

## Introduction for New Students

- The AISA (Association of Indian Students in Aachen) is a registered student organization of the RWTH Aachen University and the FH Aachen. We work in close co-operation with the International Office of both the Universities as well with Indian Embassy and Consulate offices. AISA endeavors to provide a platform for Indian and International students and community to interact and share the rich and diverse Indian culture and heritage. We advise you to read the information below to ease the transition to your student life in Aachen.
- Students can email us their queries at [accommodation.aisa@gmail.com](mailto:accommodation.aisa@gmail.com). We will be more than happy to help. You can also join our group on Facebook. **The information provided here has been painstakingly compiled after gathering general queries and experiences of the previous batches. Please refrain from asking questions, which have already been answered in documents, provided in this document and make the effort of going through these documents before posting general queries. Repetitive queries will not be answered!**

## GUIDE TO SEPARATING TRASH IN GERMANY:

1. Blue bins are for paper and cardboard.
2. Green bins belong to the biodegradable waste known as “Biomüll” in Germany.
3. Yellow bins are used to collect yellow plastic bags. These yellow plastic bags are for plastic waste.
4. The black or grey bin is for “Restmüll” – anything left over that should not fit in previous bins, from nappies to cigarette butts or other contaminated material.
5. The glass is divided into three different bins: white, brown and green. Blue or yellow bottles can go with green. However, broken drinking glasses or windows should not be thrown in the bottle and jar containers. They’re made of a different type of glass that disrupts the recycling process. Jar lids belong in a separate bin.
6. "Pfandflaschen" may be returned to the store for a refund. Many supermarkets have automatic bottle-retrieval machines that pull-out bottles, calculate your refund - usually eight cents per glass bottle and 25 cents on plastic.
7. German recycling fines – For disposing of your trash against the rules and, more importantly, in a way that does not allow recycling, you can receive a fine of 10-1.500 Euros.