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Electricity in Germany: the comparison calculator step by step

The comparison calculator is in German. Here you see the screens in order and what each field means, explained simply, in English. That way you can fill everything in yourself.

How to use it: keep this guide open. Open the comparison calculator at the address below and fill in the screens in order.
The comparison calculator is here: am-finanzvergleich.de/en/electricity-in-germany/

1. **To start: two numbers.** “Postleitzahl”: your postcode. “Verbrauch (kWh)”: your annual consumption in kilowatt hours. It’s on your last annual electricity bill. Then you press the comparison button and the tariffs open.

2. **The settings above the list.** “Preisanzeige”: how the price is shown. “Monatlich” per month, “Jährlich” per year. “Zertifizierter Ökostrom”: electricity from renewable sources. “Egal” means doesn’t matter. “Nutzung”: “Privat” for your home, “Gewerbe” for a business. “Bonus”: how bonuses are counted in the price. With “Bonus nicht einberechnen” you see the price without the bonus. That way you see better what you’ll pay in the second year. “Nur Sofortbonus” only the bonus paid right away, “Alle Boni” all bonuses. When you change something, press “neu berechnen”.

3. **“weitere Einstellungen” (more settings).** If you press here, more settings open. You don’t have to change anything. “Laufzeit”: the longest contract length. “Kündigungsfrist”: how far in advance you have to say you’re cancelling the contract, so the notice period (Kündigungsfrist). “Vertragsverlängerung”: the maximum period the contract renews for when it ends. “Art der Preisgarantie” and “Dauer der Preisgarantie”: type and length of the price guarantee. “Abschlagszahlung”: the regular instalment, “Monatlich” every month. “kWh-Pakete”: consumption packages bought in advance. For most people “Nein” is right. “Nur Tarife gemäß der Richtlinien”: only tariffs according to the calculator’s rules. “Schwachlast / Doppeltarifzähler”: a meter that counts day and night separately. If you don’t have such a meter, “Nein”. “Tarife pro Anbieter”: how many tariffs to show per supplier. “Weiterempfehlungsquote”: the percentage of customers who recommend it.

4. **“Ihr Vergleichstarif” (the tariff you compare against).** Here is your current tariff. At the start the basic tariff of the local supplier (Grundversorgungstarif) is selected. The “sparen” amounts in the list are calculated against it. If you choose your own supplier and your own tariff, the amount will be accurate for you.

5 **The list of results.** “Preis-Leistungs-Empfehlung”: a recommendation considered good for its price. “Bestseller”: a tariff many people choose. “Weiterempfehlung”: what percentage of customers recommend it. “Sofortbonus”: a bonus paid out quickly. “Neukundenbonus”: a bonus for new customers, usually only in the first year. “Preisgarantie”: until when the price stays fixed. “Mindestvertragslaufzeit”: the shortest contract length. “Garantierter Abschlag” or “Geschätzter Abschlag”: the amount that will be taken from your account every month, guaranteed or estimated. The big price “Ø pro Monat” is the average per month and includes the bonuses. That’s why it looks lower than the monthly instalment. “sparen”: the difference compared with the comparison tariff. “Preisdetails” price details, “Tarifdetails” tariff details, “Kundenbewertungen” customer reviews. To choose, press “weiter”.

6 **“Anbieterwechsel oder Neuanmeldung beantragen” and “Adresse”.** The first sentence means: application to switch supplier or for a new connection. You continue with the button “weiter”. “E-Mail-Adresse”: your email address. “E-Mail-Adresse wiederholen”: enter the same address once more. “Ihre Lieferadresse (Stromabnahmestelle)”: the address where you use the electricity. “Vorname / Nachname”: first name and surname. “Straße / Hausnr.”: street and house number. “Telefonnummer Mobil” mobile, “Telefonnummer Festnetz” landline. In between it says “und / oder”, so one is enough. “Geburtsdatum”: date of birth. “Ziehen Sie an der angegebenen Adresse neu ein?”: whether you’re moving into exactly this address. “Abweichende Rechnungsadresse”: whether the bill should go to a different address.

7 **“Anschluss” (connection) and “Zahlungsdaten” (payment details).** Here the calculator usually asks for the meter number (Zählernummer) and the name of your current supplier. Both are on your last electricity bill. The meter number is also on the meter itself. For payment you need your bank account number (IBAN).

8 **“Bestätigung” (confirmation) and “Fertig” (done).** On the confirmation page you see everything you’ve entered once more. When you press the last button, your application will be sent. As the form says, the contract is concluded when the new supplier confirms the switch, and private customers have two weeks to withdraw from the contract (Widerrufsrecht).

On every screen “zurück” means back, and “weiter” means next. You can go back or close the page at any time. Until you press the last confirmation button, no contract is concluded.

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