

## Before Moving In



### Dear Students!

Here we provide you with the most important preliminary information about rooms for exchange students in AKAFÖ halls of residence.

The RUBiss team (RUB international student services) wishes you a smooth move-in and a pleasant stay in Bochum.

## Important Information about Moving In

### How do I get to RUB?

Directions to get to the university by car and public transportation can be found [here](#).

### When can I move into my room?

You will find the earliest possible move-in date in your reservation confirmation. All rental contracts start on the first day of a month. However, the move-in itself is possible from the 3rd working day of a month.

It is not possible to move in on Saturdays, Sundays, or public holidays.

Our rooms can only be rented for complete calendar months. Rooms can be rented for 6 or 12 months. Within the agreed rental period, the rental contracts cannot be terminated prematurely.

### Where do I get my room key?

You can pick up the room key from Monday to Friday between 9:00 and 11:00 am from the caretaker of your dormitory.



*Tip:* ESN Pick-up Service from the main station of Bochum.  
[Please register here for the pick-up service.](#)

## What is my address?

You will find the name and exact address of your residence hall, as well as your individual room number on your confirmation of reservation, which you should have already received via email.

## Which type of room will I live in?

The form of housing is also stated in your confirmation of reservation:

- a) **Single Room** in a shared flat (*WG-Zimmer*), shared bathroom and kitchen
- b) **Single “Dorm” Room**, shared bathroom, kitchen, and common room on one floor (13 persons)

## What must be paid in advance?

Together with your reservation confirmation you will receive an e-mail requesting you to transfer a lump sum (deposit) of 400 euros as well as the rent for the first 3 months to the following bank account:

Recipient: AKAFÖ, Universitätstraße 150, 44801 Bochum  
Bank: Sparkasse Bochum, Querenburger Höhe 224, 44801 Bochum  
IBAN: DE32 4305 0001 0033 4060 26  
BIC/Swift Code: WELADED1BOC

Please be sure to include your **name and number of your confirmation of reservation**

## When is the second instalment due?

The rental prices stated on the AKAFÖ website refer to a minimum rental period of minimum rental period of 12 months.

After 3 months, the remaining instalment of the rent must be transferred at the latest.

## What cost of living per month can I expect?

Accommodation/rent	between €260 und €420
Broadcasting License Fee	ca. €18
Groceries	ca. €150
Academic expenses	ca. €40
Personal expenses	ca. €150 (dependent on your own spending habits)
Health insurance	ca. €100

## **Where do I get my rental contract?**

You will receive your reservation confirmation by e-mail in advance.

After you have paid the first instalment, we will send you your rental contract by e-mail.

## **Can I pay less rent if I leave earlier/arrive later?**

No, the full monthly rent must always be paid.

## **What is a *Wohnungsgeberbestätigung* and where do I get it?**

After moving in, you will receive the housing provider certificate, which is necessary for registration with the city of Bochum, by e-mail.

## **How can I open a German bank account?**

You usually have to register with the city of Bochum.

A good alternative is to have an account at an online bank.

## **How long may I stay in the room?**

You can live in the rooms arranged through the International Office for between 6 and 12 months.

## **Can I change my room?**

Unfortunately, changing rooms are not possible. If you have a problem with your room, please contact me personally, e.g., via Zoom or email, so that we can discuss the reasons and possibly find a common solution.

## **Where can I find cheap household wares?**

You can find affordable household wares at, for example, [IKEA in Dortmund](#), [Kodi](#) or the [Dänische Bettenlager](#) in Bochum.

ESN Bochum also typically organizes 1-2 flea markets at the beginning of each semester\*, where you can buy used household goods at a reasonable price.

\*Flea markets will only be organized this semester if current federal Corona restrictions allow them.

## **Whom do I turn to if I have more questions?**

If not please feel free to send an email at [accommodation@uv.rub.de](mailto:accommodation@uv.rub.de) to Mrs. Gundra Stückrath

# **Important Information about the Facilities**

## Important information about living in an AKAFÖ residence halls

Furnished accommodation?	Yes (incl. refrigerator, freezer compartment, stovetop (some ovens), bed, desk, wardrobe, etc.). No microwave.
Dishes?	No (plates, cups, cutlery, pots, pans, etc.), but at the beginning of the semester ESN Bochum organises a flea market for tableware and other household utensils. I hope that the corona situation will allow this.
Bedlinens, Pillow, Blanket?	No.
Pets?	Pets are <b>not</b> allowed.
Laundry?	Yes. You will need to put money on your student ID to pay for both the washing machines and dryers. More information regarding the specific laundry situation in your residence hall can be received from the caretaker.
Caretaker ( <i>Hausmeister</i> )	The name and phone number of the caretaker of your residence hall can be found on your confirmation of reservation. Please note that many of the caretakers may not speak English well.  Each dormitory has a janitor, who you will usually find in the house from Monday to Friday. As a rule, property managers offer office hours in the morning between 9 and 11 am.
Internet access?	Yes, after you register as a student at RUB. At enrolment, you will receive your login ID and password. You can find further information and a user's manual <a href="#">here</a> .
Shopping facilities close to Uni?	Yes, the <a href="#">Unicenter</a> provides plenty of supermarkets, banks, a pharmacy, a drugstore, a post office, restaurants and more.
More information about the different residence halls at?	<a href="http://www.akafoe.de/wohnen">www.akafoe.de/wohnen</a>