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SIM card 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/sim-card-in-germany/

1 **The filters on the left: “Tarife filtern”.** “Netz”: network. There are three networks: Telekom, Vodafone and Telefónica (o2). “Datenvolumen ab”: at least how many gigabytes of data you want. “Rufnummernmitnahme”: whether you want to keep your current number. “Egal” doesn’t matter, “Ja” yes, “Nein” no. “eSIM”: a SIM card loaded directly onto the phone, without a plastic card. “Mit Telefon-Flat”: whether you want unlimited calls. “Datengeschwindigkeit ab”: the minimum internet speed. “Anbieter”: provider. The boxes to tick: “Nur inkl. 5G” only with 5G, “Tarife für junge Leute” tariffs for young people, “Flexibler Vertragsbeginn” tariffs where you choose the start day yourself, “Datentarife” data-only tariffs, without calls.

2 **The list of results.** “Sortiert nach Beliebtheit”: by popularity. “Beliebtester Tarif”: the tariff most people choose. “100 GB” is the amount of data, and “bis 200 MBit/s” the maximum speed. “Telefon-Flat” and “SMS-Flat”: unlimited calls and texts within Germany. Calls from Germany to other countries aren’t included and can cost more. “Monatlich kündbar”: you can cancel the contract every month. The number in the blue box is the tariff’s rating, the best rating is 10. “monatlich”: the monthly fee. “einmalig”: the amount you pay only once. “Wunschtermin”: you choose the start day yourself. “Tarifdetails”: tariff details. At the top you may see something like “300+ Abschlüsse in 24h”. This means how many people took this tariff in the last 24 hours. You don’t have to rush. To choose, press “weiter”.

3 **The tariff page.** “Rufnummer mitnehmen?”: whether you want to keep your number. If you choose “Ja”, the calculator will ask for “Bisheriger Anbieter”, so your current provider. “SIM-Kartentyp”: “SIM-Karte” a SIM card that comes by post, “eSIM” a card loaded onto the phone. “Detaillierte Preisübersicht”: the exact price. “Durchschnitt pro Monat”: the average per month. “So geht es weiter” explains three steps: “Bestellung” order, “Bestellbestätigung” order confirmation, “Aktivierung” activation of the number. To continue, press “zur Bestellung”.

4 **“Persönliche Daten” (personal details).** “Anrede”: “Herr” Mr, “Frau” Ms. “Vorname(n)”: your first name. “Nachname”: your surname. “Geburtsdatum”: your date of birth. “Ihre Adresse”: your address. “PLZ” postcode, “Straße” street, “Nr.” number. “Ihre Kontaktdaten”: your contact details. “E-Mail-Adresse” your email address, “Rückrufnummer” the number they can call you on. Write your first name and surname exactly as they are written in your passport or ID card, because your identity is checked before the number is activated.

5 **“Zahlungsdaten” and “Wechselservice”.** “Zahlungsdaten”: payment details. The calculator asks for the number of the bank account (IBAN) the monthly fee will be taken from. “Wechselservice”: a service that cancels the old contract for you. In the form it’s called “1-Klick-Kündigungsservice”. At the end there is a summary. When you press the last button, the order will be sent. Before you press it, check everything you’ve entered.

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.

If this guide helped you, send it to a friend or family member in Germany.
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