

International Accommodation Webinar

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Your Accommodation Options



**Living with an
Owner Occupier**



**Purpose Built Student
Accommodation (PBSA)**



**Renting Private
Accommodation**

Owner-Occupier (Digs Accommodation)

Benefits of Living with an Owner-Occupier

Affordable Rent- Cheaper than private rentals or student accommodation

Bills Included - Adverts usually include utilities such as electricity, heating, and internet

Furnished Rooms - No need to buy furniture or appliances

Cultural Experience - Great way to integrate into Irish life and improve English skills

Security & Support - Living in a family home can provide a sense of safety and community

Things to Consider

- **House Rules** - Expect some guidelines on visitors, noise levels, and shared spaces
- **Meals & Facilities** - Some owner-occupiers offer meals, while others provide kitchen access
- **Shorter Terms** - Digs accommodation are agreements, meaning they do not offer the same legal protections as a standard lease
- **Privacy** - You will be sharing a home, so consider if this arrangement suits your lifestyle

Purpose-Built Student Accommodation (PBSA)

What is PBSA?

PBSA refers to privately operated student accommodation. They offer modern facilities and a student-friendly environment with social spaces and on-site support.

Advantages:

Regulated Accommodation - Built and managed under strict standards

Advance Booking - The only long-term accommodation type we recommend securing before viewing in person

Convenience - Close to City campus and public transport

Security - On-site management and secure entry

Community - Opportunities to meet other students

Private Rented Accommodation

What to Expect in the Private Rental Market

- High demand and high rents - average monthly rent in Dublin more than €2,500
- Prices vary based on location, property type, and amenities
- Leases typically 12 months with a required deposit (one month's rent)
- Utilities (electricity, internet, waste) often not included in rent

Where to Find Private Rentals

Daft.ie, Rent.ie, MyHome.ie

Tip: Be cautious of scams – never pay a deposit before viewing the property in person and confirming the landlord's details

Navigating Private Rental Accommodation

Self-Managed Accommodation: No direct support provided for private rentals

Resources Available: We offer essential resources to help you make informed decisions and avoid common pitfalls when renting privately

View Before You Commit: It is crucial to inspect any property in person to ensure the accommodation meets your needs

Be Scam-Savvy: Unfortunately, rental scams are common. Always verify the legitimacy of a property before making any payments

Key Safety Checks: Verify the credentials of landlords and agents



Booking Short-Term Accommodation

If you are moving to Ireland, we recommend booking short-term accommodation while you search for StudentPad or private rental accommodation

Options for Short Stays:

- Hostels - Budget-friendly (e.g., Generator Hostel, Jacobs Inn)
- Airbnb - Private rooms or short-term apartment stays
- Hotels & Guesthouses - Good for a few nights but can be expensive

Tip: Book in advance, especially during peak times. Having a short-term base allows you to view rentals in person and avoid scams

Accommodation Options at a Glance

	Owner Occupier/Digs	PBSA	Private Rental
Best for	a more affordable, home-based option	if want to book before arrival	you prefer total independence
Typical cost	€700 + per month, bills often included	€1200 + per month	often highest; bills will be extra, 12-month tenancy
Agreement type	licence agreement	provider contract/licence	usually tenancy/lease
Can book before arrival?	not recommended without rigorous checks	yes, recommended if you have budget	not recommended without rigorous checks
Flexibility	often more flexible	contract length is fixed	usually 1 year commitment
TU Dublin support	advice and guidance on listings	partner information and guidance	general advice only

TU Dublin StudentPad Platform

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Search My Studentpad Housing Advice Go Local Message Board Landlords Contact

Find Your Perfect Student Accommodation
Welcome to the Official TU Dublin FREE Student Accommodation Website

area, postcode, town, or landlord name/reference (optional) Search Everything (260 Rooms) Map

Area Property size Living Arrangement Campus
Rooms available? Available from No Min Rent No Max Rent

Landlord Login
Login or register here to manage your properties!

Student Login
Login or register to get details of new properties straight to your inbox!

Look Elsewhere!
Looking for Accommodation in another town?

Fact Finder
Useful facts and information on accommodation!



StudentPad TU Dublin

Key Tips for Contacting Homeowners

Read Adverts Carefully

Ensure the property is suitable for your needs before contacting the homeowner

Check for preferences, Male/Female tenant. Available for 7-day rental

Only Contact Suitable Adverts

Do not contact if the room does not match your needs

Send a Clear First Message

Include your name, TU Dublin campus, arrival date and length of stay

Be Polite and Professional

Homeowners are opening their homes to students. A clear and respectful message helps create trust

STOP, CHECK, PAY: Accommodation Safety

STOP

- Pause if rushed, unsure, or uncomfortable
- Do not agree under pressure
- Be alert to secrecy, personal conditions, or offers

CHECK

- Use trusted platforms like StudentPad
- Check the property, person, rent, bills, house rules, and sleeping arrangements
- Ask for a written agreement

PAY

- Only pay when the offer is genuine, clear and has been verified
- Use traceable payment methods
- Keep screenshots, receipts, emails, and messages

Cost of Living Guide

Expense	Estimated Cost (€) Per Month
Accommodation	€700 - €1600
Food & Groceries	€200 - €400
Transport (Student Leap Card)	€48
Mobile Phone	€10 - €50
Social & Miscellaneous	€80 - €400
Total Estimated Cost	€1038 - €2498

Please note the above costs cover only the basics. Other expenses like health insurance, clothing, academic costs, and travel should also be factored into your budget

Top 5 Tips for a Successful Accommodation Search

- 1 Budget for Accommodation - Expect to pay approx. €700 per month. Anything significantly lower is a red flag.**
- 2 Be Scam-Savvy – Never pay upfront without verifying the landlord and property.**
- 3 Use Trusted Resources - StudentPad, PBSA providers, and verified rental sites like Daft.ie and Rent.ie.**
- 4 Book Short-Term Stays – If arriving without PBSA accommodation, book temporary accommodation first to search safely in person.**
- 5 Check Commute Times – Living near campus saves money and time, factor in transport costs when choosing a location.**

International Hub



The International Hub is a useful resource as you prepare to arrive and settle in:

- pre-arrival guidance
 - fees and registration
 - settling into Dublin
 - student supports and services
 - regulations and practical information
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- [International Student Hub | TU Dublin](#)

Advice & Guidance

- We are committed to assisting with all accommodation inquiries. Whether you prefer a phone call or an online meeting, we are here to help.
- If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to us.
- Email: studentaccommodation@tudublin.ie
- Tel: +3531 220 5600



Useful Links & Resources

TU Dublin International Student Hub - [International Student Hub | TU Dublin](#)

TU Dublin StudentPad – [TU Dublin Student Accommodation in Dublin](#)

General Student Accommodation Information - [Accommodation & Living in Dublin | TU Dublin](#)

Areas near TU Dublin campuses - [Campus Commute: Your Guide to Local Living at TU Dublin | TU Dublin](#)

Financial Wellbeing & Budgeting - [Essentials for International Students | TU Dublin](#)

TU Dublin Cost of Living Guide - [Cost of Living Guide | TU Dublin](#)

Student Leap Card for discounted travel - <https://www.leapcard.ie/>

Residential Tenancies Board (RTB) – www.rtb.ie



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