

CHECKLIST **LEASE & RENTAL AGREEMENT**

Once you get your apartment, what about the rent?

Legally enforceable rental agreements may be executed in writing, verbally or tacitly (e.g., if keys are handed over in exchange for payment). Whatever form it takes (you definitely want one in writing), a rental agreement is valid as long as the contracting parties agree on the essential terms.

A rental agreement must include the following terms:

- Who/what is the landlord and who is/are the tenant(s)
- Description of the object being rented, the building it is located in and for what purpose it is being leased
- Length of the contract: fixed term (*befristet*) or unlimited (*unbefristet*)
- Amount of base rent (*Nettomiete, Kaltmiete*) and how it is to be paid
- How the operating/maintenance costs (*Betriebskosten*) are distributed and calculated (because these are variable costs, specific amounts might not be stated in the contract)

Do you need help? We will guide you through the process.

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