

How to apply for a childcare place in Leipzig

If you come to Leipzig for a long period and bring your young children with you, then you may need to find a place for them in a kindergarten. If you are still a student or pursuing a doctorate, please consult the [↗Studentenwerk Leipzig](#); its website details the [↗social counselling](#) services it offers. If you are no longer a student, find out whether your research institution has a family advice service, or alternatively follow the steps below:

1. In Leipzig, people can search for kindergarten places using a website run by the city. If you would like to start searching for a place in a kindergarten before coming to Leipzig and registering here, please complete the [↗"Ticket application for access authorisation to apply for a day-care place"](#) and send it together with a copy of a valid identity document (identity card or passport) to ja-51.6@leipzig.de. You will then be sent login information for the [↗childcare website](#) (www.meinkitaplatz-leipzig.de) from the city of Leipzig to your home address.
2. If you start your search after arriving in Leipzig, you will first of all need to register yourself and your children as residents here. You can do this at one of the [↗Resident Services Offices](#) (*Bürgerbüros*). It will then take **about two weeks** for notice of your registration to arrive at the [↗Youth, Family and Community Office](#) (*Amt für Jugend, Familie und Bildung*). **Please wait for about two weeks before proceeding with step three.**
3. As a parent, you register your need for a kindergarten place online via the [↗childcare website](#) (www.meinkitaplatz-leipzig.de). The following pages contain instructions using this website.
4. On the childcare website, you can look for childcare places as well as create a *Bedarfsanmeldung* (registration of requirement) for a day-care place. After submitting your *Bedarfsanmeldung*, a reference number will be issued for your child. You will only be able to conclude a childcare contract later on if you have this number.
5. If you do not find a place online or you still need help, please consult the [↗Youth, Family and Community Office](#) once you have arrived and registered in Leipzig.

The server will show you available places at both kindergartens and crèches for children from one to six years of age as well as places with childminders for children from one to three years. Childminders look after a maximum of five children and are not as flexible as day care centres in terms of opening hours and holiday closing times.

Hint: To ensure that your child settles in well at the day care center, it is common practice in most daycare facilities in Germany to plan a 4-week "settling-in period" (in the presence of a parent). This can be individually shorter or longer and depends mainly on the needs of your child. **Please plan in advance to take leave during this period, if necessary. As a rule, the settling-in period will take between 2 and 4 weeks (with decreasing presence times of the parent), until your child is fully integrated into the daycare centre's routines.**

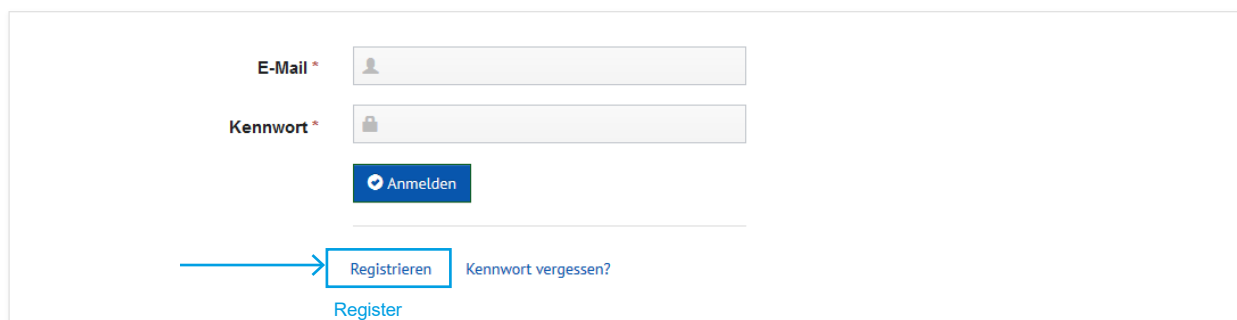
How to use the childcare website www.meinkitaplatz-leipzig.de

First of all, click on *Anmelden* to register with the website. (We have inserted English translations of the most important words in blue text in the following screenshots.)



Click on *Registrieren* ("Register") in order to create a user account:

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Enter your email address and create a password (you need to enter this twice), check the box to confirm that you have read and accept the privacy policy, and click on *Registrieren* ("Register"):

REGISTRIEREN SIE IHR NUTZERKONTO



You then receive a confirmation email containing a link. You need to click on this link in order to complete the registration process. Afterwards, you can log in at www.meinkitaplatz-leipzig.de with your email address and password.

This will take you to the main page:

To search for kindergartens, click on *Platz-Suche* (“Search for a place”) at the top left. This will redirect you to the page *Suche nach Betreuungsplätzen* (“Search for childcare places”).

SUCHE NACH BETREUUNGSPLÄTZEN

Enter your child's date of birth and the date from which you would like a childcare place, and then click on *Suche* (“Search”). You will then be shown the results of your search.

To refine your search, you can enter additional filter criteria on the left-hand side:

All institutions that have a childcare place available during your selected time period will be displayed on the right-hand side.

On the next page, you will find instructions on how to create a *Bedarfsanmeldung* (registration of requirement).

How to create a *Bedarfsanmeldung* at www.meinkitaplatz-leipzig.de

If you go to the main page and click on *Bedarfsanmeldung erstellen* ("Create registration of requirement"), you can choose five institutions (depending on the search criteria) in order to create what's called a *Bedarfsanmeldung* (a registration of your requirement for a day care place). The selected institutions are arranged in order of preference, and the order can be changed at any time.

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REGISTRATION OF REQUIREMENTS

INSTITUTIONS OF YOUR CHOICE

Einrichtungen Institutions
 Evangelische Kindertagesstätte Mosai...
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Stammdaten Basic data
 Keine
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Zusammenfassung Summary

Abschluss Completion

→ Nächster Schritt
 Next step

In the next step, you need to fill in your basic information. When entering the child's information, make sure that you spell everything correctly, as this information will be compared with the resident register for security reasons. If your child has already been registered, please enter the relevant reference number in the form. Otherwise, leave this field blank.

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Kind
 Child

Referenznummer
 Reference number

Vorname *
 First name

Nachname *
 Surname

Straße *
 Street

Hausnummer *
 House number

Postleitzahl *
 Postcode

Ort *
 City

Geburtsdatum *
 Date of birth

Geschlecht *
 Gender

Keine Angabe ▼

Genehmigte Frühförderung bzw. Eingliederungshilfe gem. SGB XII
 Approved early intervention or integration assistance according to SGB XII

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 Gilt bei bestehender oder drohender körperlicher, geistiger oder seelischer Behinderung.
 Applies to existing or likely physical, mental or psychological disability.

Betreuungsinformationen
 Childcare information

Betreuungsbeginn *
 Start of childcare

Betreuungsende
 End of childcare

Tägliche Betreuungsdauer
 Daily childcare time

Keine Angabe ▼

Geschwisterkinder in Betreuung
 Childcare of siblings

+ 1. Geschwisterkind hinzufügen

 Daten vom Kind übernehmen

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| Datenschutzerklärung * Privacy policy | <input type="checkbox"/> Ich habe die Datenschutzerklärung gelesen und erkläre mich damit einverstanden. Ich stimme zu, dass die angegebenen Daten gespeichert und verarbeitet werden dürfen. I have read and agree to the privacy policy. I agree to the storage and processing of data I provide. |
| Rechtliche und verfahrenstechnische Belange * Legal and procedural issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Ich nehme zur Kenntnis, dass eine erfolgreiche Platzanfrage keinen rechtlichen Anspruch auf einen Betreuungsvertrag beinhaltet. Grundlage für die Vertragsgestaltung sind wahrheitsgemäße Angaben für die Anfrage, ein persönliches Betreuungsgespräch in der Einrichtung und die daraus resultierende Übereinkunft zur Betreuung des Kindes in der Einrichtung. <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 5px;"> <p>I acknowledge that a successful request for a place does not legally entitle me to a care contract with a particular institution. Contracts are drawn up on the basis of truthful information in the request, a personal interview in the institution, and the resulting agreement to care for the child in the institution.</p> </div> |
| Anmerkung Note | |

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In addition to looking for childcare places at www.meinkitaplatz-leipzig.de, you can also introduce yourself in person at your preferred institution; this way you can find out more about it and enquire about vacant places. You can also approach childminders to enquire about free places. **Here** you can find more information about childcare in Leipzig.

Personal advice from the Youth and Family Office

The Youth and Family Office offers advice on your personal situation and support with finding a place.

Office hours (by appointment only):

Tue: 9 to 12 am and 1-6 pm

Thu: 9 to 12 am and 1-4 pm

Amt für Jugend und Familie

Kindertageseinrichtungen

Naumburger Straße 26

04299 Leipzig

(To get there by tram, take tram 3 to "Markranstädter Straße" or 14 to "Bahnhof Plagwitz".)

Telephone consultation hours:

Mon and Wed: 9 to 12 am and 1 to 3 pm

Tue: 9 to 12 am and 1 to 6 pm

Thur: 9 to 12 am and 1 to 4 pm

Fri: 9 to 12 am

Phone: 0341 123-4390

E-Mail: ja-51.6@leipzig.de

Support in the Family Information Office

If you do not have sufficient internet access, the Family Information Office can help you. The employees there can also help you to complete the form for the *Bedarfsanmeldung*.

Familieninfobüro

Stadthaus

Burgplatz 1

04109 Leipzig Phone: 0341 123 2598 E-Mail: fib@leipzig.de

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