



Glossary: Apartment Search

Many rental offers in newspapers and local online portals are in German even though many landlords speak English. The following overview may help you to identify matching offers and understand common abbreviations for central amenities.

German term and abbreviation	English equivalent
1. Obergeschoss (1.OG)	first floor
2 ZKB	2 rooms plus kitchen and bathroom
2. Obergeschoss (2. OG)	second floor
Abstellraum	storage room
Altbau	older building
Angebot	offer
Anzahlung	down payment
Ausstattung	appointments (facilities / furniture)
Backofen	oven
Bad(ezimmer)	bathroom
Badewanne	bath tub
Balkon	balcony
barrierefrei	handicapped access
Baujahr (BJ)	year the house was built
bezugsfertig (bezugsf.)	ready for occupancy
Dachgeschoss (DG)	attic floor
Doppelhaushälfte (DHH)	semi-detached house
Dreifamilienhaus (3FH)	3-family house
Dusche (DU)	shower
Eigentumswohnung	condo / condominium

Einbauküche (EBK)	built-in kitchen
Einfamilienhaus	single-family house
Einliegerwohnung (ELW)	small apartment in a house / granny flat
Elektro Heizung (E.-Hzg.)	electric heating
Erdgeschoss (EG)	ground floor
erlaubt (erl.)	permitted, allowed
Erstbezug (EB)	first occupancy (new)
Fahrradraum / Fahrradkeller	bike storage
Ferienhaus (FeHa)	vacation house
Festpreis (FP)	fixed price
Flur	hallway
frei ab	available as of
frei ab sofort	available immediately
freistehend	free-standing / non attached
Garage	garage
Garten	garden
Gartenmitbenutzung	shared garden
gehoben (geh.)	above average
gepflegt (GEPFL.)	well-cared for
Haustiere	pets
Jahresmiete (JM)	annual rent
jährlich	annual
Kabelanschluss	cable connection
Kaltmiete (KM)	cold rent / rent excluding service charges
Kaufpreis (KP)	selling price
Kautions	security
2 MM Kaut.	security deposit of 2 months' rent
Keller	basement, cellar
kinderfreundlich	kids welcome
Kinderzimmer	children's room

Kochgelegenheit	kitchen facilities
Kochnische	kitchenette
Küche	kitchen
Kühlschrank	refrigerator
Laminat	laminated
Makler	real estate agent
Mehrfamilienhaus (MFH)	multi-family building
Mehrwertsteuer (Mwst.)	value added tax (VAT)
Miete	rent
Mietvertrag	rental contract / lease agreement
möbliert (MÖBL.)	furnished
nach Vereinbarung (n.V.)	as agreed
Nebenkosten (NK)	incidental expenditures / additional costs and service charges, such as heating ("Heizung"), water ("Wasser"), stairwell cleaning ("Treppenhausreinigung"), waste collection ("Müllabfuhr") etc.
Neubau	modern building
neuwertig (neuw.)	like new
Nichtraucher	non-smoker
Obergeschoss (OG)	upper floor
Parkett	parquet flooring
Parkplatz	parking space
Provision	commission
provisionsfrei	no commission fee
Quadratmeter (qm or m²)	square metres
Raum Würzburg	in the Würzburg area / region
Reihenhaus (RH)	town house
renoviert / saniert	renovated / remodeled
ruhig (RUH.)	quiet
schöne Aussicht	great view
Spülmaschine	dishwasher

Stadtteil	part of town
Telefonanschluss	phone connection
Teppichboden	carpeted floor
Terrasse	terrace
Tiefgaragenstellplatz	parking space in an underground car park
Trockner	dryer
Umzugsunternehmen	relocation services
unmöbliert	unfurnished
Verhandlungsbasis (VB)	negotiable
Verkehrsanbindung	transport connection
Vermieter	landlord
voll möbliert	fully-furnished
Warmmiete (WM)	warm rent / rent including heating
Waschmaschine	washing machine
WC	water closet/toilet
WLAN	Wifi
Wohnbezirk / Stadtviertel	district / location
Wohneinheit (WE)	living unit
Wohngemeinschaft (WG)	shared flat / flat-sharing community
Wohnzimmer	living room
zentrale Lage	central location
Zentralheizung (ZH)	central heating
Zimmer	room(s)
zuzüglich (zzgl.)	not including / plus
Zweifamilienhaus (2FH)	2-family house
