

What do the abbreviations mean?

Classified ads use many abbreviations, which are often difficult to understand. Here you will find a list of the most common ones:

kalt = rent, excluding all utilities

warm = rent including most utilities (normally except electricity)

zzgl. NK = Nebenkosten - (additional costs such as rubbish fees, taxes are charged extra)

möbliert = furnished

unmöbliert = unfurnished

2 Zi.Whg = two-room apartment

2 ZKB = two rooms, kitchen, bathroom

Wfl. = square meters

DG = Dachgeschoss = attic

EBK = Einbauküche - fitted kitchen

Blk = Balkon - balcony

ZH = Zentralheizung - central heating

K = Kautions - security deposit (to be returned to you when you leave the apartment in good condition)

NR = Nichtraucher - non-smoker

WG = Wohngemeinschaft - people sharing an apartment, each with his/her own bedroom but with shared kitchen and bathroom

mit Stellplatz = parking spot included (sometimes an extra fee is charged)

Ablöse = amount to be paid for furniture or fitted kitchen that remain in the flat (this amount is to be paid to the previous tenant and not to the landlord)

Good to know: In German accommodation ads, one of the rooms is usually considered as living-room, f.ex:

2ZKB = 1 bed-room, 1 living-room, kitchen and bathroom

3ZKB = 2 bed-rooms, 1 living-room, kitchen and bathroom