

Information for the leasing of living space by persons entitled to assistance according to German Social Security Code Vol. II ("SGB II") and German Social Security Code Vol. XII (SGB XII)

Before concluding a new lease agreement, you must have the **guarantee** from "Jobcenter team.arbeit.hamburg" or the Office for Basic Security and Social Services ("Fachamt für Grundsicherung und Soziales") concerning the costs for the relocation (e.g. moving costs, rent deposit). Furthermore, in your own interests you should also obtain a **guarantee** from Jobcenter team.arbeit.hamburg or the Office for Basic Security and Social Services concerning the assumption of the costs for the new accommodation.

The costs payment guarantee will be issued either on the basis of the (as yet unsigned) lease agreement or a lease option.

Before signing your lease agreement, please check that the details contained in the lease agreement actually correspond to those in the lease option. Pay special attention to the **amount of the rent** and if an agreement is included for a **graduated rent**. If you are unsure, do not sign the lease agreement for now, but present it instead to the administrator in charge of your file.

The administrative office is only obliged to agree to your relocation if it is necessary.

Publicly subsidised housing

If you are proposing to rent publicly subsidised accommodation, in certain cases you will need a **subsidised housing entitlement certificate ("Wohnberechtigungsschein")**, an **urgent case certificate ("Dringlichkeitsschein")** or a **confirmation of urgency ("Dringlichkeitsbestätigung")**.

In these cases the letting is tied to the size of the apartment.

The following **apartment sizes** are deemed reasonable:

Size of household based on persons	1	2	3	4	5	6	Each additional person
Living space maximum amount	50 m ²	60 m ²	75 m ²	90 m ²	105 m ²	120 m ²	15 m ²

Privately-financed apartments

If the accommodation is a privately-financed apartment or a non-publicly subsidised accommodation, the following maximum amounts apply for the net cold rent:

Size of household	maximum amounts (reasonable net cold rent)
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1-person household	373.50 Euro
2-person household	448.20 Euro
3-person household	546.75 Euro
4-person household	619.65 Euro
5-person household	812.86 Euro
6-person household	913.42 Euro
Each additional person	100.56 Euro

The maximum amounts generally only constitute the upper limits. There is no entitlement to have these limits completely exhausted in every individual case. If you are offered a cheaper apartment suited to your needs, you are required to rent it.

If you are requested to reduce the expenses due to the excessiveness of the net cold rent, the future net cold rent may not exceed the maximum amount for your household size.

Please also provide documentation for the advance payments of running and heating costs.

If you have any questions, please contact the person responsible for your case.