

Order of formalities to be taken care of after the arrival in Germany

1. Health insurance
2. Registration of address
3. Residence permit for Non-EU Citizens
4. Bankaccount
5. Tax office

Comments:

After the arrival in Germany, it definitely takes some time to complete all the required formalities. Unfortunately it is not possible to manage them in just one day.

Health insurance is mandatory and it will be required for all the following procedures. For that reason it is recommendable to start looking for the options of a health insurance previously in order to choose the most convenient one. The health insurance should be completed as soon as possible after the arrival in Germany.

A certification of a health insurance is not necessary to register the address. However, the address registration should be done within the first weeks after the arrival in Germany.

Once the health insurance has been sorted and all required documents are available, it is time to register the address at the local residents' registration office. Non-EU citizens have to register at the Foreigner's Registration Office and they have to apply for the Residence Permit.

Not all the banking houses in Münster offer the possibility to get a bank account to international scholars. Please count on some additional monthly fee as well. In this case, it is possible to open a bank account before getting registered at the immigration office.