



Information

VISA & Health Insurance



Visa:

You have to apply for a student visa as a third-country citizen (even if you are already studying in an EU country and have a national visa or residence permit for this country) – the status of your visa cannot be changed in Germany. A tourist visa is NOT sufficient!

This applies to ANYBODY, who is not citizen of an EU country ([visa exemptions](#)) and can present a corresponding passport.

Health insurance:

For your period of stay in Germany you should definitely contract a German statutory health insurance! Please also check our [Website](#) for further information. Most private health insurances do not cover all medical treatments in Germany so that you would have to pay these high costs yourself. That is why you should contract a German statutory health insurance for students in Germany right after your arrival (and cancel e.g. your insurance in order not to have double insurance costs). Remember, medical treatment in Germany is comparatively expensive when you are not sufficiently insured. You might also wish to get an insurance providing for the transport home (often offered by automobile associations) in case of serious illness. These insurances are usually quite inexpensive. Please contract your health insurance before you come to our Infotisch/registration and bring your health insurance certificate (as well as your letter of acceptance). Only then, you can be matriculated (and afterwards you will get your certificate of enrolment). You will have to show your letter of admission and then your certificate of enrolment in order to benefit from the special student rates.

Here are some addresses of health insurance companies in Gießen:

- **Techniker Krankenkasse**, Liebigstr.14, Tel: 0641-7967-500 oder 0180-2858585
Öffnungszeiten: Mo, Di, Mi, Fr 8.00h-16.00h; Do 8.00h-17.00h
- **Barmer Ersatzkasse**, Marktplatz 8, Tel: 018500-482999 or 0641-93253- 148 2999
Öffnungszeiten: Mo-Mi 8.00h-17.00h; Do 8.00h-18.00h; Fr 8:00 – 16:00h
- **DAK**, Südanlage 30, Tel: 0641-9790480,
Öffnungszeiten: Mo - Mi 8.00h-16.00h; Do 8.00h-17.00h; Fr 8.00h-13.00h
- **AOK Gießen**, Gartenstr.10, Tel: 0180-1188111,
Öffnungszeiten: Mo, Di, Mi, Fr 8.30-16.30; Do 8.30h-18.00h; Sa 9.00-13.00h
- **Kaufmännische Krankenkasse**, Seltersweg 7-9, Tel: 0641-399000,
Öffnungszeiten: Mo - Do 8.00h-18.00h; Fr 8.00h-16.00h