

## Karlsruhe – worth your while!

So, you're studying or doing an apprenticeship in Karlsruhe? Welcome! This youthful, vibrant city is not only a great place to study, but also to live. Reason enough, surely, to strike roots – and make it your primary place of residence. Particularly since Karlsruhe city council has come up with several special ideas to help you settle in: you will receive a one-off voucher for a "Studi- oder Azubikarte" – the student or apprentice season ticket for public transport in Karlsruhe ("KVV"), shopping vouchers worth 50 Euros and a book about Karlsruhe. You will also be given the chance to win one of the bikes that have been specially designed for new inhabitants of Karlsruhe.

## Your primary place of residence

Officially, the definition is "main place of residence". Anyone moving into a flat is obliged to register within two weeks with the local registration authority ("Einwohnermeldeamt"). If those who are obliged to register have places of residence elsewhere in Germany, they must declare upon registering which of their homes is their primary place of residence. Their primary place of residence is the place at which they spend the majority of their time – the main focus of their lives.

Let's be honest – in the course of your education, don't you spend most of your time in Karlsruhe? There are all sorts of advantages to be had by declaring Karlsruhe as your primary place of residence.



## Were you aware of this?

- **Identification cards** can only be issued or changed at your primary place of residence; German passports are also issued at the holder's primary place of residence.
- You are only eligible for a **residents' parking permit** if Karlsruhe is your primary place of residence.
- For the **GEZ** (TV/radio licensing authority) the question of primary or secondary place of residence is irrelevant.
- If you have your own **car** it must be registered at your primary place of residence.
- **The entitlement of parents to child benefit** is unaffected by the location of your primary place of residence.
- **Health insurance, nursing care insurance, German pension insurance and life insurance policies** are independent of the primary place of residence. In the case of **personal liability insurance**, domestic students or apprentices are generally covered by their parents' insurance up to the age of 25 years (in some cases to the age of 27), even when their primary place of residence is they receive their education. What prevails for insurance policies is the General Terms and Conditions. In the case of **vehicle insurance**, there may be differences in the classification of regions.
- **Income tax cards** always come from your principal place of residence. Tax returns are dealt with by the tax office at your principal place of residence.
- As far as **tax concessions** for parents are concerned, it is not a requirement for children to have their parental home recorded as their primary place of residence.
- The **right to vote** can only be exercised at the voter's primary place of residence.

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## Relocate now to receive your gifts!

So, you're studying or doing an apprenticeship in Karlsruhe? Make Karlsruhe your primary place of residence – and receive lots of exclusive gifts.



## Sign up for your exclusive gifts!

Your education in Karlsruhe – whether at a university, a training company or vocational school – is the start of a whole new stage in your life. Karlsruhe will become the focal point of your life – and it makes sense to make it your primary place of residence. As you must have noticed, Karlsruhe has a whole lot more to offer than "just" universities, apprenticing companies and vocational schools: great pubs and beer gardens, all sorts of different cultural, sporting and leisure activities, the Rhine, lots of green areas in the city; and the Black Forest, Pfalz and Alsace regions are also on the doorstep. Planned with streets radiating in fan shape from a palace, Karlsruhe "the fan city" attracts thousands of future qualified employees every year. Everyone contributes to the life of the city, and everyone should feel at home here.

And the City of Karlsruhe would like you to feel at home, too, which is why the Science Bureau of Karlsruhe has put together a welcoming package for you.

The welcoming package is for every student of a university of Karlsruhe and for everyone who's apprenticing company and/or vocational school is located here in Karlsruhe. You'll find more information on [www.erstwohnsitz-ka.de](http://www.erstwohnsitz-ka.de).

Relocating officially will immediately ease the burden on you and your purse by over 200 Euros!

## Exclusive: 1 „Studi- or Azubi-Ticket“

You will receive a voucher for a "Studi- oder Azubi-Ticket" (student and apprentice season ticket) for Karlsruhe public transport (KVV). This will give you immediate mobility in your adopted city, allowing you to travel free of charge for 6 months, experiencing for yourself how well Karlsruhe's tram network works. You can even use it to travel up to 100 km into the surrounding areas.

## Exclusive: 5 shopping vouchers

You will also receive shopping vouchers worth **50 Euros**. You can use these as cash in many retail outlets and restaurants in Karlsruhe.

## Exclusive: 1 book about Karlsruhe

You will also receive a **book containing all sorts of important information about Karlsruhe**. Here you will find a map of the town and various tips and addresses to help you find your way around your new home city.

## Exclusive: win a Draisler bicycle

### Grand prize draw – win a student bike!

When you register to make Karlsruhe your primary place of residence, you will find a draw ticket in your welcoming package. With it you could win **one of the exclusive bicycles in the prize draw**, which have been designed especially new inhabitants of in the "fan city", and are not available from retailers. The winners will then of course be mobile during their studies in Karlsruhe. It's not for nothing that Karlsruhe was the birthplace of Freiherr von Drais, inventor of the bicycle!

The winners will be informed by mail. The mail will also tell winners when and where the bicycle will officially be handed over. The bicycles are issued twice a year, always at the end of a semester.

We will also publish the exact time and place of the handover on our website. Using your draw number, you will also be able to find out from the website whether you are among the lucky winners: [www.erstwohnsitz-ka.de](http://www.erstwohnsitz-ka.de)



## It couldn't be simpler!

It doesn't take as long as you think to complete the formalities. To relocate officially, you just have to go to the citizens' office (Bürgerbüro) at Kaiserallee 8 or the central citizens' office (Bürgerbüro Mitte) in the town hall on the market square, although you should make an appointment at the relevant citizens' office before you go. All you need to take with you is your personal identity card if you have one, your passport, and proof of matriculation, your apprenticeship contract or your vocational school certificate. As of the 01.11.2015 it is also mandatory to have a landlord's confirmation of residence ready for your relocation. You can pick up your welcoming package there and then.

At the beginning of every winter semester, there will be a student and apprentice counter in the city library in the „Neue Ständehaus“.

**Please note:** During this period, no welcoming packages will be handed out by the citizens' offices. You will find the opening times here: [www.erstwohnsitz-ka.de](http://www.erstwohnsitz-ka.de)



## Everyone benefits!

You are not the only one to benefit if you decide to make Karlsruhe your primary place of residence, of course – the city itself also benefits. Every person registering their primary place of residence in Karlsruhe is one more for the city's total number of inhabitants, and this increases the funds the city receives from central and state government under the municipalities' fiscal equalisation system. It needs these funds in order to maintain and develop the city's infrastructure, and of course the sports, social and cultural events and activities it offers. The city uses the funding not least to provide and improve the favourable conditions you and your fellow citizens need to live. The goals of our "Integrated city development concept 2020" include the provision of low-cost housing and the promotion of a lively urban culture and good research facilities. So by registering your primary place of residence here, you are actively contributing to the development and design of Karlsruhe as a "student and science city".