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**Studentenwerk
Dresden**



ZUSAMMEN. WIRKEN.

Dear students,

Welcome to your studies in the Saxon state capital Dresden. As a modern service provider, Studentenwerk Dresden will accompany you throughout this exciting phase of your life.

Through our activities as a public agency, some 40,000 students at seven institutions of higher learning and one university of cooperative education in Dresden, Tharandt, Zittau and Görlitz profit from our extensive range of services.

Our more than 600 professionals are dedicated to assist you in the service areas Student Dining, Student Housing, Student Finance, Counseling and Social Affairs as well as Cultural and International Affairs.



Student Finance – BAföG*

No dough, no show! Studying is more than the acquisition of knowledge. Reliable student finance is an important factor in a successful degree course. The BAföG Office at Studentenwerk Dresden is the right contact point for any questions you may have relating to BAföG.

Calculation of loan amount

Status as of WS 2020/21

	Accommodation during studies	
	at parents' home	not at parents' home
Basic amount	427 Euro	427 Euro
+ Additional amount	56 Euro	325 Euro
= Standard loan amount	483 Euro	752 Euro
+ Max. health insurance allowance	155 Euro	155 Euro
+ Max. nursing care insurance allowance	34 Euro	34 Euro
= Maximum amount	672 Euro	941 Euro

* Bundesausbildungsförderungsgesetz (English: Federal Training Assistance Act)

Important information on BAföG:

- Under this act, students can receive a BAföG loan of up to 941 euro a month.
- Repayment is not due until five years after the standard period of study has elapsed – and even then, only half of the original loan without interest and a maximum of 10.010 Euro!
- BAföG recipients are also exempt from Rundfunkbeitrag (English: broadcast license fees).

Applying for BAföG

You can apply for BAföG online or you can download all the forms to apply for BAföG as PDFs; the forms are also available in paper form at Studentenwerk Dresden. BAföG is approved for a period of one year. Please file your BAföG initial application or repeat application in due time, i.e. two months before your studies begin or the approval period expires.

More about BAföG application:

<https://swdd.eu/faf>

Service Office of Student Finance

At the Service Office of Student Finance, you can receive advice surrounding BAföG and find out more about alternative student financing options.

More about Service Office:

<https://swdd.eu/servicebuero>

Other student financing options

- KfW-Studienkredit (English: study loan): <https://www.kfw.de>
- Bildungskredit (English: student loan): <http://www.bundesverwaltungsamt.de>
- Interest-free loan: <https://swdd.eu/zdarlehen>
- Scholarships: <https://swdd.eu/stipendien>

Jobs for students

Studentenwerk Dresden offers positions for geringfügige Beschäftigte (English: marginal employment) e.g. at cafeterias and in administration. Payment is according to a wage scale.

Job opportunities at Studentenwerk Dresden:

<https://swdd.eu/gfb>

i FAQs relating to BAföG and Student Finance:

<https://swdd.eu/ffaq>

Housing – more than just a roof over your head

You want to be in contact with your classmates and students from all over the world, live close to university and not have to pay excessive utility bills? Then student housing is the right choice for you!

With 35 buildings in Dresden and Tharandt, we have a broad range of student housing at affordable, all-inclusive prices. Fast Internet, fully furnished and excellent access to public transportation are additional advantages of our student housing facilities.

We offer small flats for individuals and large apartments for families, but the most popular housing form is a single room in a WG (English: shared flat).

You can also benefit from lots of recreational programs, sports fields, fitness rooms and student clubs.

The WOMIKO concept brings together students from the same degree program in their residence hall. The welcome tutors particularly support international students.

In keeping with our slogan "(my) best time @ Wohnheim" our friendly and competent employees make sure that you feel at home during your temporary stay in our residence halls!

All student residence halls in Dresden and Tharandt:
<https://swdd.eu/wh>

More about WOMIKO:
<https://swdd.eu/womiko>

More about Welcome Tutors:
<https://swdd.eu/wtut>

Finding student housing made easy

Our online search function allows you to filter your search according to rent, room size, housing type, location, accessibility, etc.

Online housing search:
<https://swdd.eu/whs>

Everything you need to know about student housing in 2 minutes

When can I apply for student housing and what do I need? Check out our video on student housing for answers to this and other questions.

Video on student housing:
<https://swdd.eu/videowen>



Short-term residence halls

The residence halls Fritz-Löffler-Straße 16 ("Fritz – multi-cool-tural") and Budapester Straße 22 and 24 provide student housing for short-term students who will be in Dresden for a maximum of two semesters.

More about short-term residence halls:

<https://swdd.eu/fritz>

<https://swdd.eu/buda22>

<https://swdd.eu/buda24>

Living with child

Students with child(ren) can look forward to diverse types of housing and great living conditions in our residence halls.

More about residence hall living with child:

<https://swdd.eu/wmk>

<https://swdd.eu/kind>

Accessibility

Some residence halls have apartments tailored to the needs of students with limited mobility – especially students in a wheelchair. Nearby accommodation for assistance persons is usually possible.

More about residence hall living with a disability:

<https://swdd.eu/wmb>

<https://swdd.eu/behinderung>

International Guest House (IGH)

The International Guest House (IGH) is the right address for students and university guests from all over the world who require accommodation in Dresden for a maximum of three months.

Thanks to its close proximity to the TU and HTW campuses, downtown and the main train station, it is the perfect point of departure for exploring Dresden.

 More about International Guest House:

<https://swdd.eu/igh>

FAQs about residence halls:

<https://swdd.eu/wfaq>





Student Dining Services – lieber mensen gehen!

Our numerous canteens and cafeterias in Dresden and Tharandt provide more than 19,000 students and university employees daily with a variety of regional and international fare.

Why “lieber mensen gehen”?

At our canteens and cafeterias, you can enjoy a great variety of delicious dishes – from vegetarian, vegan, meat to organic – at affordable prices. Our opening hours are tailored to student life. For instance, the canteen Siedepunkt and the cafeteria Bib-Lounge, the canteens Alte Mensa, WUeins Sportsbar and the canteen Stimm-Gabel are also open in the evening and/or on weekends.



Our popular events weeks and seasonal recipes enrich our menu throughout the entire year in addition to our many other special offers.

Canteen menu:

<https://swdd.eu/speiseplan>

All canteens and cafeterias:

<https://swdd.eu/mensencafeterien>

MensaCard Emeal and Autoload

The MensaCard Emeal is the means of cashless payment in our canteens and cafeterias. The Autoload function for the MensaCard Emeal is secure and simple – and guarantees faster payment at canteen checkouts. Sign up for Autoload to keep an overview of your expenditures and to save time!

More about Emeal:

<https://swdd.eu/emeal>

More about Autoload:

<https://swdd.eu/autoload>

Comments and criticism

How did it taste? Please use our online comments and criticism form to share your opinion with us.

Comments and criticism form:

<https://swdd.eu/mlk>



Sustainability is important to us

Our goal is to constantly adapt our menu to the eating habits of our guests and to pay attention to sustainable offers and production methods - e.g. by using fair trade coffee and certified fish, avoiding waste and food waste as well as a greater variety of vegetarian and vegan dishes.

More about sustainability:

<https://swdd.eu/nachhaltig>



Family-friendly offers in our canteens

Students with child(ren) receive a child's portion for the price of 50 cents. Many canteens also offer separate children's tables and play areas.

Catering and Banquet Service

If you want to enjoy a relaxed evening with family and friends or need professional help for planning an event, use our catering service.

More about catering and banquet service:

<https://swdd.eu/catering>

FAQs about canteens and cafeterias

<https://swdd.eu/mfaq>



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Counseling and Social Affairs

With our counseling and support programs, we wish to help you start, continue and end your degree course even when your life circumstances become difficult or you experience problems in your studies. We offer assistance in orientation and decision making as well as competent psychosocial and legal counseling.

Social Counseling

Competent counselors help you find answers to questions relating to earning a livelihood while studying, pregnancy and child care or studying with a disability or chronic illness as well as other complex situations. International students are also invited to receive counseling on such topics. Counseling takes place in the form of one-on-one talks.

More about Social Counseling:
<https://swdd.eu/sozialberatung>

Psychosocial Counseling Center (PSB)

The PSB offers psychosocial counseling to students with psychological difficulties such as exam nerves, difficulties with working or finishing one's studies, social anxiety, conflict with one's partner, friends or family, a lack of self-esteem and/or depressive states. During our open office hours or an arranged first meeting, we can explore through a confidential one-on-one interview what type of assistance will work best for you (counseling, coaching, therapy, etc.). Our PSB program includes approx. 10 meetings during the semester. The PSB also offers seminars and workshops on various topics.

More about Psychosocial Counseling Center:
<https://swdd.eu/psb>

Legal Counseling

Our legal advisor offers professional legal advice as a part of Studentenwerk Dresden's area of responsibility in keeping with § 109 of the Sächsisches Hochschulfreiheitsgesetz (English: Saxon Act for the Greater Liberty of Higher Education Institutions). Our legal counseling offer pertains only to problems that result from student life circumstances. This includes issues relating to BAföG and tenancy law.

More about Legal Counseling:
<https://swdd.eu/rechtsberatung>



Campusbüro Uni mit Kind

Campusbüro Uni mit Kind (English: Campus office Uni with Child) is the central contact point for students with child(ren) and offers a broad range of services. This includes personal counseling and a diverse program of courses. It also offers spaces for breastfeeding, a changing table and a large playroom.

More about Campusbüro:

<https://swdd.eu/cb>

Campusnest

In our flexible short-term daycare center Campusnest, kids between the ages of nine weeks and three years receive qualified, affordable care so parents don't fall behind in their studies. Care can be booked in blocks of two hours; a maximum of four hours daily is possible.

More about Campusnest:

<https://swdd.eu/campusnest>

Child Daycare Centers

Your children are in good hands with us! With our two child daycare centers, we cater to the needs of student parents. Up to 250 children in two buildings receive loving and reliable care from approx. 43 education professionals.

Children one year of age to school entrance attend our daycare center SpielWerk with 180 spots. Our daycare center Miniforscher has 70 spots for children aged nine weeks to three years.

Both daycare centers feature group rooms with various games and learning areas as well as spacious outdoor areas where kids can explore and play in nature.

More about Child Daycare Centers:

<https://swdd.eu/kita>





Culture

The Kulturbüro (English: Culture Office) advises interested students on cultural and artistic questions, sponsors cultural projects, organizes the Dresdner Studententage (English: Dresden Student Days), supports student clubs and offers courses and workshops. If you are looking for an event room or desire help organizing events, you can also contact the Culture Office.

More about Culture:

<https://swdd.eu/kultur>

Student House TUSCULUM

TUSCULUM is a place for students and student artist groups to be creative, use rehearsal rooms and organize own events.

More about TUSCULUM:

<https://swdd.eu/tusculum>

Gallery STUWERTINUM

The gallery in the headquarters of Studentenwerk exhibits student pieces including photographs, artwork and drawings. Through STUWERTINUM, student artists gain the opportunity to introduce themselves and their work to the public.

More about STUWERTINUM:

<https://swdd.eu/stuwertinum>

Student clubs

With 13 clubs in number, Dresden is considered the unofficial capital of student clubs. These clubs organize parties, performing arts events and concerts with a great deal of dedication and idealism.

More about student clubs:

<https://swdd.eu/clubs>

Dresdner Studententage

Each year in the summer semester, the Culture Office hosts the Dresdner Studententage (English: Dresden Student Days) in cooperation with the Dresden student clubs and artist groups. Highlights include the student band contest UNI AIR, the Dresden-at-night walk and the medieval festival MittelAlterFest. Up to 30 different events rock campus during the Studententage.

More about Studententage:

<https://swdd.eu/stuta>





International Affairs

You want to make new friends, learn a foreign language or discover other cultures? You can do it all through Studentenwerk Dresden. Our student projects bring together foreign and German students so they can learn from each other.

Student exchange programs

Studentenwerk Dresden maintains partnerships and exchanges with various institutions abroad.

More about student exchanges:

<https://swdd.eu/ias>



Three weeks in the USA

Each year, a group of students takes part in the Beyond Borders program in Tallahassee at Florida State University. The event is posted each September. Hurry! There are only ten spots available.

More about Beyond Borders program:

<https://swdd.eu/bb>

France language trip

The language course in Lyon affords participants the opportunity to get to know the country and its people. The trip is perfect for everyone who is interested in French culture.

More about France language trip:

<https://swdd.eu/lyon>

International Coffee Hour (ICH)

The International Coffee Hour takes place during the semester every Wednesday from 5 pm to 7 pm. International and German students have the opportunity to find new friends and learn more about other cultures in a relaxed café setting with tea, coffee and cake and a diverse events program.

More about ICH:

<https://swdd.eu/ich>

Find International Friends (FIF)

FIF seeks to help establish contact between German students and students from abroad. The project makes it possible for one side to feel more at home, and the other side to learn more about other cultures. Registration and participation is free of charge.

More about FIF:

<https://swdd.eu/fif>



Startbonbon

The Startbonbon is a voucher booklet for first-semester students, with which they can get to know their new surroundings.

More about Startbonbon:
<https://swdd.eu/startbonbon>



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