multifaceted teams to drive innovation.

At this stage of your journey we would like to provide you with some general information on what you should take care of before and after arriving in Germany.
As you start out on your exciting relocation journey, we look forward to welcoming you to the vibrant German city of Dresden.

The following will give you an overview of what's important for living and working in Germany.

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Before arrival

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Visa

In most cases, you will need a visa to enter Germany.
Use the Visa Navigator to quickly determine if you need one:
www.visa.diplo.de/en/index.html#/vib

If you plan to stay in Dresden for more than three months, you must apply for a **residence permit,** which usually includes a work permit, at the **Dresden Immigration Office,** regardless of your nationality. To apply, make an appointment and provide the required documents, which the office will specify. EU citizens, on the other hand, can work and travel freely in Germany and only need to register at the **Registration Office** if they plan to stay for more than two months.

Prepare required documents:

- Passport
- EU citizens: national identity card
- Non-EU citizens: either entry visa or residence permit (for stays over 3 months)
- German health insurance (mandatory in Germany)

More detailed information regarding entry and residency can also be found here:
– www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/visa-service/visabestimmungen-node





Recognition of degrees

Why take this step?

- Regulated professions: mandatory recognition
- Non-regulated professions: boosts career prospects and residency advantages

How to apply?

Contact relevant recognition authority:

- www.anerkennung-in-deutschland.de/html/en/index.php
- www.anabin.kmk.org/anabin
- www.netzwerk-iq-sachsen.de/ibas-informationen/

Learning the language

German courses

- Language schools (BAMF)
- Adult education centers (Volkshochschulen) (VHS)
- Integration courses (BAMF-NAvI)
- German courses in your home country (Goethe-Institut)

Online resources

- VHS Learning Portal: Free online German courses at levels A1 to B2 with online tutor correction
- Deutsche Welle: Slowly spoken news reports, interactive learning activities, and the Deutschtrainer to improve pronunciation
- Goethe-Institut: Free media, including a vocabulary trainer, learning games, and online exercises
- Goethe-Institut's Welcome Coaches: Free in-person and online events in Germany
- Pre-Integration and Transition Management project

Free apps to learn German

- Duolingo: A popular language learning app with a comprehensive German course
- Babbel: A language learning app with interactive lessons and speech recognition technology
- Anki: A flashcard app that uses spaced repetition to help you memorize German vocabulary
- Memrise: A language learning app with a large community and a wide range of user-generated content



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After arrival

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Important forms of insurance

Social care insurance:
Provides basic cover for long-term care due to illness or disability; eligibility based on qualifying period and care level.

Pension insurance:
Pays monthly pension after retirement, amount based on income and years worked in Germany.

Unemployment insurance:
Pays monthly benefit to replace lost wages, conditional on prior insurance and job search; amount based on average salary and family status.

Accident insurance:
Covers medical treatment and rehabilitation in the event of occupational accidents or illness.

Health insurance:
You won't be able to start working in Germany without health insurance, which is mandatory for all employees. Health insurance covers the costs of medical treatment in case of illness.
In Germany, a distinction is made between statutory and private health insurance.

Travel health insurance

Before you arrive in Germany

Travel health insurance is only mandatory for those who need a Schengen visa to enter the country. In other cases, it is just a recommendation to have travel health insurance

Requirements
- Minimum coverage: €30,000
- Emergency medical evacuation
- Medical expenses
- Repatriation benefits

Important notes
- Check with local German embassy/consulate for detailed information
- Do not purchase travel health insurance in home country/country of residence for more than three months
- Foreign travel health insurance may not be accepted by Dresden Immigration Office

Health insurance

Stay healthy in Germany

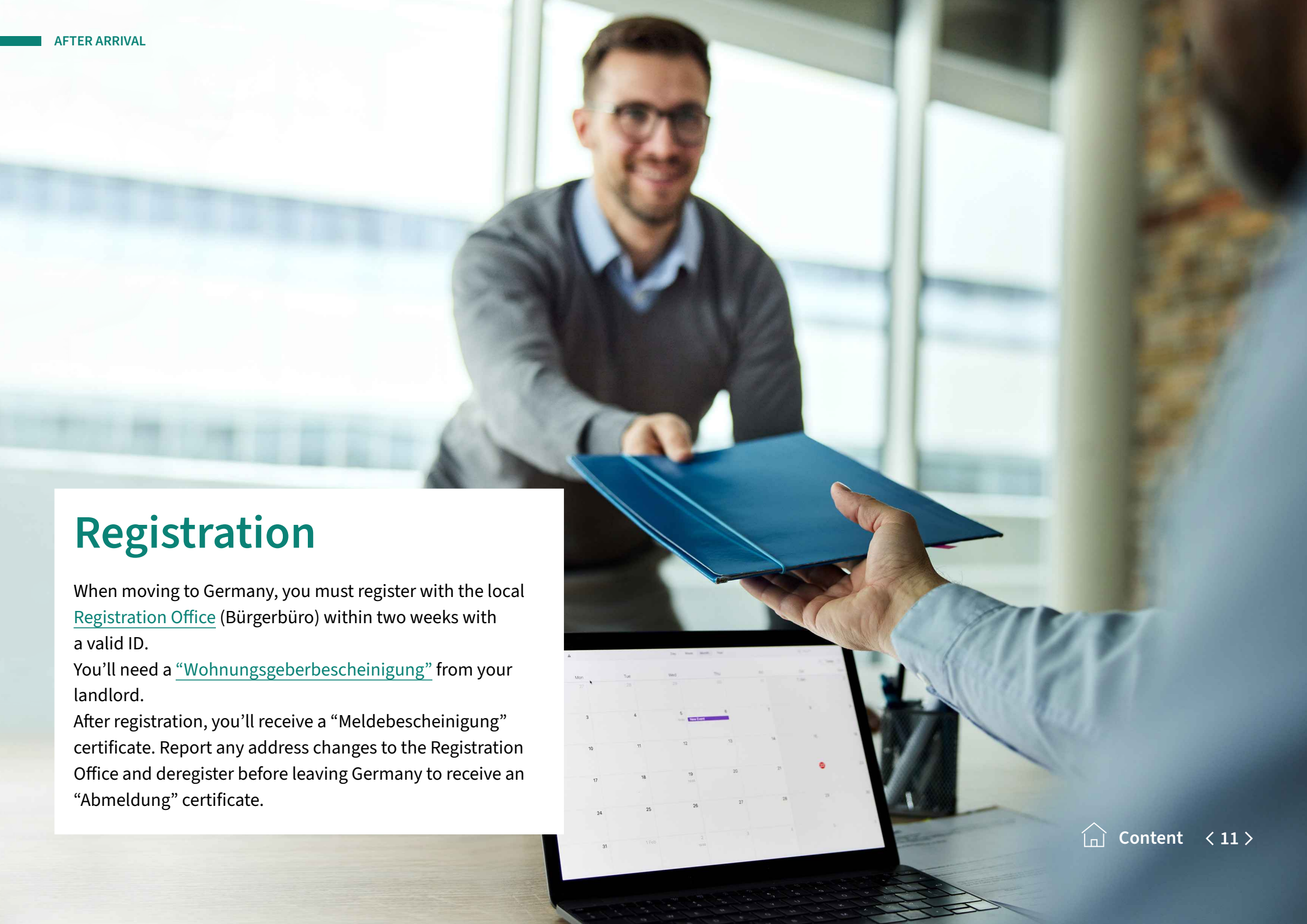
Health insurance is mandatory for everyone living in Germany. It covers GP visits, medications, and therapies; and provides sick pay after six weeks of illness.

There are two kinds of insurance:
Statutory health insurance (GKV): Most employees and apprentices. Here is a list of insurance companies.
Private health insurance (PKV): Self-employed, civil servants, high-income earners

The health card is a membership card for statutory health insurance that you need to bring to the doctor. It's valid in many European countries and allows the doctor to bill your insurance provider directly.



General information:
- www.informedhealth.org/health-insurance-in-germany.html
- www.health-insurance.de/working/



Registration

When moving to Germany, you must register with the local Registration Office (Bürgerbüro) within two weeks with a valid ID.
You'll need a "Wohnungsgeberbescheinigung" from your landlord.
After registration, you'll receive a "Meldebescheinigung" certificate. Report any address changes to the Registration Office and deregister before leaving Germany to receive an "Abmeldung" certificate.

Opening a bank account in Dresden should be your number one priority, because …

… Infineon can only transfer your salary to a German bank account.
… it is necessary in order to rent a flat, sign up with utility providers and get a mobile phone contract.

You can find further information here:
– www.wise.com/gb/blog/opening-a-bank-account-in-germany
– www.advratings.com/europe/top-banks-in-germany

How to open a bank account:
Choose a bank
Prepare required documents:

- Passport
- Residence permit
- Registration certificate
- Payslip or salary statement



German phone number

To obtain a German phone number, a SIM card is required. There are three types of SIM cards available: contract, prepaid, and postpaid.
You can purchase one at a supermarket or mobile phone provider shop. When activating your SIM card, please note that a valid form of identification is necessary.
If you encounter any issues during the process, you can seek assistance from the consumer advice center.





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Accommodation

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Housing & accommodation

If you're planning on renting in Dresden, the following sites give you a good overview about what to expect and how you can find offers in the housing market (incl. temporary service apartments):

- www.expatica.com/de/housing/renting/rent-in-germany-103803/
- www.dresden.de/de/leben/wohnen.php (only in German)
- www.dresden.de/en/tourism/book/accommodation.php
- www.wunderflats.com/en/furnished-apartments/dresden

The most popular websites to search for accommodation (in German):

- www.immobilienscout24.de
- www.immowelt.de
- www.wg-gesucht.de (esp. for flatshare arrangements)
- www.immonet.de
- www.planethome.de
- www.immobilien.de

Depending on your time schedule, budget and needs, you may want to engage a professional agency to support you with the search.



Housing & accommodation

Because the most popular accommodation websites are in German only, we've collected some of the most important terms here:

German	English
Wohnung	Apartment
Haus	House
WG Zimmer	Bedroom in a flatshare
Einzimmerwohnung	Studio apartment
Zweizimmerwohnung	Two-room apartment (i.e. one bedroom and one living room or two bedrooms and no living room)
Ab sofort	Available immediately
Neubau	New building
Altbau	Old building
Kaution	Deposit / Bond
Miete	Monthly rent
Möbliert	Furnished
Unmöbliert	Unfurnished
Stadt	Town/City

German	English
Straße	Street
Erdgeschoss	Ground floor
Obergeschoss	Floor
Dachgeschoss	Top floor
Vorderhaus	Building facing the street
Hinterhaus	Rear of the building
Seitenflügel	Side wing of building
Nebenkosten	Additional costs (utilities, heating, water, etc.)
Warmmiete	Rent including additional costs, e.g. heating, property tax, gas, refuse collection
Kaltmiete	Rent with no additional costs included
SCHUFA	Credit report
Einkommensnachweis	Proof of income

Renting a flat

When renting an apartment in Germany, there are several key factors to consider:

- Renting options
- Required documents
- Lease

There are three renting options on the market:

- Rental apartments: long-term, often unfurnished, and with a three-month notice period
- Short lets: temporary, usually furnished, and for a fixed period
- Flatshares (Wohnungsgemeinschaft): flexible rental periods, varying furnishing, and shared with flatmates



Required documents

To rent a flat the following documents are needed:

Essential documents:

- Copy or scan of passport or ID
- Proof of income (e.g. payslips, work contract, or bank statement)

- **Frequently requested documents:**
  - SCHUFA record (German credit score)
- **Occasionally requested documents:**
  - Mietkostenfreiheitsbescheinigung (proof of no debts with previous landlords)
  - Mietbürgschaft (guarantor for rent payment)
  - Application form or letter
- **Beneficial document:**
  - Private liability insurance (Haftpflichtversicherung) against third-party damage

Lease

There are several considerations to pay extra attention to when signing a contract:

Costs:

- Two types of rent: inclusive (Warmmiete) and exclusive (Kaltmiete). The exclusive rent refers to the monthly rent of the property only. The inclusive rent includes the monthly rent plus utilities such as water, heating, and waste disposal. The inclusive rent is paid monthly to the landlord.
- Deposit (Kaution)
  Landlord may require a security deposit, which can be up to three months' worth of exclusive rent. This deposit serves as a guarantee against any potential damages or unpaid rent. Provided you fulfill your obligations and leave the property in good condition, the deposit will be refunded when you vacate the premises.

Specific house rules:

- Pets
- Dogs registration
  Landlords can decide if pets are allowed in their rentals, so it's essential to check the agreement and discuss your pet with them beforehand
- Quiet hours (Ruhezeit): These are hours during which it is forbidden to play loud music, perform construction work, etc.

Other:

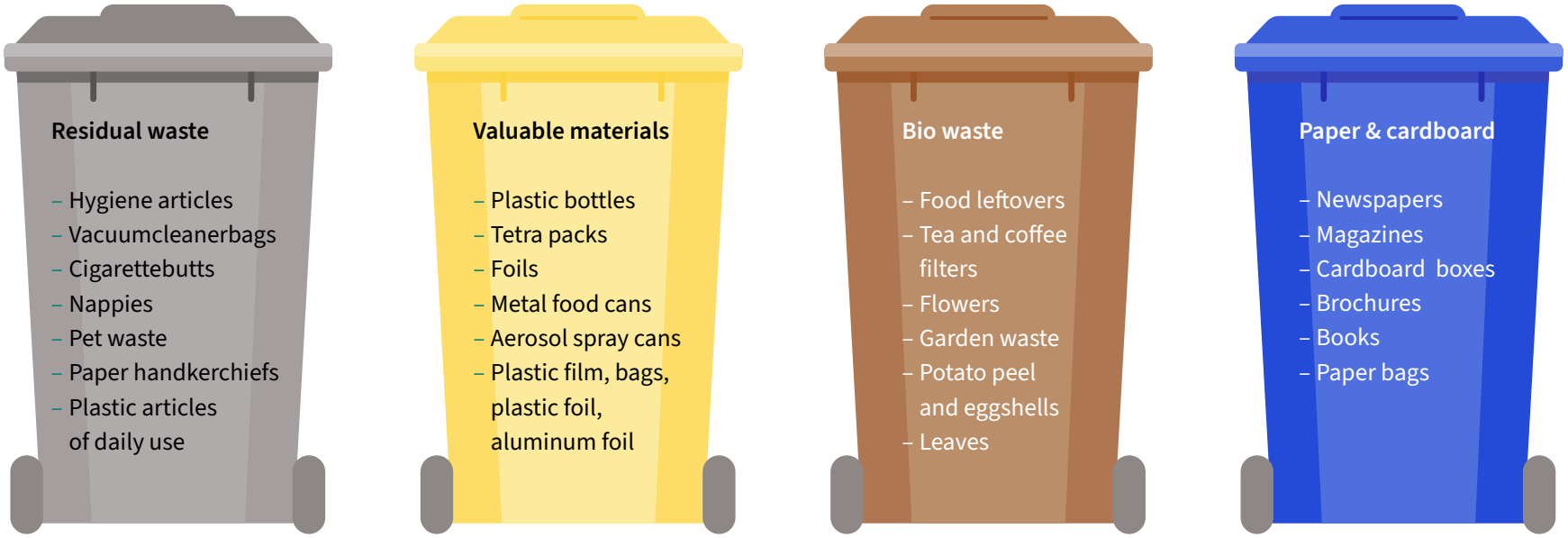
- Kitchen Verify that a kitchen is included in your rental agreement if it's shown in the listing, as it may not be part of the rental otherwise

After moving into your new apartment, you have two weeks to register with the Residents' Registration Office (Meldebehörde).



Living arrangements

- Gas and electricity are typically considered as separate utilities and are not included in the additional costs (Nebenkosten) when renting a house or apartment. The contract with the supplier must be concluded separately.
- Internet. A separate contract for internet services should be arranged.
- Radio tax. Every household must pay a monthly fee of €18.36, known as the Rundfunkbeitrag, to support public TV and radio broadcasting.
- House administration (Hausverwaltung) is responsible for managing an apartment building and handling issues that arise. If you experience problems like noisy neighbors, lost keys, or utility issues, you should contact the Hausverwaltung, which may be the landlord themselves in smaller buildings or a separate company in larger ones.
- Recycling. There is a strict waste separation and recycling policy.



Glass – separated into white, green and brown glass

– Juice and wine bottles, jam and pickle jars, vinegar and oil bottles

Moving out

It is essential to cancel any active contracts and insurances policies, including those related to your residence, utilities, and personal services when moving out:

- Flat rental agreement
- Gas and electricity
- Internet (this might be carried over to the new accommodation)

You might need to repaint your flat before you move out. If you are leaving sooner than the end of the three-month notice period, you might also need to find a new tenant. In addition, you should check all the meter readings before you leave.





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Work & life

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Working in Germany: a family's path to success

There are several steps to find a job in Germany:

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Get ready to shine:
Polish your application documents: Update your CV/résumé and cover letter to German standards
- Prepare references and certificates

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Discover your dream job:
Explore German job market
- Job portals:
  Indeed.de
  LinkedIn.de
  Monster.de
  StepStone.de
  XING.com

3

Take the first step:
Submit your application
- Tailor your application to each job posting
- Submit your application via the company's website or job portal & follow up with a phone call or email to inquire about the status of your application

4

Boost your chances: Utilize job agencies and more
- Job agencies:
  Adecco.de; Manpower.de; Randstad.de
- Government resources:
  Bundesagentur für Arbeit (BA) – job agency;
  Make-it-in-Germany.com – job portal for international candidates
- Expatriate communities: Expatica.com – job listings and expat resources; Internations.org – expat network and job listings

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Seal the deal: Ace your job interview
- Research the company and position
- Practice your German language skills (if necessary)
- Prepare answers to common interview questions
- Dress professionally and be prepared to ask questions

Unlock the secret to your take-home pay: Introducing the wage calculator

In Germany the wage written down in your contract is the gross wage. The following wage calculator allows you to easily calculate your net wage based on the wage tax system of Germany. It shows you how much money will be left after paying taxes and social contributions, which are mandatory for all employees working in Germany.*

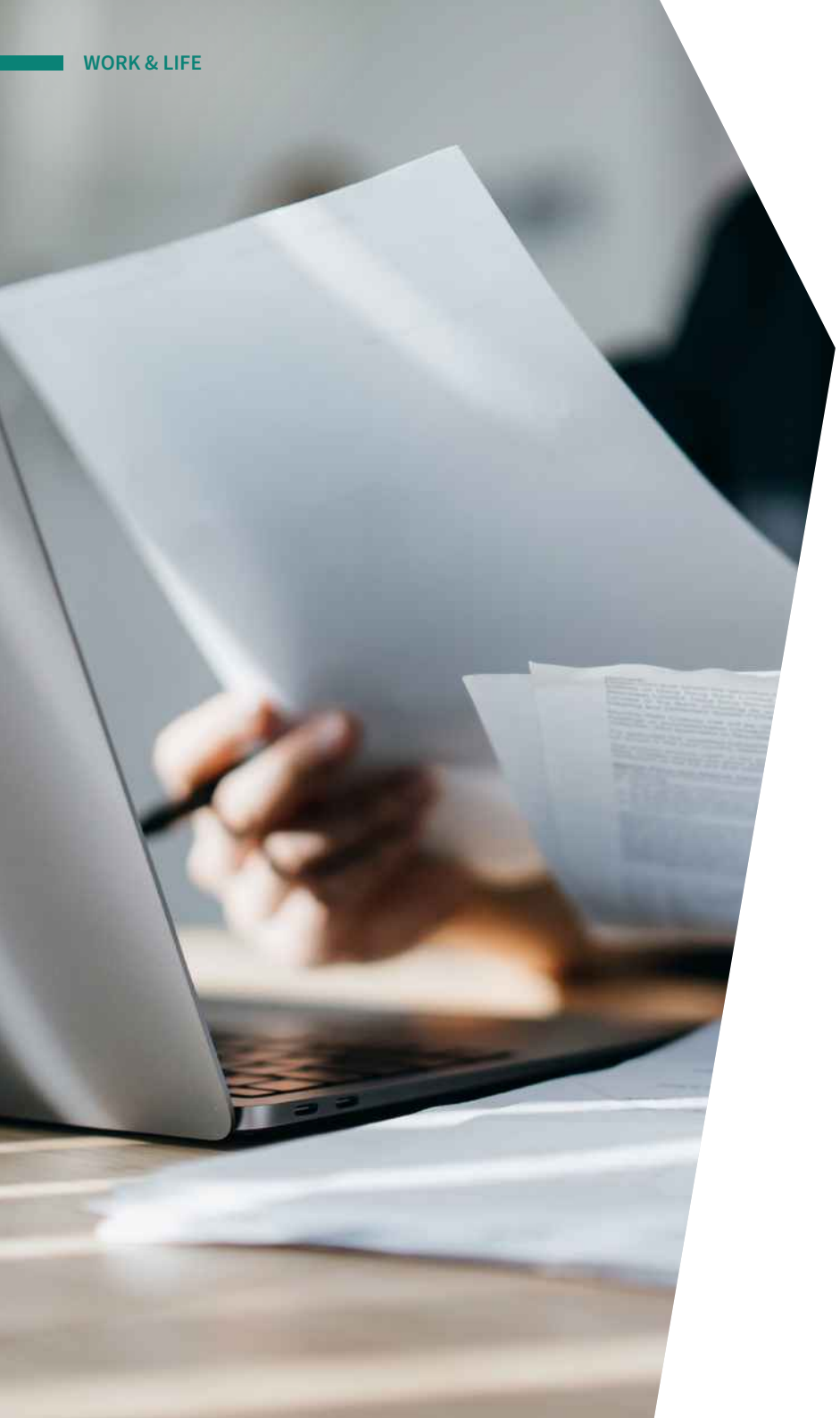
German employment contracts typically specify gross salary, which is higher than the actual take-home pay, known as net salary, due to deductions. Gross salary, stated in employment contracts, is reduced by taxes and social security contributions to yield the net salary, which is the actual amount received.

General information:

- www.bbx.de/grossnet-wage-calculator-germany
- www.brutto-netto-rechner.info/gehalt/gross_net_calculator_germany.php
- www.bmf-steuerrechner.de (only available in German)



* As an employer, we are not permitted by law to provide tax advice.
For detailed questions about your individual situation, please contact your tax advisor or your local tax office.



Taxes

Each month, you will receive a payslip from your employer detailing your gross and net pay, along with your contributions. At the end of the year, you'll receive an "electronic wage tax statement" for the entire year.

Regarding taxes on your salary in Germany:

- **Income tax:** Your employer deducts and pays this monthly as "payroll tax."
- **Solidarity surcharge:** If your payroll tax exceeds a certain amount, you must also pay this surcharge.
- **Church tax:** If you belong to a tax-collecting religious community, you must pay church tax, so ensure you declare your religious affiliation correctly to your employer.

Tax on salary: Factors and rates

The amount of tax you pay on your salary depends on various personal factors, including marital status, number of children, and additional income. In general, the higher your income, the more tax you pay.

Tax brackets are determined by your personal circumstances, including:

- Marital status
- Partner's salary (if applicable)
- Number of children
- Additional job

Medical system

Family doctor or general practitioner (GP)
This is a primary care physician who provides comprehensive medical care to individuals within the community. They are typically the first point of contact for patients seeking medical treatment for a wide range of health issues, including non-work-related illnesses and injuries. General practitioners diagnose and treat various medical conditions, provide preventive care, manage chronic diseases, and refer patients to specialists when necessary. Their focus is on overall health and well-being, rather than specifically on workplace-related health concerns.

They are responsible for prescribing specific medications for chronic and acute illnesses and issuing sick leave notes.

If you require assistance in finding a suitable doctor, please visit the national healthcare portal at gesund.bund.de/en.

In case of a medical emergency, please call:
116 or 117 for non-emergency medical on-call service
112 for emergency services
116 or 117 to schedule an appointment for acute medical issues:
www.116117.de/de/englisch.php



Medical infrastructure in Dresden



Family doctors nearby
Dr. med. Friedemann Raphael
Hertha-Lindner-Straße 10, +49 35143888670
www.dresden-allgemeinmedizin.de

Dr. med. Susann Fräßdorf
Friedrichstraße 18, +49 3514818733
www.praxis-am-ostrapark.de

Dr. med. Anne-Christin Schier
An der Kreuzkirche 6, +49 3512152201
www.hausarzt-schier.de

Constance Cubeus
Kipsdorfer Straße 93, +49 351337795
www.hausaerzte-striesen.de



Pharmacies nearby
Apotheke am Neumarkt
Neumarkt 2, 01067 Dresden
+49 351 490 40 40

Schiller Apotheke
Schillerstraße 10, 01069 Dresden
+49 351 491 50 50

Apotheke am Hauptbahnhof
Wiener Platz 4, 01069 Dresden
+49 351 491 30 30

Emergency pharmacy:
www.aponet.de/apotheke/notdienstsuche



Hospitals nearby
Emergency care:
Most hospitals have a 24/7 A&E department (Notaufnahme)
Call 112 for life-threatening emergencies

University Hospital
Carl Gustav Carus Dresden
Fetscherstraße 74, 01307 Dresden
+49 351 458 0
www.uniklinikum-dresden.de

Dresden-Friedrichstadt Hospital
Friedrichstraße 41, 01067 Dresden
+49 351 480 0
www.klinikum-dresden.de/Friedrichstadt.html

Well-being at work: Infineon's medical support

Medical service center
Intranetsite of MSC
Located in Building 15, the MSC is your point of contact for questions regarding your health at work.

Occupational and preventive medicine e.g
- Prevention, early detection and assesment of work-related illnesses.
- Conduct of occupational health care
- Ergonomics consulting
- Advice on maternity protection
- Vaccination programs(e.g influenza)

Travel medicine e.g
- We offer a targeted medical care service for employees going on foreign business trips or who are working abroad

Acute care e.g
- Life-threatening emergencies (internal emergency number 112)
- Occupational and commuting accidents
- Acute life-threatening health problems



In an emergency, dial the **internal emergency number.**

Infineon landline phone:
112

Infineon mobile phone:
93 112

Priv. mobile phone/ external:
02902-764-112

The internal emergency number is available around the clock.

Occupational social work
Intranet site of OSW
In the OSW service, we accompany, advice and support you in **dealing with your personal concerns** in the professional or private area.
We are located in Building 15.

Consulting areas
- Work environment and profession
- Family and relationships
- Personal and private
- Mental health
- Leadership and cooperation
- Conflicts and moderation
- Mental health crises and emergencies
- Care of relatives
- Health and ability to work

In case of emergency need of pastoral care (cure of souls) outside of working hours dont hesitate to contact the following number nationwide in Germany: 08001110111 or 08001110222



Hello Dresden: a good place to be

There are many reasons to live and work in the capital of Saxony. Innovation and cutting-edge technology play an important role in Dresden. Internationally, Dresden is known as a city of culture, with beautiful baroque buildings such as the Zwinger, the Frauenkirche, and Pillnitz Castle. Impressive museums, a variety of theaters, and numerous major events provide plenty of leisure options. This also includes the nearby Saxon Switzerland for extensive and spectacular hikes or the neighboring town of Meissen, which is known for its porcelain painting.
Another highlight in the Christmas season is the Striezelmarkt, one of the oldest and most famous Christmas markets in Germany.

The official Dresden city website offers lots of useful information as a starting point:
www.dresden.de/index_en.php

You'll even find special support for expats, foreign professionals, and families:
www.dresden.de/en/city/foreigners.php

You can also follow the official Dresden sites on social media, e.g. on Instagram:
www.dresden.de/de/rathaus/aktuelles/soziale-medien.php

Your weekend in Dresden and the surrounding area

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Evening:
Visit a performance in one of the many theaters (Boulevardtheater, Schauspielhaus, Comödie).

SAT

Afternoon:
Take a city tour in a horse-drawn carriage to explore Dresden's famous baroque old city and its sights, like the Semperoper, Frauenkirche, and Dresden Castle.

Evening:
Finish the day with dinner and a movie. There is an abundance of great restaurants in the inner city and the two cinemas close by have screenings in English.

SUN

Morning:
Explore one or more of the many museums, like the Old Masters Gallery in the Zwinger, the famous Green Vault, or the German Hygiene Museum.

Plans for next weekend:
Explore the surrounding area:
Take a steamboat to Pillnitz Castle and go for a walk in the beautiful castle grounds and bordering vineyards.
Or take a short trip to the picturesque Moritzburg Castle, known for its appearance in Three Wishes for Cinderella.



The world’s most beautiful brewery?

Situated in the heart of the city and close to the river Elbe is the historic Semperoper, one of the most famous opera houses in Germany.

Funnily enough, the building is often mistaken for a brewery by those unfamiliar with its long and tumultuous history. This is because it has been prominently featured in a well-known beer company’s advertisements since 1992.



All aboard! Tradition and history

Top attractions include a trip along the Elbe river, nestled between the vineyards around Diesbar/Seußlitz and the bizarre rock formations in the stunning “Saxon Switzerland” region. Sächsische Dampfschifffahrt (Saxon Steamships) has been attracting thousands of passengers ever year since it commenced service in 1836. It is the oldest and largest paddle steamer fleet in the world, with nine steamers and two modern saloon ships. This means that passengers can enjoy the landscape, the towns and an exceptionally comfortable steam cruise experience all year round.

Source: Weiße Flotte Dresden e.V.
www.weisseflotte-dresden.de/schiffe/

Sächsische Dampfschifffahrt combines exceptional scenery and culinary delights with a unique and fascinating technology.

The customer-centric ship operator also offers tailored cruises. These highly visible paddle steamers are a key element in Dresden’s charm and identity, increasing the city’s appeal both within Germany and beyond.

Source: Sächsische Dampfschifffahrt
www.saechsische-dampfschifffahrt.de/en/





Infineon Dresden

With around 3,500 employees, the Infineon site in Dresden provides one of the largest and most modern centers for manufacturing, technology, and product development. Today, Infineon Dresden manufactures over 400 different products based on 200 mm and 300 mm wafers. Production takes place around the clock, seven days a week, all year round.

Since the end of 2018, there has also been an Infineon development center at the Dresden site.

It focuses on developing new products and solutions for automotive and power electronics, as well as artificial intelligence (AI).
At Infineon in Dresden we also attach special importance to a healthy working climate, offering employees an attractive working environment.
This includes two cafeterias, recreation zones, break rooms with leisure facilities, physiotherapy services and a company doctor.

Take a break and see what your new colleagues have to say about their relocation – and benefit from their tips!



Rose Bernette Lindain
relocated from Singapore to Dresden
(Senior Project Leader Wafer Technology & Device Development)

"Moving a whole family from Singapore to the beautiful historical city of Dresden was definitely worth the journey, anticipation, and planning. Dresden lives up to its nickname of "Florence on the Elbe". It was fascinating to finally be able to witness its baroque magnificence after a five-month migration process. We were also mesmerized by the beauty of Saxon Switzerland, the majestic Moritzburg Castle and the interesting art collections in the museums. Of course, the relocation wouldn't be as seamless without the support of IFD HR, HR services, and the warm welcome of my colleagues. I am grateful for the opportunity to work in IFD DC and for the daily doses of inspiration from the amazing view of the Dresden Valley."



Borja Cuevas Legarreta
relocated from Spain to Dresden
(Technician Furnace)

"I have recently moved from Spain to Germany and felt very welcomed here. It has been an easy process – the relocation service has provided great support in finding accommodation and in dealing with some important documents. Dresden is a nice, youthful city with a strong industry and a wide cultural offer. You can manage many situations in English, but it is advisable to learn German.
Public transportation is excellent, reaching as far as the fab, but you can cycle there too since it is just a few minutes from the city."

This makes Infineon Dresden special

Experience Industry 4.0 in action. Over the past few years, we have further developed the 200 mm line into the world's most highly automated factory. The 300 mm line was set up for fully automated production from the outset.

Despite increasing automation, our factory is by no means short of people. Many employees have gained additional qualifications and skills and the number of jobs has in fact been rising steadily.





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Mobility & transportation

Transportation

Infineon Dresden is easily accessible by air, with three nearby airport options: Dresden Airport (DRS), Berlin Brandenburg Airport (BER), and Leipzig/Halle Airport (LEJ).
Dresden has one of the densest local public transport networks in Germany and you can commute easily to Infineon Dresden by taking the tram. From the city center, the journey only takes about 20 minutes.





Transportation



Bike & e-scooter
Dresden's **bike-friendly** infrastructure fosters a thriving cycling and e-scooter scene, promoting sustainable and accessible urban mobility.

Local providers for bike/scooter sharing:
– MOBIbike
– Lime
– emmy

Please use scooter-sharing options cautiously and responsibly and only utilize designated bike lanes.



Public transport
You can commute easily to Infineon Dresden by taking the **tram lines 7 or 8** to the stop **"Infineon Nord/Süd".**

Infineon offers a **discounted Job Ticket** for Dresden's public transport.

You can travel across Germany conveniently with the Deutschland-Ticket for just 49 euros per month, allowing access to all local public transport options.

Visit the following link for information about the Dresden public transport system and its offers:
– https://www.dvb.de/en-gb/



Car
For information about **driving licenses,** see:
– https://www.dresden.de/en/city/anliegen/driving-licence.php

For information about **car purchase and registration,** see:
– https://www.iamexpat.de/expat-info/driving-germany/buying-a-car

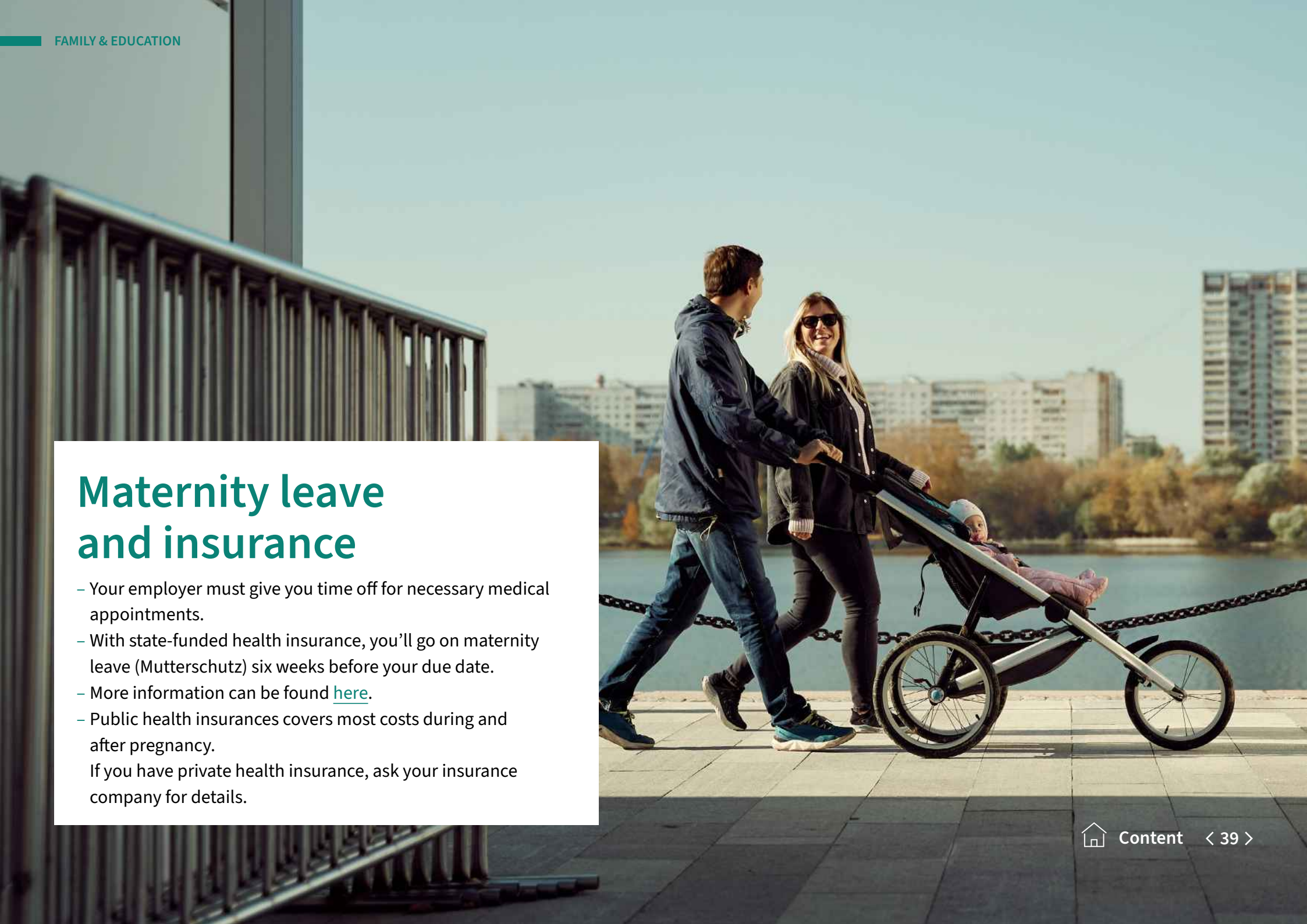
For information about **car sharing options,** see:
– MOBIcar
– BlaBlaCar



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Family & education

Maternity leave and insurance
Having a baby
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Maternity leave and insurance

- Your employer must give you time off for necessary medical appointments.
- With state-funded health insurance, you'll go on maternity leave (Mutterschutz) six weeks before your due date.
- More information can be found here.
- Public health insurances covers most costs during and after pregnancy.
  If you have private health insurance, ask your insurance company for details.



Having a baby

Before giving birth

- Arrange an appointment with a gynecologist (Frauenarzt) as soon as possible.
- In Germany, there are gynecologists, obstetricians, and mid-wives. Gynecologists perform routine medical exams, while midwives can do pre-natal checkups and assist in routine deliveries.
- At your first pre-natal checkup, you'll receive a "Mutterpass" (mother's passport) to track your medical appointments.
- Choose a hospital a few weeks ahead of your expected delivery date and take a tour of the maternity unit.
- Bring your "Mutterpass" and other documents to the hospital when you give birth.

Delivery

- Phone ahead to the delivery suite (Kreißsaal) to let them know you're on your way.
- Bring your maternity record, birth certificate, and marriage certificate (if applicable) to the hospital.
- Discuss your birthing preferences with the medical staff.
- Be aware that not all hospitals have birthing suites or pediatric care facilities.

Kindergarten

- Children from 1 year old have a legal right to childcare in Germany
- Options: nurseries, crèches, kindergartens, childminders, playgroups, and private care
- Contact Kita Portal or the Federal Ministry for Family Affairs to find suitable options

Types of childcare in Dresden:
- Crèche (1-3 years)
- Kindergarten (3-6 years)
- Private kindergartens (Waldorf, Montessori, language-focused)
- Childminders (small groups, 0-3 years)

Fees: €70-€300/month, depending on hours, family situation, income, and sponsorship. Register early, as waiting lists can be long.



Schools

Children start school at 6, with compulsory education until 15.

Structure:
- Primary school (Grundschule): 1st-4th grade (or 1st-6th grade in Berlin and Brandenburg)
- Secondary school (Realschule/Hauptschule): 5th-10th grade
- Grammar school (Gymnasium): 5th-12th grade

Curriculum:
- Primary school: basic knowledge, social skills, and foreign language
- Secondary school: general knowledge and specialized skills
- Grammar school: prepares for demanding careers or university studies

School registration:
- Registration for primary school takes place 10 months before the start of school (end of October)
- Foreign students who have already started school outside Germany must register at the Saxon Education Agency. Required documents: identity card or passport, certificate of registration in Dresden, and most recent school report from country of origin
- Non-German speaking students must attend a preparatory class to learn German before integrating into a regular class





Benefits for families

Child allowance

– €250/month per child until 18th birthday (or 25th birthday if in vocational training or higher education)



Benefits for families

Parental allowance

- 65–67% of average monthly net income prior to birth, up to €1,800, for 14 months (divided between parents)
- Eligibility: working parents, non-working parents, and parents who received tax-free income prior to birth
- Application: written form to Family Office of Federal Employment Agency or public service employer
- Three types: Basic Parental Allowance, Parental Allowance Plus, and Partnership Bonus (can be combined)
- Eligible: parents with reduced income or no income before childbirth

Parental leave

- Up to 3 years off work to care for children, can be taken before 3rd birthday or between 3rd and 8th birthdays
- Compensation: apply for parental allowance to receive financial support during parental leave

Eligibility for internationals

- EU/EEA citizens: eligible if employed in Germany or living in Germany
- Other foreign nationals: eligible if residence in Germany is deemed permanent and they have access to employment market
- Application: written form to office responsible for parental allowance in respective federal state

Activities for kids



Museums

- Deutsches Hygiene-Museum – A museum with interactive exhibits on health, hygiene, and the human body
- Museum für Völkerkunde Dresden – A museum with exhibits on cultures and civilizations from around the world
- Technische Sammlungen Dresden – A museum with exhibits on technology, science, and industry



Outdoor activities

- Dresdner Elbtal – A scenic area along the Elbe River with walking and cycling paths, playgrounds, and picnic areas
- Großer Garten Dresden – A large park with playgrounds, walking paths, and a botanical garden
- Sächsische Schweiz National Park – A national park with hiking trails, scenic views, and outdoor activities



Zoos and aquariums

- Dresden Zoo – A zoo with a variety of animals, including elephants, giraffes, and monkeys
- Aquarien Dresden – An aquarium with a variety of fish, sharks, and other sea creatures

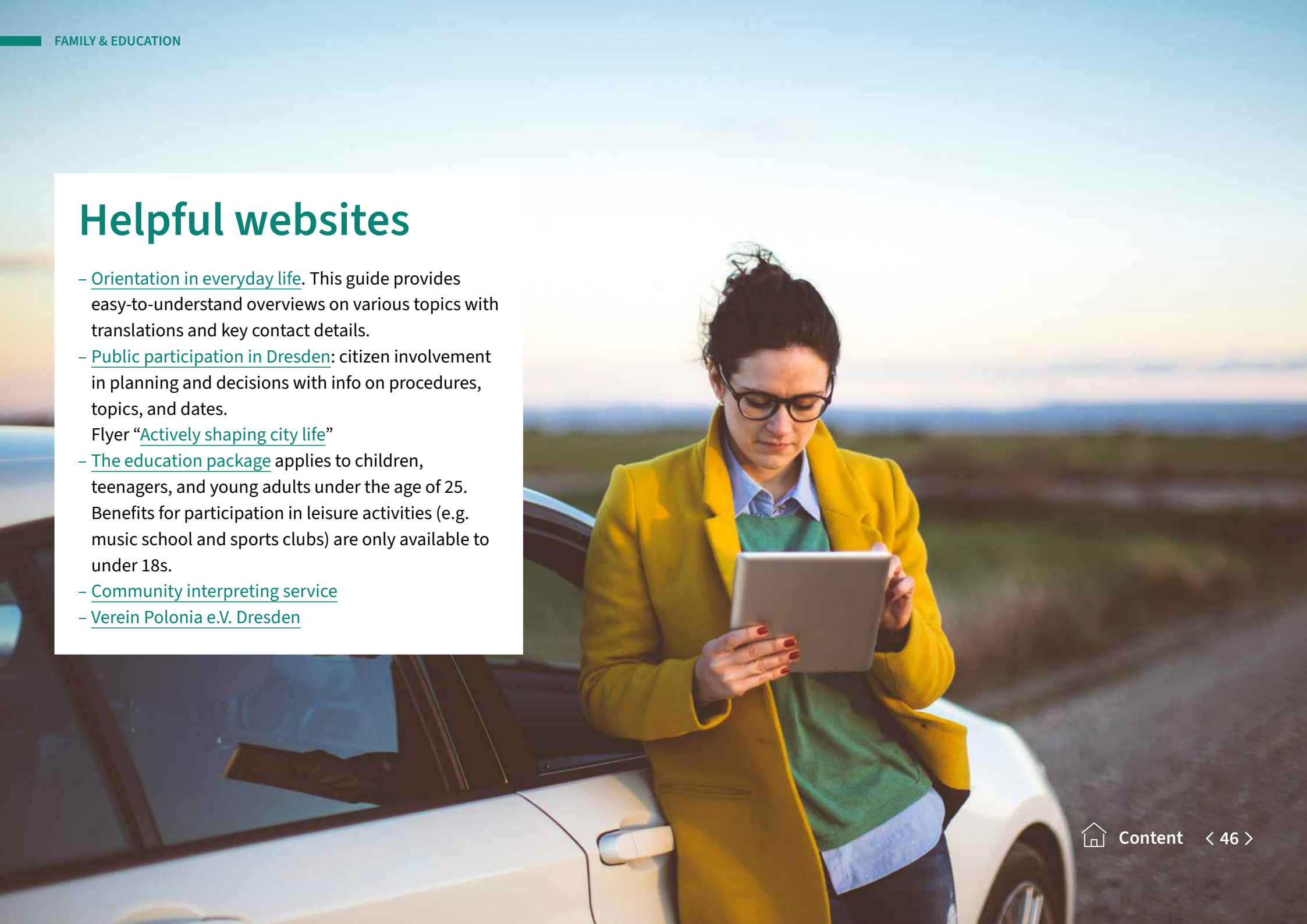


Other activities

- Dresden Indoor Climbing – An indoor climbing facility with walls and routes for kids
- Laser Tag Dresden – A laser tag facility with games and activities for kids
- Indoor playground – An indoor playground with many attractions on 2,000 square meters

Helpful websites

- Orientation in everyday life. This guide provides easy-to-understand overviews on various topics with translations and key contact details.
- Public participation in Dresden: citizen involvement in planning and decisions with info on procedures, topics, and dates.
  Flyer "Actively shaping city life"
- The education package applies to children, teenagers, and young adults under the age of 25. Benefits for participation in leisure activities (e.g. music school and sports clubs) are only available to under 18s.
- Community interpreting service
- Verein Polonia e.V. Dresden



We are very much looking forward to welcoming you in Dresden soon.

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