



# Terms of Use and Disclaimer for the Library of Things

*University Library, Mainz University of Applied Sciences*

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The Library of Things allows eligible members of the Mainz University of Applied Sciences community to check out selected items free of charge. These terms of use supplement the current regulations of the university library and are binding for all loans.

## 1. Eligibility and acceptance of terms

Use of the Library of Things is open to students and staff of Mainz University of Applied Sciences with a valid library account. By borrowing an item, all users accept these supplementary terms of use and disclaimer. Use of the Library of Things is free of charge.

## 2. Proper and intended use

All items must be used properly, with care, and exclusively for their intended purpose. Operating instructions, safety guidelines, and warnings must be observed. Users must take any risks associated with use into account and adjust their behavior accordingly. Mainz University of Applied Sciences makes no guarantee that any item is suitable for the specific purpose intended by the user. Items may not be passed on or lent to third parties.

## 3. Inspection at check-out and obligation to report defects

Before borrowing an item, users must check that it is complete, clean, and in proper working condition, including any accessories. Any defects identified, in particular damage, dirt, or missing accessories, must be reported to library staff immediately before the item is taken from the library.

## 4. Consumable materials

Any consumable materials required or used in connection with use of the item must be obtained by the users at their own expense. Consumables are only included in the loan of the item if they are explicitly considered part of that item.

## 5. Use at own risk and liability of Mainz University of Applied Sciences

All items are used at the users' own risk and under their own responsibility. Mainz University of Applied Sciences is liable for damages arising in connection with use only insofar as such damages are attributable to intentional misconduct or gross negligence on the part of Mainz University of Applied Sciences, its employees, or third parties commissioned by the university. Liability for damages caused by violations of operating instructions or safety guidelines, of these terms of use, or by improper use is excluded. The same applies to damages resulting from a failure to follow instructions given by library staff.

## 6. Users' liability for loss or damage

Users are liable for all damage to borrowed items that occurs during the loan period. Any damage or loss must be reported to the university library immediately. In the event of loss, damage, or incomplete return, users are required to provide compensation for the damage incurred. This may include, in particular, repair, cleaning, and/or replacement costs.



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## 7. Condition of returned items and right of refusal

Before returning an item, users must check it for cleanliness, completeness, and functionality. Returns must be complete, clean, and in proper working condition. The university library reserves the right to initially refuse to accept an item or to charge follow-up costs if, for example, the item is returned dirty, damaged, incomplete, or non-functional.

## 8. Checking out and returning items

Checkout and returns are only possible during staffed service hours at the circulation desk of the university library of Mainz University of Applied Sciences. Return via drop boxes, internal mail, or any other means is not permitted unless the university library has made an explicit exception in a specific case. Loan periods and the possibility of extending the loan of items from the Library of Things are set by the library director, depending on the type of item.

## 9. Additional provisions

The current usage regulations and library policies of the Mainz University of Applied Sciences University Library, as well as the relevant regulations of Mainz University of Applied Sciences, apply in all other respects. In case of any conflicts, the specific Library of Things provisions take precedence over general regulations insofar as they expressly regulate the matter in question.

### Confirmation at check-out

By checking out an item from the Library of Things, users confirm that they have read and agree to comply with these terms of use.

Name of user	
Library card number	
Checkout date	