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Guide for sex workers in Dresden

Foreword

Germany's Prostitute Protection Act (ProstSchG) came into effect in July 2017, stipulating new obligations for sex workers and operators of brothels and adult-entertainment establishments. The act took a year longer to enforce in Saxony, due to a lack of state-specific regulations. But the ProstSchG is now also fully in effect in Saxony and therefore Dresden. We are using this as an opportunity to publish a new, heavily reworked edition of our Guide for sex workers in Dresden.

It provides an overview of rights, legal regulations, and contacts at authorities and institutions in a bid to assist sex workers, offer them legal certainty in their work practices, and highlight options for seeking help.

The legal regulations are often ambiguous and difficult to understand – a reflection of the unique nature of this industry, and of our society, which still struggles to accept sex work as something that happens every day in our cities. The Guide for sex workers in Dresden is a good example of a level of understanding that endorses legal sex work but opposes illegal activities such as coercion and human trafficking.

Of particular note here is the Prostitution Dresden work group, which brings together people institutionally involved in prostitution in our city. The respective contacts are listed in the guide, and the legal bases have been established with the help of relevant expertise.



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Brief overview of rights, options, restrictions and duties

Rights and options

- Voluntary sex work is permitted in Germany for persons aged 18 and over.
- Sexual services are established and arranged exclusively between prostitutes and their clients. Business operators cannot issue any instructions or other rules regarding the nature or extent of sexual services.
- Sexual intercourse without a condom is not permitted and may be refused (compulsory condom use!).
- Sex workers are entitled to view the operator's business or event concept.
- Agreements between business operators and sex workers may be concluded under aliases. Agreements must be in text form (written or electronic). One copy must be provided to the sex worker.
- Sex workers are entitled to ask business operators to provide proof (written or electronic) of payments received or made as a result of sexual services.
- Sex workers may receive counselling, be examined, and if, necessary, be treated anonymously and free of charge at the Counselling Centre for AIDS and Sexually Transmitted Infections. Health insurance is not required for this.
- Sex workers may receive in-depth counselling on all aspects of health at the Health Office as part of compulsory health advice under the new ProstSchG.
- Sex workers are entitled to receive in-depth counselling on the legal situation in Dresden at the registration office (Dresden Administrative Office).
- Accompanying persons may only attend counselling sessions if agreed on beforehand.
- The counselling sessions provide an opportunity to report adverse working conditions or criminal offences such as human trafficking, performed for the purpose of sexual exploitation, assault etc.
- The police offer protection and counselling in the event of risks to life, limb or property.
- Unintelligible transcripts of a counselling or information session do not need to be signed, not even at authorities.
- Foreigners can insist on using an interpreter.

Restrictions and duties

- All persons offering sexual services for money are obliged to register.
- Health advice is mandatory under the ProstSchG.
- The ProstSchG does not stipulate compulsory examinations!
- Proof of the health advice and registration certificate must always be brought to work. Both documents are valid with aliases, and must be provided to brothel operators and inspecting authorities (not the Jobcenter or clients) upon request.
- Sexual intercourse without a condom must not be advertised.
- A Regulation on Off-limits Areas applies in Dresden. Sex work is restricted in the relevant areas.
- Representatives from authorities, such as the police, Health Office, Tax Authority, Administrative Office or Central Customs Office must be allowed to enter the work premises.
- Income must be taxed (Tax Authority).
- Health insurance is compulsory; missed contributions must be paid later on.
- Auxiliary income must be reported to the relevant institution and Tax Authority if social welfare benefits are being received (pension, Hartz IV, social welfare).
- For independent workers: The social security provider must be informally notified upon commencement of work.
- Non-Germans must abide by the Residency Act for Foreigners.
- Business operators must register their business with the Administrative Office and apply for a business permit.
- All persons entering a brothel must be able to identify themselves.

Legal bases

Prostitute Protection Act (ProstSchG)

The Prostitute Protection Act, governing the prostitution industry and protecting persons working in prostitution, has been in effect in the Federal Republic of Germany since 1 July 2017. This act applies to all persons offering sexual services (including BDSM, tantra and sexual surrogacy) for payment (usually monetary) but also payment in the form of a meal, a trip, lodging etc., as well as brothel operators.

The ProstSchG stipulates compulsory registration for sex workers and adult-entertainment establishments. Registrations must be made in the municipality where the sexual services are predominantly rendered. As prostitution is only permitted in Saxony in cities with populations of at least 50,000, it may only be performed in Dresden, Leipzig, Chemnitz, Görlitz, Zwickau and Plauen. It will be possible to register in these cities.

Mandatory registration for sex workers

Mandatory registration applies to all persons involved in sex work, regardless of whether they are employed by someone else or are self-employed. Registrations are always made in the city most frequently worked in. So if you want to primarily operate in Dresden as a sex worker, you need to register in person with the City of Dresden's Administrative Office before commencing work. If you also work in other cities, you will have to enquire there in

person as to whether another registration is required.

The registration will involve a confidential information session and consultation, during which you will receive information on:

- The legal situation under the Prostitute Protection Act (ProstSchG) and other relevant regulations necessary for your work.
- Protection in the event of illness, and social protection in cases of employment contracts.
- Health and social advice services, options for help in emergency situations, and
- The tax liability.

The information session and consultation is generally held one-on-one with the registration officer. The authority may, with your consent, call in an expert counselling centre for prostitutes or another authority. Interpreters and translators may also be called in without your consent.

The following information is required for registration:

- First and last name,
- Date and place of birth,
- Nationality,
- Registered address/a delivery address (alternatively for people not residing in Germany),
- German Federal States (Bundesländer) or municipalities in which you expect to work.

The following must be brought with you for registration:

- Two current ID photographs with no border (size 45 mm (H) x 35 mm (W))
- Personal ID, passport, passport substitute or ID substitute (with registration certificate),
- Non-EU citizens: Proof of entitlement to gainful self-employment or salaried employment.
- Proof of health advice less than three months old is required when registering for the first time.
- Proof of annual/half-yearly health advice must be provided when extending registrations (see the “Health advice” section).
- A fee of EUR 35 must be paid for the first registration; subsequent registrations cost EUR 15.

The registration certificate will be issued by the Administrative Office within five working days.

The registration certificate contains:

- An ID photograph,
- Your first and last names,
- Your date and place of birth,
- Your nationality,
- The German Federal States (Bundesländer) or municipalities stated in your registration,
- The validity period, and
- The issuing authority.

The authority will issue you with an alias certificate upon request. It will document the alias together with the personal details, and will keep a copy of the alias certificate with the registration details.

The alias certificate contains:

- An ID photo,
- Your aliases chosen for the sex work,
- Your date of birth,

- Your nationality,
- The German Federal States (Bundesländer) or municipalities stated in your registration,
- The validity period, and
- The issuing authority.

The certificate is valid for two years for persons aged 21 and over. For persons aged 18 to 21, it is valid for one year. If you wish to continue your work, you will need to extend the registration certificate. Changes to name, nationality, registered or delivery address, or the German Federal States (Bundesländer) or municipalities in which the work is to be performed must be reported to the relevant office within 14 days. The registration authority will pass your details onto the Tax Authority. The registration details are deleted no later than three months after the registration certificate has expired.

You will need to have the registration/alias certificate on you while working. Only the inspecting authorities who call on you at work and business operators are allowed to inspect your certificate! Clients or authorities such as the Jobcenter or registration office cannot! If you are found to be working without a valid certificate, the relevant authority can initially issue you with a verbal warning, but then also impose a fine of up to € 1,000 (the specific case and personal circumstances will be assessed each time). Brothel operators cannot allow you to work without a certificate. The operator will collect your details and may have to report these to the authorities if necessary.

The registration certificate cannot be issued to you if you:

- Do not provide the necessary information and proof,
- Are under 18 years of age,
- Are under 21 years of age and have been forced to commence or continue your work by others,
- Are under duress and/or your helplessness is being taken advantage of, and you

have thus been led and/or exploited into prostitution,

- You are in the last six weeks of a pregnancy.

When it comes to your protection, for example if your state of duress as a migrant has been exploited or you have been forced into sex work, the authorities need to intervene. These are criminal offences requiring legal prosecution!

Dresden Administrative Office
Industry Affairs Dept., Restaurants/Gambling
Law/Youth Protection Division
Theaterstraße 11–15, 01067 Dresden
(Rooms: 525, 527, 529)
prostitution@dresden.de
Telephone (03 51) 4 88 58 60
Telephone (03 51) 4 88 58 61
Telephone (03 51) 4 88 58 66

Health advice

When registering with the Administrative Office, you will be required to prove, among other things, that you have received health advice (not an examination!). This is conducted at the Health Office, and must be retaken every 12 months (prostitutes under 21 years of age must receive the advice every six months). The health advice service provides an opportunity to receive counselling on various topics, such as pregnancy and disease prevention, OHS, risks associated with alcohol and drug use, etc. The consultation is confidential and free of charge. It can also provide you with support if you are in a particularly difficult or emergency situation. The authorities need to intervene in cases of criminal offence!

The details are not shared with any other authority or institution. The advice certificate is issued irrespective of the duration or content of the counselling session, and may also be made out in an alias name upon request. You must have the proof of health advice on you while working.

The certificate may have to be presented to business operators or inspecting authorities who call on you at work. The Jobcenter, other social security providers, the registration office or clients are not entitled to view your certificate! Having your alias certification on you will suffice.

Dresden Health Office
Health advice under the ProstSchG
Ostra-Allee 9, 01067 Dresden
gesundheitsamt-prostschg@dresden.de
Telephone (03 51) 4 88 53 28
Telephone (03 51) 4 88 53 29

Entrance on Theaterstraße 4
Please ring for "Gesundheitsberatung/Health Advice"! Use the elevators (level 1) to access the consultation rooms.

Access is also possible via the entrance at Ostra-Allee 9, 01067 Dresden (follow the signs).

Important: The compulsory health advice is in no way affiliated with the voluntary examination, treatment and counselling services which have been offered for years, and which continue to be available at Bautzner Straße 125. Counselling in and examinations for sexually transmitted infections may be conducted at the Counselling Centre for AIDS and Sexually Transmitted Infections, which can also answer questions about health or other issues relating to sex work. This service is anonymous and free of charge.

Business permits

Brothel operators must contact the City of Dresden Administrative Office, Industry Affairs Dept., to apply for business permits.
Dresden Administrative Office
Industry Affairs Dept., Restaurants/Gambling
Law/Youth Protection Division
Theaterstraße 11–15, 01067 Dresden
(Rooms: 525, 527, 529)

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Prostitution Act

In effect since 2002, the Prostitution Act governs social, civil and employment relationships between prostitutes and their clients and employers. It establishes their legal entitlement to:

- Judicially enforceable payment for services rendered to clients and/or an agreed wage from business operators
- Salaried work under a legally valid employment contract governing prices, holidays, working hours and place of work, including regularly taking out statutory health, unemployment, social and pension insurance. Requests for specific sexual services or to serve a refused guest are not permitted
- Legally promote sexual services, e.g. displaying condoms at restaurants

Coercion, exploitation, employing persons under 18 years of age, and personal and financial dependence extending beyond the standard employment contract may result in monetary fines or imprisonment.

Infectious Diseases Protection Act

While examinations have ceased being compulsory for prostitutes since the introduction of the Infectious Diseases Protection Act in July 2000, services are available for free, anonymous counselling, examinations and treatment (in specific cases) of sexually transmitted infections, and social counselling, at health offices. You do not need to prove that you are unable to cover the costs yourself in order to be eligible for free treatment. Health

Office staff must be granted entry into homes/brothels.

Regulation on Off-limits Areas

Dresden's Regulation on Off-limits areas governs where prostitution is permitted: Not in public or vehicles; only outside the off-limits area and at least 200 metres from church community centres, churches, hospitals, child-care and recreational facilities, schools and retirement/nursing homes. Initiation is only permitted on Bremer Straße between 8pm and 6am, maintaining the 200-metre distance from the Katholischer Friedhof and Matthäus-Friedhof cemeteries.

Sex work is prohibited in the off-limits area. Breaches of this regulation may result in monetary fines or, in the case of repeat offences, up to six months' imprisonment. Compliance with the regulation is monitored by the police and Administrative Office.

The off-limits area includes: The inner city (see central part of map), and the localities of Altfranken, Cossebaude, Gompitz, Langebrück, Mobschatz, Oberwartha, Schönborn, Schönfeld-Weissig and Weixdorf.

Documents available from:

Health Office,
AIDS/STI counselling
Telephone (03 51) 4 88 82 90
Administrative Office,
Industry Affairs Department
Telephone (03 51) 4 88 58 60
Police,
Commissariat 24/Prostitution
Telephone (03 51) 4 83 20 54

Building law

Using a building for home-based prostitution or brothel-like establishments requires a build-

ing permit, which must be requested from the Construction Supervisory Authority.

Construction Supervisory Authority, Central Applications and Preliminary Assessment Centre
Telephone (03 51) 4 88 18 02

German Industrial Code

As a prostitute in Dresden, it is not necessary or possible to register a “prostitution” trade. Business operators must, however, register their business with the Dresden Administrative Office, Industry Affairs Department, which then notifies the Tax Authority. Failure to register will be punished as an administrative offence.

Administrative Office, Industry Affairs Dept.
Telephone (03 51) 4 88 58 60

Tax law

Income earned from a commercial or salaried job, including auxiliary income, must be taxed! Tax evasion is a criminal offence and is prosecuted under criminal law (nationally and abroad). In these cases, taxes may be set up to ten years in retrospect.

Commercially active sex workers

receive a tax number from the relevant tax authority. They are obliged to record their income and prove their expenses (it is imperative to ask for and keep receipts, e.g. for rent and advertisements!). Depending on the amount of income/sales revenue, you will have to pay income, sales and trade tax. As this income will always be classified as business income, a tax return must generally be filed the following year.

You can participate in the “Düsseldorf Procedure” (Düsseldorfer Verfahren). Proof of

amounts already paid in advance is available from the Dresden-Nord Tax Authority and must be enclosed with the tax return.

Those who are self-employed may choose to become a member of certain branches of social security.

For any queries regarding compulsory social security, please contact Deutsche Rentenversicherung at www.deutsche-rentenversicherung.de. The service hotline (in German, free of charge) is available on Telephone (08 00) 10 00 48 00. Special rules also apply, e.g. for low-income earners (e.g. for those employed in “mini” jobs or 450 Euro-jobs).

Employed sex workers

have an employment contract with the business operator, who receives their electronic wage tax deduction information (ELStAM) and pays wage tax to the Tax Authority. Wages and wage taxes are shown on the annual wage tax certificate, which is needed for the annual income tax return. The employer (e.g. a club operator) registers its employees for social security, and is responsible for ensuring the contributions for health, unemployment, pension, nursing and accident insurance are paid.

Business operators

pay sales, income and trade tax, and pay wage tax for their employees to the Tax Authority. For prostitutes participating in the Düsseldorf Procedure (Düsseldorfer Verfahren), business operators take charge of managing the multiple applications provided by the Dresden-Nord Tax Fraud Investigation Office, retaining the resulting monetary amounts from the prostitutes, and paying these amounts to the relevant tax authority.

Dresden-Nord Tax Authority
Telephone (03 51) 46 91 85 18
Telephone (03 51) 46 91 85 49

Social law

Unemployment insurance and basic benefits for the unemployed (Hartz IV)

In Germany, unemployment insurance is a compulsory insurance for all employees and salaried trainees who are more than just marginal part-time workers. It provides protection in the event of unemployment. Anyone who is unemployed is entitled to receive help looking for a job (no recruitment services for jobs in the adult-entertainment industry!). Anyone looking for work but who is not entitled to unemployment benefits and who cannot support themselves without assistance, or who, despite working, does not earn enough to support themselves and their family, is, under certain conditions, entitled to basic unemployment benefits (also known as “Hartz IV”). Basic benefits and job-search assistance is also available to persons who have previously been self-employed. The local “Jobcenters” are responsible for this.

Pension insurance

The statutory pension insurance pays a pension to policyholders, and is Germany’s largest old-age pension scheme. It also helps people rejoin the working world, and offers financial support to those under the legal pension age who are unable to work at full capacity due to illness, whose spouse has died, or to young people who lose their parents. Health resort treatments and professional rehabilitation measures are also paid for. The employer contribution to health and nursing insurance is covered for pensioners. Almost all employees are obliged to pay contributions. Employees and employers share the contribution equally. The self-employed may also be obliged to take out insurance due to the nature of their work. Voluntary insurance is permitted in some cases.

Accident insurance

All employees are accident-insured as a requirement. This protects against the consequences of commuting accidents, workplace accidents and occupational illnesses. It also helps them return to health after an accident through medical treatment and rehabilitation. In the case of an insured event, it pays monetary benefits such as injury benefits, pension, and retraining costs. The employer pays all the accident insurance contributions.

Important information:

Anyone receiving pension, social welfare benefits, unemployment benefits or Hartz IV must report any auxiliary income to the relevant institution (pension insurance provider, Social Security Office, “Jobcenter”) and tax authority. Anyone engaging in illicit employment is susceptible to blackmail. Abuse of social benefits is punishable by law. Authorities will pursue any tip-off (including anonymous ones).

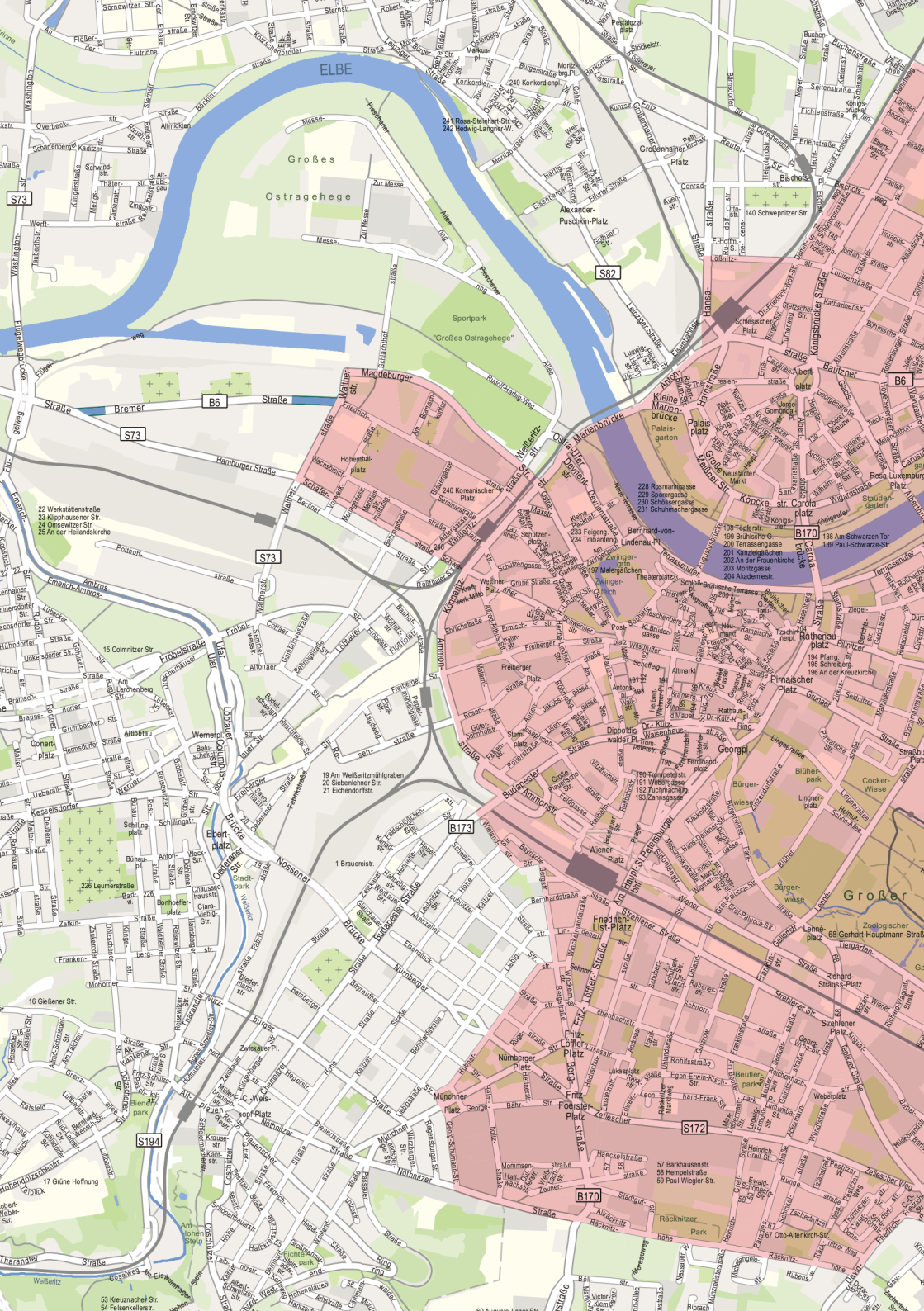
Health and nursing insurance

Anyone residing in Germany must have health and nursing insurance. Germany has two systems for this: Statutory health insurance (GKV) and private health insurance (PKV). Determining which one applies depends on various factors. One important aspect is whether the person is a salaried employee or self-employed.

Salaried sex work

Anyone who has an employment contract, e.g. with an establishment offering sexual services, works on the instructions of a supervisor, and is thus, from an insurance perspective, a “dependent” employee.

■ Statutory health insurance



Map relating to the Dresden Regional Council's directive on the banning of prostitution to protect public decency and youth in the City of Dresden, dated 1 July 1999



- Approach area
- Off-limits area

Additional off-limits areas:
 Altfranken,
 Cossebaude,
 Gompitz,
 Langebrück,
 Mobschatz,
 Oberwartha,
 Schönborn,
 Schönfeld-Weißig,
 Weixdorf

Any salaried employee in Germany generally has statutory insurance. In this case, the employer registers the employee with the insurance provider of their choice. Health-insurance contributions are collected as a percentage of the pay (up to the current contribution assessment ceiling). The employer generally pays half. Additional health-fund contributions must be borne independently. In this case, the employer retains the employee's percentage of the health-fund contribution and pays the total amount to the relevant health fund. The same applies for nursing-insurance contributions. The health fund issues the insured party with an electronic health card, which can be used for almost all services, e.g. treatment by GPs or dentists, free of charge. An additional payment is required for some services, e.g. for medications or hospital stays.

■ Private health insurance

Anyone who has an employment contract, but whose annual income is above the mandatory insurance limit may also take out health insurance with a private insurance company. The contribution will be calculated individually based on scope of benefits, starting age and state of health at the time of contract conclusion, irrespective of work income. The employer pays half the actual contribution, but no more than the amount that would be due for statutory insurance.

Independent sex work

People whose work is not subject to instructions, e.g. who can freely choose their working hours and location, and have no restrictions or obligations in terms of business operations, are considered independent workers or self-employed. These people need to arrange their own health insurance.

■ Statutory health insurance (GKV)

Independent workers have the option of voluntarily insuring themselves as part of the statutory health insurance scheme. Similar to salaried employees, a set percentage of the total income (not just work income) is collected as a health and nursing-insurance contribution. The workers must pay the contributions themselves.

The health fund will then issue a health card which can be used for all GKV services, such as visits to the dentist or doctor, free of charge, though some services incur an additional charge.

■ Private health insurance (PKV)

The self-employed can always take out private insurance, and must pay their own premiums for this. The premium is calculated based on different parameters, such as age, scope of benefits, and state of health, irrespective of income. The insurance company may reject insurance applications.

In some cases, however, there will be an entitlement to private health insurance. The PKV involves a social tariff known as the basic tariff. The benefits associated with the basic tariff match those of the statutory health insurance scheme. The insurance company must accept applications to receive the basic tariff if:

- The person has no health insurance and they cannot be insured under the statutory health insurance scheme, or
- An application has been lodged within six months of the voluntary statutory health insurance commencing, or
- The person has private health insurance, but this was taken out after 31 December 2008.

The private health insurer will conduct a health test which, while not necessary for receiving the basic tariff, will be relevant if the tariff is changed down the track. If the

prospective policyholder refuses to answer health-related questions, the insurance company may refuse to provide cover.

Foreign sex workers

If the person has health insurance in their home country, and their provider also has a branch in Germany, they will be adequately covered. They must have an EU health insurance card on them. Otherwise, as with all self-employed persons, they will have to take out health insurance. Citizens of the EU, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway or Switzerland sometimes also have the option of joining the statutory health insurance scheme. This requires them to have had statutory health insurance in their home country, and be able to prove their insurance is still valid. They will need to immediately sign a new health insurance contract in Germany.

Both the statutory and private insurance schemes offer counselling services.

If health-insurance contributions cannot be generated by self-employment, it is possible to ask the local “Jobcenter” for an allowance for the health and nursing insurance contributions. An obligation to co-operate applies here!

Important information

The following points need to be taken into account when considering health insurance:

- Not taking out insurance is not a criminal offence. If you fall ill or suffer an accident, however, you can quickly incur several thousand Euros in costs.
- If an insurance policy is taken out (again), the contributions and late-payment surcharges must be paid retrospectively for the period during which there was no insurance. Until all debts have been covered, the health funds will only pay benefits for acute care or benefits relating to pregnancy or motherhood.
- Switching back from private to statutory health insurance is often rather difficult and may sometimes be refused.

Information for foreigners

EU citizens

Every citizen taking up lodging in Germany must report to the registration authorities. The registration must be made within two weeks of moving in.

Third-party citizens (Non-Germans, Non-EU citizens)

intending to stay for an extended period in Germany require a residence permit from the Bureau for Foreigners, which must show whether full gainful employment (independent or salaried) or just salaried employment is permitted.

Permanent residents

hold permanent resident permits which enable gainful employment to be pursued.

Foreign tourists

are not allowed to engage in gainful employment. Working without a permit is a breach of the Bureau for Foreigners' regulations, and punishments include extradition from Germany.

Information for all foreign sex workers

You should always have your ID on you, and are entitled to use an interpreter when dealing with authorities.

Citizens' Service Centre (Bürgeramt), Dept. of Citizenship & Foreigner Affairs
Telephone (03 51) 4 88 64 51

Central Municipal Advice Office (Bürgerbüro), Altstadt
Telephone (03 51) 4 88 60 70

Employment Agency
Telephone (08 00) 4 55 55 00

Dresdner Verein für soziale Integration von Aussiedlern und Ausländern e. V.
(association for the social integration of resettlers and foreigners)
Telephone (03 51) 4 84 38 05

Ausländerrat Dresden e. V.
(Council for Foreign Residents)
Telephone (03 51) 4 36 37 23

Important authorities

Dresden Health Office, Counselling Centre for AIDS and Sexually Transmitted Infections

Under the Infectious Diseases Protection Act, the Health Office's task is to prevent the spreading of transmitted infections. To do this, it offers sex workers free, anonymous counselling, examinations and treatment for sexually transmitted infections, as well as counselling on issues relating to sex work (safer work, professional reorientation, advanced training programmes for sex workers, business operators etc.) and assistance in psychosocial crises, at the Counselling Centre for AIDS and Sexually Transmitted Infections, among others. Information, counselling and emergency aid are provided during home visits.

Bautzner Straße 125, 01099 Dresden
gesundheitsamt-aids-std@dresden.de
Telephone (03 51) 4 88 82 90

Dresden Health Office, health advice under the Prostitute Protection Act (ProstSchG)

The Health Office is required to offer compulsory health advice under the ProstSchG. Prostitutes must take this health advice at least every 12 months. In the case of prostitutes aged 18 to 21, it is required at least every 6 months. Sex workers receive a certificate for

the advice taken, regardless of the duration or content thereof, and may use this to register with the relevant authority (Administrative Office). The certificate may be issued in an alias. The advice is free of charge. Personal ID or other ID document must be brought to the personal consultation. Please make an appointment!

The health advice is confidential, may cover issues such as general health protection, contraception, pregnancy, and the risk of alcohol and drug use, and provides an opportunity to arrange contact with the relevant counselling centres in the case of problems, conflicts or duress.

Appointments made at:
www.dresden.de/prostschg or by telephone
Telephone (03 51) 4 88 53 28
Telephone (03 51) 4 88 53 29

Ostra-Allee 9, 01067 Dresden
gesundheitsamt-prostschg@dresden.de

Entrance on Theaterstraße 4, 01067 Dresden
Please ring for "Gesundheitsberatung/Health Advice"! Use the elevators (level 1) to access the consultation rooms.

Access is also possible via the entrance at Ostra-Allee 9, 01067 Dresden (follow the signs).

Administrative Office, Industry Affairs Department,

Restaurants/Gambling Law/ Youth Protection Division

The Industry Affairs Department is responsible for enforcing the Prostitute Protection Act, the Regulation on Off-limits Areas, the Saxon Restaurants Act, and the German Industrial Code. It advises on commercial and voluntary work and on compulsory tax registration under the German Tax Code, and accepts trade/business registrations.

Appointments for registering under the Prost-SchG can be made at:

www.dresden.de/prostschg or by

Telephone

Telephone (03 51) 4 88 58 60

Telephone (03 51) 4 88 58 61

Telephone (03 51) 4 88 58 66

Theaterstraße 11–15, 01067 Dresden

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Dresden-Nord Tax Authority

The Tax Fraud Investigation Office presents the “Düsseldorf Procedure” (Düsseldorfer Verfahren), and offers assistance and advice in the event of any queries.

The Düsseldorf Procedure is a simplified tax pre-payment system for prostitutes.

For prostitutes working at brothels or similar establishments, the brothel operator must retain a daily amount (generally 15 Euros), agreed on beforehand in writing with the Tax Authority, from each prostitute. They must also keep a daily collection list, provided by the Tax Fraud Investigation Office, containing information on all prostitutes, including those not participating in the Düsseldorf Procedure. This information is protected by fiscal secrecy. Self-employed prostitutes may also participate in the Düsseldorf Procedure, and conclude

their own agreement for this with the Tax Authority.

Participating in the Düsseldorf Procedure does not, however, generally exempt prostitutes from the obligation to file tax returns.

Proof of amounts already prepaid as part of the Düsseldorf Procedure is available at the Dresden-Nord Tax Authority.

Rabener Straße 1, 01069 Dresden
steuerfahndung@fa-dresden-nord.smf.sachsen.de

Telephone (03 51) 46 91 85 18

Telephone (03 51) 46 91 85 49

Dresden Police Department, Commissariat 24/Prostitution

The officers monitor compliance with laws and regulations (incl. the Regulation on Off-limits Areas, immigration law, the Residency Act).

Prostitutes are only obliged to provide information on their identity, such as name, date of birth, place of birth and current address; not their income earned from sex work, other income, or Hartz IV.

The police will investigate all reports/tip-offs, including anonymous ones, which relate to prostitution and constitute a breach of applicable laws and regulations.

Schießgasse 7, 01067 Dresden

Telephone (03 51) 4 83 20 54

in emergencies: 110 and 112

Other authorities and associations

Citizens' Service Centre (Bürgeramt), Dept. of Citizenship & Foreigner Affairs

- For enquiries about citizenship and immigration law, including naturalisation, determining German citizenship, permits for third-party citizens, support for asylum-seekers under immigration law, and departure from Germany.
- Contact – Service centre
Theaterstraße 13, 01067 Dresden, Ground floor/Room 056
Telephone (03 51) 4 88 64 51

Central Municipal Advice Office (Bürgerbüro)

- Passports, ID and registrations (Registering, de-registering/re-registering places of residence)
- Theaterstraße 11, 01067 Dresden,
Telephone (03 51) 4 88 60 70

Local Municipal Advice Offices

- Civic and social advice, application service, passports, ID and registrations; Housing-benefit and social-housing eligibility certificates
- Local Municipal Advice Offices are determined by place of residence. Information available at www.dresden.de;
Central authorities' switchboard: 115

Dresden Central Customs Office, Financial Inspections/Illicit Employment

- investigates tip-offs and reports of illicit employment. Inspections are conducted in co-operation with the police or Administrative Office.
- Schützenhöhe 24–26, 01099 Dresden
Telephone (03 51) 81 61 13 02

Construction Supervisory Authority, Central Applications and Preliminary Assessment Centre

- Advice for citizens, acceptance and preliminary assessment of all building applications, applications for preliminary notice and for self-containment under the German Residential Property Act, submissions for permit exemption, building-removal notices
- Ammonstraße 74, 01067 Dresden
Telephone (03 51) 4 88 18 02

Federal Employment Agency, Dresden

- Work permits for foreign workers, arranging adapted qualifications and employment; granting benefits; arranging re-training and (temporary) jobs
- www.arbeitsagentur.de
Henriette-Heber-Straße 6, 01069 Dresden
Telephone (08 00) 4 55 55 00

Jobcenter Dresden

- Basic benefits for job-seekers (Hartz IV).
The basic benefits for job-seekers include advisory services, services to end or reduce the need for aid, particularly through integration into a training course or employment, and securing a livelihood (Vol. II of the German Social Code, Section 1 (3)).
- www.dresden.de/jobcenter
Budapester Straße 30, 01069 Dresden
Jobcenter-Dresden@jobcenter-ge.de
Telephone (03 51) 4 75 17 30

Dresdner Verein für soziale Integration von Aussiedlern und Ausländern e. V. (Association for the social integration of resettlers and foreigners)

- Advice in all areas of life and assistance with all authorities, medical and social institutions; interpreting service
- Lingnerallee 3, 01069 Dresden
Advice:
Telephone (03 51) 48 45 46 47
Social support:
Telephone (03 51) 48 48 82 24

Ausländerrat Dresden e. V. (Council for Foreign Residents)

- Providing help to socially integrate resettlers, foreigners, and people without a fixed residence permit
- Heinrich-Zille-Straße 6, 01219 Dresden
Telephone (03 51) 43 63 70

Aids-Hilfe Dresden e. V.

- Free, anonymous advice on physical and mental healthcare, health care/nursing for sexuality issues; advice and assistance for people with HIV/Aids, family members
- www.aidshilfe-dresden.de
Online advice:
www.aidshilfe-beratung.de
Bischofsweg 46, 01099 Dresden
Telephone (03 51) 4 41 61 41

Dresden Health Office, Pregnancy Counselling Centre

- Advice on social, legal and mental problems. Information on financial aid during pregnancy. Counselling for unwanted/unplanned pregnancies under Section 219 of the German Criminal Code with proof-of-counselling certificate (Beratungsschein).
- gesundheitsfoerderung@dresden.de
Braunsdorfer Straße 13,
01159 Dresden
Telephone (03 51) 4 88 53 84
Industriestraße 35, 01129 Dresden
Telephone (03 51) 8 56 17 60

Treberhilfe Dresden e. V.

- Mobile youth social work, advice, assistance for young people in particular life circumstances
- www.treberhilfe-dresden.de
Albertstraße 32, 01097 Dresden
Telephone (03 51) 32 14 94 30

***Sowieso* KULTUR BERATUNG BILDUNG Frauen für Frauen e. V.**

- Crisis intervention, advice/counselling for women and girls, legal advice regarding social law, advice on unemployment-related issues, intercultural advice
- frauen.sowieso@gmx.de
Angelikastraße 1, 01099 Dresden
Telephone (03 51) 8 04 14 70

Opferhilfe Sachsen e. V.

- Free, anonymous (upon request) advice/counselling for victims of criminal offences
- Heinrichstraße 12, 01097 Dresden
Telephone (03 51) 8 01 01 39

D.I.K. – Dresden Intervention and Co-ordination Centre to Combat Domestic Violence/ Violence in Immediate Social Environments

- Crisis intervention, advice/counselling, assistance, support for affected adults (anonymous upon request)
- Fröbelstraße 55, 01159 Dresden
Telephone (03 51) 8 56 72 10

AUSWEG – Specialist advisory centre for domestic and sexual violence

- Advice/counselling and support in cases of domestic violence, sexual violence, sexual abuse, and mental abuse
- Hüblerstraße 3, 01309 Dresden
Telephone (03 51) 3 15 88 40

**Psychosozialer Krisendienst
(Psychosocial Crisis Service)**

- For people in crisis
Health Office,
- Ostra-Allee 9, 01067 Dresden
Telephone (03 51) 4 88 53 41

Dresden Health Office, Youth & Drug Counselling

- Advice/counselling, arrangement of detoxification and therapy services, aftercare, psychosocial support with substitution; the service is free and may be anonymous upon request
- Richard-Wagner-Straße 17, 01219 Dresden
drogenberatung@dresden.de
Telephone (03 51) 4 88 53 71

KOBRANet – Saxon counselling centre for victims of human trafficking and forced marriage

- Dresden office
Post Office Box 12 01 05
01002 Dresden
info@kobranet.eu
Telephone (03 51) 87 32 36 10
Telephone (01 76) 77 34 13 18
Telephone (01 79) 5 92 83 37
- Leipzig office
Post Office Box 30 11 34
04251 Leipzig
info@kobranet.eu
Telephone (03 41) 30 68 29 29
Telephone (01 79) 5 92 83 37
Telephone (01 77) 5 06 85 76

Emergency services

24-hour emergency numbers

Police 110

Fire & rescue service 112

TeleTelephone counselling

Telephone (08 00) 1 11 01 11

Frauenschutzhaus Dresden (women's shelter)

Shelter for women and their children, crisis intervention and advice/counselling

24-hour emergency number

Telephone (03 51) 2 81 77 88

Männerschutzwohnung Dresden

Refuge for men, crisis intervention, counselling

Telephone (03 51) 32 34 54 22

Medical emergency services

Option of taking the "morning after" pill to prevent unwanted pregnancy, and for post-exposure prophylaxis after unprotected sex with an HIV-positive partner

Kassenärztlicher Notdienst Dresden (emergency service provided by statutory health insurance physicians)

General, paediatric

Fiedlerstraße 25, Building 28, 01307 Dresden

Telephone (03 51) 1 92 92

Gynaecology outpatient clinic, obstetric emergencies

Fiedlerstraße 74, Building 21, 01307 Dresden,

Telephone (03 51) 4 58 21 83

Städtisches Klinikum Dresden, Friedrichstadt Hospital

Friedrichstraße 41, 01067 Dresden

Telephone (03 51) 48 00

Städtisches Klinikum Dresden, Neustadt Hospital

General emergency department

Kopernikusstraße 39a, 01129 Dresden

Telephone (03 51) 85 60

Städtisches Klinikum Dresden, Neustadt Hospital

Gynaecology & obstetrics clinic

Industriestraße 40, 01129 Dresden

Telephone (03 51) 85 60

General information

Further reading

www.bmfsfj.de/ProstSchG

www.prostituiertenschutzgesetz.info

Information sheet on health insurance for prostitutes in Germany

(www.mhkgb.nrw/gleichstellung/Prostituiertenschutzgesetz/PKV_GKV_Prostituierte.pdf)

Specialist counselling centres for sex workers

www.bufas.net

Other

<https://berufsverband-sexarbeit.de/>

www.bsd-ev.info

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