

Information Sheet

HEALTH INSURANCE

As the proof of sufficient health insurance is mandatory for enrolment at any German university, please carefully read the following information on which type of proof will be required:

Students from an EU or EFTA member state typically provide an EHIC chip card (European Health Insurance Card) from their home country.

Students from non-EU or non-EFTA member countries must show proof of sufficient health insurance not only for registration/enrolment at our university but also for the application of a visa - a temporary residence permit at the immigration authority in Saarbrücken.

!!! It is very important to know that a private travel insurance from the home country or country of studies will not be accepted as sufficient by the German authorities!

What other options do students from non-EU or non-EFTA member countries have in order to prove sufficient health insurance?

If possible, take out the European Health Insurance in case that you are holding a residence permit in an EU- or EFTA country.

If you cannot take out the European Health Insurance in your home country or country where you are studying, you must take out the statutory German student health insurance (only possible up to age 30). We recommend to already contract it before coming to Germany in order to provide it as proof for the visa application or for the application of an entitlement for entry and residence.

HOW DO I GET THE PROOF OF SUFFICIENT HEALTH INSURANCE

Please send an email to one of the statutory health insurers in Saarbrücken (contact details see underneath) in which you specify that you will be coming to Saarbrücken as an exchange student and ask them for a prior assessment of your health insurance

whether it is sufficient for them to issue the proof of exemption. Include detailed information / policy documents about the scope of the coverage of your insurance from the home country.

If the assessment is POSITIVE, you will receive a proof of exemption (Bescheinigung über die Befreiung von der Krankenversicherungspflicht).

If the assessment is NEGATIVE, you need to take out German statutory student health insurance (rate ca.110€ per month for students under age 30).

Please send now your health insurance documents (EHIC card (for EU students) + policy documents to Anika SCHMIDT:

Anika.Schmidt@tk.de

Send also your postal address (at home or if possible in Saarbrücken)

Anika Schmidt is responsible for guest students at the Techniker Krankenkasse (statutory health insurance fund)

Techniker Krankenkasse <https://www.tk.de/en>