

Choosing the right accommodation is a vital and there are various types available to you as a student. Wherever you chose will act as your home during your time in the UK and it is important to us at Education.uk that you chose wisely. Which is why our teams in India and the UK will advise and assist you every step of the way and ensure that you have all the information you require.

Types of accommodation include:



- **University Halls of residence**

The majority of students chose to reside in halls of residence, these are usually located on campus or within close proximity to the university and in most cases are owned by the university.

You would have your own bedroom to sleep and study in and will share living areas i.e. Kitchen/Lounge with a small group of other students. In some halls of residence you will have your own bathroom and in others you will be required to share a bathroom with other students.

In some halls you will have to cater for yourself in the communal kitchen whereas others will provide you with two meals a day. Self catering halls will usually be cheaper.

Generally the cost of utilities will be included in the rental cost.

### Benefits of Halls of Residents

- **Social life** - Many students prefer to reside in halls as it is an ideal opportunity to meet other students, socialise and form new friendships. Halls will often have a student body which has an active say in how the hall is run and who will organise social events of all types, catering for many different interests. Some halls will also have their own bars cafes and leisure facilities, varying on where you study.

- **University support network** - Halls have the benefit of being managed by the university, this means they provide students with an excellent supportive environment. Universities have staff made up of staff and senior students on hand to settle in new students and help them adapt to student life in the UK.

- **Security** - Security is usually provided 24 hours a day.

### Student holidays

When choosing to live in halls of residence it is important to remember that not all halls provide accommodation for the whole year, some will require you to move out during university holidays. However the majority of universities

will make exceptions for international students, ensure that you check before you make a decision.

International students are often guaranteed accommodation at least for their first year. It is best to accept any offers as early as possible. Few institutions have enough rooms to accommodate every single student so they need to know as early as possible if rooms are going to be free.

- **Private rented accommodation**

You may choose to privately rent accommodation, the options include; private halls, shared flats/houses, lodgings, bed-sits (a single rented room with living, sleeping and sometimes cooking facilities) or private hostels.

It is important to bear in mind that the prices of such accommodation can vary considerably and university staff may not be able to help you if problems arise with your landlord.

### Lodgings

A popular form of accommodation is lodgings or home stay this involves you renting a room in a private house. The rent will usually include the cost of cleaning, laundry, and some meals.

### House and flat share

A place in halls is generally only guaranteed for one or two years of your course for your remaining years a flat or house share is a popular choice. Flats and houses for rent are advertised in local papers, shop windows and in the university accommodation office. You will find that the best time to look for rented accommodation is around June and July, before the end of your summer term. However if you find somewhere at this time you may be required to pay for it over the summer. If you enjoy your independence then sharing a flat or house is a great option for you.

Expect to pay between £200 and £500 per month and this will exclude household bills, such as water, electricity, telephone and council tax.



**ALWAYS CHECK WHAT IS INCLUDED IN YOUR RENT BEFORE SIGNING A CONTRACT.**