

The Studentenwerk (*student services organization*)

The Deutsche Studentenwerk (DSW) was founded in 1921 as a self-help organization with the name "Wirtschaftshilfe der Deutschen Studentenschaft e.V." [Economic Help for the German Student Body] in Tübingen with its main office in Dresden. In the meantime the movement has grown, with 58 student services organizations in Germany currently members of the DSW.

The Studentenwerk Karlsruhe offers a range of different services which students at Karlshochschule can make use of for a semester contribution of € 67.70. This contribution supports the public tasks carried out by the Studentenwerk to serve German students' economic, social, health and cultural needs.

Here we would like to briefly describe what you get for your contribution to the Studentenwerk:

The Studiticket: The KVV-Studiticket is a special fare offer for public transport, based on an agreement between KVV, the Studentenwerk and Karlshochschule. All students pay a solidarity contribution (currently €17.50 per student per semester) which makes it possible to keep the cost of the Studiticket down to its very attractive level (currently €127.90 per semester).

Studentenwerk accommodation service (student halls or private houses): In Karlsruhe and Pforzheim, Studentenwerk Karlsruhe operates 22 student residences, currently offering 2,753 rooms. For Karlsruhe and Pforzheim, the Studentenwerk also acts as a broker for private accommodation.

BAföG Advice: For all students submitting their first application for funding from the student funding agency BAföG, the BAföG Advice Office is a useful port of call. Students who are ineligible for BAföG can apply to the Studentenwerk for urgent assistance in the form of short-term and graduation loans. The Studentenwerk Karlsruhe is also an official contact point for the KfW Study Credit scheme.

Psychotherapeutic, social and legal counseling: Here you can benefit from professional help with any problems relating to your studies, personal issues, legal matters or social and interpersonal concerns.

Contact person for people with disabilities: The Disability Officers at the Studentenwerk is here to help with any issues you may have. Their role is also to ensure ongoing improvement in the ease of access to student life at Karlshochschule.

Assistance finding childcare facilities for students with children: The Studentenwerk has two childcare facilities for children whose parents are students. They are located on the KIT campus: Kinderhaus Blumenland and Kindertagesstätte Sternschnuppe.

Participation in **Events at the Student Culture Center** (Adenauer Ring 7 / Zähringerstraße 10) such as concerts, workshops or film showings (and look out for the Kulturscheckheft voucher booklet).

Use of the Info Center in the foyer (Adenauer Ring 7).

You can find even more information on the Studentenwerk website www.studentenwerk-karlsruhe.de and in the flyer "Wir sind immer für Sie da" (We are always here for you) from the Studentenwerk, which you can pick up at our Service Desk.