

Domicile

Domicile refers to a person's official address, which is the address recorded at the civil registration. The *domicile* may deviate from the person's actual place of residence. Students living in lodgings, for instance, often have their residence where they live in rooms, but their *domicile* is still at their parents' home.

Problems with respect to domicile may also arise when similar terms are used in forms, e.g. German *Derzeitiger Wohnsitz* (= permanent address), or *Unterkunft* (= permanent address, normally used for short term purposes).

In Italy, there is also a distinction between *domicilio* and *residenza*. The actual meaning of both terms, however, is just the opposite of the English terms *domicile* and *residence*. In Italian *domicilio* is where one lives currently whereas *residenza* is the place registered as a dwelling place in the municipality register. Not all citizens are aware of this difference and not all countries make this difference.