

# SIM cards- German mobile phone cards

It is particularly important for visiting scientists who only spend short periods of time in Leipzig to have quick and uncomplicated access to a mobile phone in Germany.

Since 1 July 2017 stricter regulations apply to the sale of new prepaid SIM cards. As with mobile phone contracts, buyers are required to identify themselves with their ID card or passport, and the mobile phone provider must register and store this data. The most favourable tariffs are usually only available on long-term contracts, often for a minimum period of 24 months. However, it is also possible to make cheap calls with prepaid cards. Here we give you some tips for where to buy each provider, and where you can unlock your SIM cards directly in the shop by presenting your passport:

## O<sub>2</sub> shop

Address: Grimmaische Straße 14, 04109 Leipzig  
Opening hours: Mon-Fri 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sat 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
O<sub>2</sub> tariffs [↗here](#)



## Tchibo

Address: Markt 17, 04109 Leipzig  
Opening hours: Mon-Sat 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.  
Tchibo tariffs [↗here](#)



## Freenet shop

Address: Leipzig Hauptbahnhof (Central Station), Ostseite (East Entrance),  
Ground floor (EG), right side or Nikolaistraße 42, 04109 Leipzig  
Opening hours: Mon-Fri 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sat 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. (only Hauptbahnhof)  
(please [↗book an appointment](#) online!)  
Klarmobil tariffs [↗here](#)  
Callya tariffs [↗here](#)



Lidl ([↗Lidl Connect](#)), Aldi ([↗Aldi talk](#)) and Blau ([↗Blau mobil](#)) also offer inexpensive prepaid options, but there are plenty more low-cost plans. These, however, each require a postal or video identification procedure, which can take a few days. So it depends on how much time you can afford to spend receiving and activating your SIM cards.

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