

10 facts worth knowing about your residential deregistration

- 1. In Germany, it is required by law to report to the competent authorities to deregister when moving abroad
- 2. Foreigners and expatriates should be careful to execute their residential deregistration when returning abroad in order to make sure that they face no problems when they visit Germany again one day
- 3. There is an obligation of compulsory presence in only very few municipalities. There is even usually the possibility to do it by mail
- 4. The usually free of charge deregistration procedure can be executed at the earliest one week before the actual move-out, but not later than two weeks after it
- 5. Germans should leave their foreign address in order to receive their voting cards for the national elections
- 6. A delayed or neglected deregistration is an administrative offense
- 7. Unmarried couples must complete one deregistration form each
- 8. A confirmation of the former landlord for the completion of a deregistration has been deleted with effect from November 2016 from the registration laws. But when moving in, it is necessary to present an according confirmation from the landlord
- 9. Those who wish to withdraw from German taxation definitely when going abroad must actually leave the country and must not stay in Germany longer than 183 days within a year. And they are not allowed to keep a residence in Germany. Then only income from German sources is subject to taxation in Germany
- 10. Officially no vehicle can be registered in the name of someone who has given up residence in Germany. Consider this when thinking about the timing of vehicle exports

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