

Living & Studying in Tübingen

Welcome to Tübingen

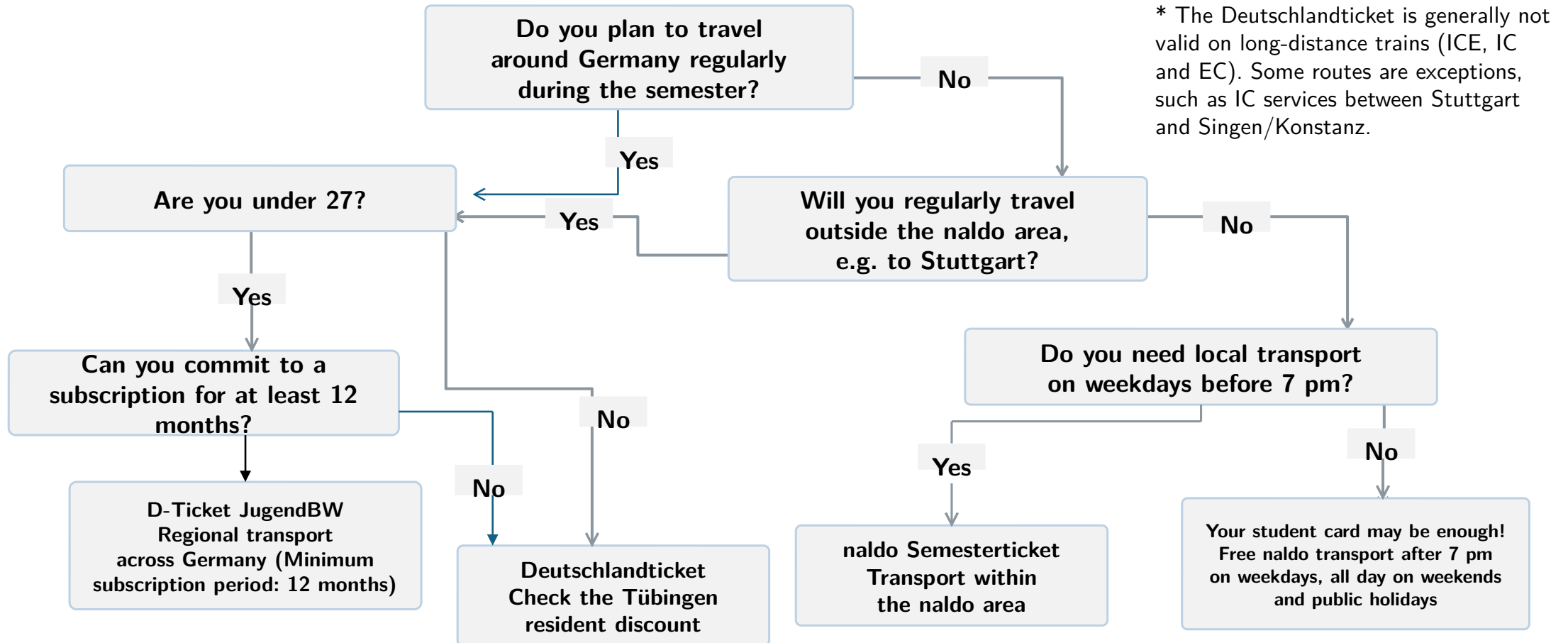
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Living in Tübingen

Transport



Transport - Comparison

	D-Ticket JugendBW	Deutschlandticket (D-Ticket)	naldo Semesterticket
Coverage	Regional transport across Germany	Regional transport across Germany	naldo region only
Price	€45/month	€63/month (regular); €54/month (Tübingen residents)	€161.10/semester
Eligibility	Students under 27	Everyone; Tübingen discount for city residents	Eligible university students
Subscription	Minimum 12 months	Monthly subscription	One semester (6 months)
Cancellation	12-month minimum commitment; renews automatically	Can be cancelled monthly	No automatic renewal
Best for	Students under 27 and staying at least one year	Short-term students or flexible travel	Students travelling mainly within naldo
Purchase links	Buy online	Buy online	Buy online

Transport - Other options

Ticket / Option	Best for
Single / Day Ticket	Occasional travel without a subscription
Baden-Württemberg-Ticket	Regional day trips within Baden-Württemberg, especially for groups
Student ID	Free travel in the naldo region during designated evening and weekend hours, subject to eligibility

Registration/Bürgerbüro

1. Register your address **within 2 weeks** of moving in.
2. Book an appointment as early as possible – slots fill up quickly.
3. Bring: **Passport / ID** and **Wohnungsgeberbestätigung** (confirmation from your landlord).

[Book an appointment – Bürgerbüro](#)

Groceries & Everyday Essentials

Everyday groceries

REWE · Kaufland · ALDI · EDEKA · Lidl · PENNY

Personal care & household products

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International groceries

Turkish: [Loretto market Salam](#)

Indian: [Asien Food Bazaar](#)

East Asian: [Ye's Asia Supermarket](#)

Turkish: Ünal Shopping

Cheap fresh meat & international food

[Mix Markt \(Betzingen\)](#)

Waste Separation

Bin / Collection	What goes in it?
Gelber Sack / With yellow trash bag	Empty plastic packaging, cans and drink cartons
Altpapier / Blue bin	Clean paper and cardboard
Biomüll / Brown bin	Food scraps, fruit peels, eggshells and coffee grounds
Restmüll / Black bin	Tissues, sanitary products and other non-recyclable waste
Altglas / Glass containers	Glass bottles and jars, sorted by colour

Gelber Sack is for packaging, not all plastic items.

Waste Collection & Useful Links

When is collection day?

Check the Abfallkalender for your address.

[Collection calendar \(Abfallkalender\)](#)

Not sure which bin to use?

[Local Waste A–Z \(Abfall-ABC\)](#)

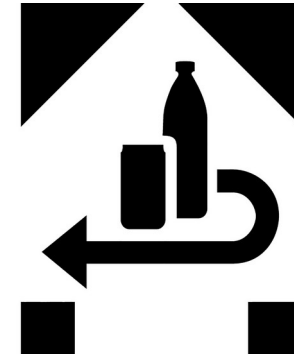
[English sorting guide](#)

Living in a dorm or WG?

Ask your flatmates where the bins are and how rubbish duties work.

Pfand

- You pay a deposit when buying drinks in certain bottles or cans.
- Return the empty containers to a supermarket's reverse vending machine (Pfandautomat).
- Take the receipt to the checkout to get your deposit back.
- **Look for this symbol on bottles and cans.**



Rundfunkbeitrag (GEZ)

Germany's public broadcasting contribution

- **€18.36 per month per apartment**, not per person
- Usually paid every 3 months: **€55.08**
- **Living in a WG?** Ask whether a flatmate already pays and use their Beitragsnummer when responding
- Student status alone does not qualify you for an exemption. BAföG recipients can apply
- Respond to letters and pay on time to avoid additional charges

Student information & registration

www.rundfunkbeitrag.de

Seeing a doctor

Statutory insurance (TK, AOK, Barmer...)

- Book with a practice that accepts statutory insurance.
- Bring your insurance card.
- Covered treatment is usually billed directly to your insurer.
- Some medication and additional services cost extra.

Private insurance

- Tell the practice which insurance you have when booking.
- Bring your insurance details.
- You usually pay the bill and submit it to your insurer.
- Keep invoices and prescriptions. Reimbursement depends on your policy.

Start with a Hausarzt / GP for general health problems.

Urgent Medical Help

- **Life-threatening emergency:** Call **112**.
- **Serious, acute problem requiring hospital care:** Go to an emergency department (**Notaufnahme**). If you cannot travel safely, call **112**.
- **Urgent but not life-threatening, outside practice hours:** Call **116117** for guidance.
- **Emergency departments in Tübingen:** [Locations & contacts](#)

Hochschulsport and Gyms

Hochschulsport

- Sports courses and activities offered by the university.
- No ECTS credits. Many courses charge a small fee.
- Registration opens on 13 October. Register early.
- [Programme & registration](#)

Gyms

- [Uni Gym](#)
- [Anytime](#)
- [McFit](#)

Other sports

- For more options, ask on r/tübingen or in your Hochschulsport classes.

Studying in Tübingen

Talking to Lecturers

Friendly and respectful

Not every lecturer is a professor.

Use the title listed on their staff page.

Follow how they introduce themselves.

Use a first name when invited to do so.

Unsure? Start with a formal greeting.

For example: Dear Professor [Surname] / Dear Dr [Surname]

Simple courtesy goes a long way.

Say hello, goodbye and thank you.

[SfS staff directory](#)

Useful Facilities - Library

Copying, printing and scanning

- **Ground floor:** Copying & scanning
- **First floor (1. OG):** Printing
- **Bring your student card**
- [More information](#)

Useful Facilities - Library

Group workspace

- Bookable [group rooms](#) (for university members only)
- Learning Center (Lernzentrum) in the group work area (On the left-hand side of the library's second floor)
- [Cube](#) in the Ammerbau



University Resources & Support

1. **Study Advice — Zentrale Studienberatung**

Help with study planning, learning difficulties and study-related stress

[Advice & appointments](#)

2. **Study Skills Workshops**

Explore workshops on reading, thinking and learning strategies

[Current programme](#)

3. **Academic Writing — Schreibzentrum**

Individual advice and workshops for term papers and theses

[Writing support](#)

4. **Going abroad**

[Erasmus+](#)

Information & Advice

For all students

Student life

Housing, finances, insurance, transport and studying abroad

For international students

FAQ

Answers to common study questions

Newsletter

Updates for international degree-seeking students

Help Desk

Advice in person, online or by email

Meeting People

Get-together Program

Excursions, events and sports for international degree students

International Coffee Hour

All international students: Fridays, 3–5 pm at Brechtbau

Tandem Learning

Practise languages with a language partner

Buddy Program

Connect with local students. Check the next application period.

Student Groups & Clubs

Meet people through shared interests and volunteering

Fachschaft — Student Representatives

- Students representing your degree programme
- Ask us about studying, courses and student life
- Meet other students through events
- Interested in helping out? Join us!

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