



Student Accommodation Q&A

by Student Accommodation Team

General Information

Does TU Dublin have its own student accommodation?

- TU Dublin does not currently have its own student accommodation, but plans are underway to develop university-owned housing. In the meantime, the Student Accommodation team can offer advice on various options, including student hubs and host families.
- TU Dublin has partnered with Mezzino Student Living to provide exclusive access to a block of rooms at prime city locations. This ensures a supportive and academic-focused environment close to the university and city attractions.
- To register your interest in Mezzino Student Living, [visit their website](#). For host family or digs options, check out [StudentPad](#). Current students should register with their TU Dublin email. Incoming students can use '1234' as a student number but must email studentaccommodation@tudublin.ie for access confirmation.

Can I book accommodation through the university?

- No, students must contact accommodation providers or landlords directly to book accommodation. However, we use the [StudentPad](#) platform, which is a free-to-advertise site for landlords and hosts, and free to use for TU Dublin students.
- Living with an owner-occupier, commonly referred to as 'digs,' is often the most budget-friendly and adaptable living arrangement. Hosts offer accommodation for five to seven days a week, with some now considering shorter stays to accommodate various needs. Host Family/Digs can be a cost-effective and comforting choice, providing you with a supportive home environment and in some cases meals.
- The Student Accommodation team can offer guidance and support to students in finding suitable accommodation. For assistance, you can contact the team at studentaccommodation@tudublin.ie

Where can I find information and resources on TU Dublin accommodation?

- You will find comprehensive accommodation information on the TU Dublin [Student Accommodation webpage here](#) or by contacting studentaccommodation@tudublin.ie.

How many campuses are there at TU Dublin?

TU Dublin has five campuses:

- Blanchardstown Campus
- City Campus (locations: Aungier Street, Bolton Street, and Grangegorman)
- Tallaght Campus

What areas should I consider for accommodation if I'm going to x Campus?

- **Blanchardstown Campus (D15 YV78):** Ideal areas include Blanchardstown Village, Corduff, Hartstown, Clonsilla and Mulhuddart in Dublin 15.
- **Aungier Street Campus (D02 HW71):** Recommended areas are Rathmines and Rathgar in Dublin 6, as well as Dublin 8. Dublin 12 and 14 are also options. The campus is centrally located with excellent Luas and bus connections, making it easily accessible.
- **Bolton Street Campus (D01 K822):** Recommended areas for accommodation include Dublin 1, 2, 7, 8, 9, and 11. The campus is centrally located, just a short distance from O'Connell Street, with excellent access to local transport routes including numerous bus lines and the Luas. These areas offer convenient and quick commutes to the campus.
- **Grangegorman Campus (D07 H6K8):** Consider Dublin 7 or 9, including Cabra, Stoneybatter, Smithfield, and areas near Phoenix Park. The campus is centrally located in the city centre with excellent Luas and bus connections, making it easily accessible.
- **Tallaght Campus (D24 FKT9):** Recommended areas are Oldbawn, Kilnamanagh, Belgard, Firhouse, and Aylesbury in Dublin 24. The campus is conveniently located close to a Luas line and has good bus service, making it easily accessible from various areas.

How can I travel to TU Dublin campuses sustainably?

- TU Dublin is committed to supporting sustainable and active travel options for students and staff. You can find comprehensive information on public transport options on our website [here](#).
- With a Young Adult (19-25) or Student Leap Card, you can get 50% off adult public transport fares. Additionally, you can travel around Dublin for just €1 with the TFI 90-minute fare. For more information and to apply for a Leap Card, [visit Leap Card](#).

What are “digs”?

- "Digs" is another term for homestay or living with host families, where you live with the owner-occupier. It is a more affordable accommodation option for students. Staying with a homeowner can be especially beneficial for new students and international students, as it provides a supportive and familiar home environment. This arrangement often includes meals and can help students adjust more easily to their new surroundings. Please note that some landlords may only allow students to stay during weekdays.

What do I need to prepare when looking for accommodation?

- **Budget:** Set a budget before you start looking. This helps narrow down your options. If your budget is tight, consider host families or nearby towns. Remember, most places require a security deposit and the first month's rent upfront.

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- **Commute:** Look for locations near your campus and check transportation links, including public transport, walking, or cycling routes. Consider local amenities, housing costs, and the general feel of the area. Stay updated on Dublin's changing transport infrastructure, as new links or services might affect your commute.
- **Time:** Schedule time to visit the property in person. Ensure everything is in working order and ask the landlord any questions you may have. Do not hand over any money until you are confident in your choice.

How do I know if a place is legit and not a scam?

- **Research:** Investigate the advertised property, use online maps to verify its existence, or visit it in person.
- **Price Comparison:** Research rent prices for similar properties in the area to ensure the price is reasonable.
- **Viewing:** Always view the property in person before handing over any deposit or rent.
- **Locks:** Test all the locks yourself with the keys you receive.
- **Documentation:** Ask the landlord for a written lease or rent book for private rentals, or a [Sample Licence Agreement](#) for digs accommodation, before making any payment.
- **Payment Method:** Pay only by card or bank transfer; this can help you recover money if something goes wrong.
- **Receipt:** Obtain a proper receipt in writing for any payment you make.
- **Contact Information:** Keep all contact details for the landlord, agent, or advertiser.
- **Records:** Retain copies of any email or phone messages between you and the landlord/agent.

When should I start looking for accommodation as an incoming student starting in September?

- Start looking for accommodation as soon as possible! Many students will be searching, so starting early gives you a better selection and reduces stress. Remember, the early bird catches the worm!
- For Mezzino TU Dublin accommodation, register your interest early. Due to high demand and limited availability, this accommodation is offered on a first-come, first-served basis. [Apply early to secure your place.](#)
- **Eligibility & Verification:** This exclusive accommodation is available to TU Dublin students for the academic year 2026/2027. You must verify your student status before arrival.
- For digs accommodation, consider these effective steps:
 - **Timing:** [Register on StudentPad](#) in July or early August, a free platform connecting students with hosts offering accommodation.
 - **Shortlist Properties:** Shortlist 4 or 5 properties during August to explore different options.

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- **Property Visits:** Arrange visits to these shortlisted properties to ensure they are a good fit. Viewing in person is essential.
- **CAO Offers:** When CAO offers are released and you accept your TU Dublin place, contact your preferred host to check availability.
- **Financial Caution:** Do not hand over any money without viewing the property first. It's essential to make an informed decision.

When should I start looking for accommodation as a returning student?

- Start your accommodation search as early as possible to set yourself up for success and secure the best options. Here are some tips:
- **Mezzino TU Dublin Accommodation:** [Register your interest early](#), as this accommodation is in high demand and offered on a first-come, first-served basis.
- **Eligibility & Verification:** This accommodation is available to TU Dublin students for the academic year 2026/2027. Ensure you verify your student status before arrival.

- For digs accommodation, consider these effective steps:
- **Timing:** [Register on StudentPad](#), new rooms are advertised throughout the summer, and many landlords readvertise as soon as current students leave.
- **Shortlist Properties:** Shortlist 4 or 5 properties to explore different options.
- **Property Visits:** Arrange in-person visits to ensure the properties are a good fit.
- **Financial Caution:** Never hand over money without viewing the property first to make an informed decision.

Does the university inspect student houses and rooms for good condition?

- No, the university is not a regulatory body. However, we do verify the accuracy of the information before approving advertisements on StudentPad.

Does the university act as an intermediary between the landlord and the tenant?

- No, the university does not act as an intermediary between landlords and tenants. However, the Student Accommodation team can offer guidance and support to students in finding suitable accommodation, you can contact the team at studentaccommodation@tudublin.ie

Is there financial support available for accommodation at TU Dublin?

- Yes, TU Dublin offers financial support for accommodation under certain circumstances. The Rent Assistance Scheme opens for applications mid-October.
- The scheme helps full-time TU Dublin students who are in a formal rental situation with a landlord.
- **Eligibility:**

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- Students who do not normally reside in Dublin.
- Students living independently due to personal circumstances (certification required).
- A lease backdated no earlier than August 1st of the current academic year or proof of rent payment (a letter from the landlord outlining the payment or proof on a bank statement) must be submitted with the application. These documents must reflect payments made during the academic year.
- The scheme is administered by the Financial Aid team. For more information, [visit the Rent Assistance Scheme page.](#)

Useful Links

[Garda Student Accommodation Fraud Scam Warning](#)

[RTB Renting in College](#)

[CCPC Rental Accommodation Scams](#)

[DFHERIS Rent a Room - Voluntary Regulatory Framework](#)

[Threshold What are my rights as a student renting?](#)

[TU Dublin Accommodation and Living in Dublin Pages](#)

[TU Dublin Cost of Living Guide](#)

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