

Important Information regarding the broadcasting fee

Every person living in Germany is obliged to pay the broadcasting fee (Rundfunkbeitrag). This also applies to international students.

You can register by mail at the following address:

**ARD ZDF Deutschlandradio
Beitragsservice
50656 Köln**

By phone **018 59995 0100** or online:

https://www.rundfunkbeitrag.de/anmelden_und_aendern/anmelden/

An exemption from the broadcasting fee is possible:

If students live with someone who already pays the broadcasting fee. For this they have to supply the fee number under which this broadcasting fee is already paid.

If it is about a double apartment, a hall community or flat share on the open market then it is possible that the residents of this living forms share the fee on each other.

An exemption from the broadcasting fee is also possible in some other cases, e.g.:

1. If you receive governmental fundings, like BAföG (while they don't live with their parents) or other social benefits.
2. If you are deaf-blind.
3. If you are receiver of aid for the blind according to §72 SGB 12 and §27 d BVG.
4. Hardship cases if you are special care beneficiary according to § 27e of the German Federal Supply Act.

You will find more detailed on the website of the broadcasting fee:

http://www.rundfunkbeitrag.de/buergerinnen_und_buerger/ermaessigung_und_befreiung/index_ger.html

and at the Studentenwerk (very important in case of a dorm room):

<http://www.studentenwerkbielefeld.de/index.php?id=392>