

## Glossary of housing-related terminology

German word	German abbreviation (as used in ads)	Translation
1-Zimmer Apartment, 1-Zimmerappartement, Einzimmerapartment, Einzimmerappartement	1-Zi.-App.	Studio apartment
1-Zimmerwohnung, Einzimmerwohnung, Einraumwohnung	1-Zi.-Whg.	Studio apartment
2-Zimmerwohnung, Zweizimmerwohnung, Zweiraumwohnung (3-Zimmerwohnung, 4-Zimmerwohnung etc.)	2-Zi.Whg., (3-Zi.-Whg., 4-Zi.Whg. etc.)	Two room (i.e. one bedroom) apartment etc.: the German system gives the total number of rooms (bedrooms and reception rooms) rather than just bedrooms
Ab 1.4.2008		Available starting 1 April 2008
Ab sofort		Available immediately
Ablöse	Abl.	One-off payment to previous tenant for fixtures and fittings
Altbau	Altb.	Old building (usually built before 1920)
Bad/WC		Bathroom with toilet
Balkon	Blk.	Balcony
Bürgschaft		Guaranty
Carport		Carport
Dachgeschoss	DG	Attic, top floor
Doppelhaushälfte	DHH	Semi-detached house
Diele		Hallway
Einbauküche	EBK	Fitted kitchen
Einbauschränk	Einbauschr.	Built-in closet
Einfamilienhaus	EFH	Single-family house (can be detached, semi-detached or row house)
Einkommensnachweis		Proof of income

Erdgeschoss	EG	Ground floor
Freistehendes Haus	FH	Detached house
Fußbodenheizung	Fußb. Hzg.	Underfloor heating
Garage	Gar.	Garage
Gartenmitbenutzung		Communal garden
Gasheizung	Gas Hzg.	Gas heating
Gemeinschaftskeller		Communal basement
Hausratversicherung		Household contents insurance
Hobbyraum	Hobbyr.	Hobby room
Hochparterre		Mezzanine floor
Heizung	Hzg.	Heating
Kaltmiete		Rent exclusive of heating
Kaution	KT	Security deposit
Keller		Basement, cellar
Kochnische	Kochn.	Kitchenette
Komplett möbliert	kompl. möbl.	Fully furnished
Loggia		Loggia
Maisonette		Maisonette
Maklerprovision		Estate agent's commission
Miete, Mietzins		Monthly rent
Mietschuldenfreiheit		Document stating that you have no rent debts
Möbliert	Möbl.	Furnished
Nebenkosten	NK, Nk.	Ancillary costs
Neubau	Neub.	New building
Obergeschoss (e.g. 1. Obergeschoss)	OG	Upper floor (e.g. 1 <sup>st</sup> floor)
Ölheizung	Öl-Hzg.	Oil heating
Ohne Provision	ohne Prov.	No estate agent's commission
Pantryküche		Kitchenette
Provision	Prov.	Estate agent's commission

Quadratmeter	qm, m <sup>2</sup>	Square meter
Ruhige Lage	ruh. Lage	Quiet location
Schufa, Schufa-Auskunft		Credit rating
Sofort beziehbar	Sof. bez.	Available immediately
Souterrain		Basement
Verhandlungsbasis	VB	Price negotiable
Voll möbliert	voll möbl.	Fully furnished
Von Privat	v. priv.	Private sale (no estate agent's commission)
Warmmiete		Rent including heating
Waschkeller		Basement laundry
Zentral, zentral gelegen, zentrale Lage		Central location
Zimmer, Küche, Diele Bad	ZKDB	One-room apartment, studio
Zuzüglich Nebenkosten	zzgl. NK	Ancillary costs not included
Zwischenmiete		Subletting rent