

Post-Webinar Questions and Answers

Thanks to everyone who attended and participated last week.

As promised, we have reviewed the questions submitted and provided answers in this document. Where several similar questions were asked, we have combined them into one response.

For any further questions or support with your accommodation search, please contact the Student Accommodation team at studentaccommodation@tudublin.ie

We look forward to welcoming you to Ireland and to TU Dublin.

Q. How can I verify that the homeowner is legit before booking? What payment methods should I use if paypal or western union are not good options?

Before paying anything:

- View the accommodation in person or ask someone you trust in Ireland to view it for you.
- Meet the homeowner at the property and ask for photo identification. Check that the name matches the payment details.
- Pay only when the offer has been verified. Use a payment method that is traceable and linked to a verified recipient.
- The safest practical option is usually a bank transfer to an Irish or SEPA bank account. Confirm that the account name matches the homeowner or accommodation provider named in the written agreement. Include the property address and “deposit” in the payment reference and retain the transfer confirmation.
- Use trusted platforms and keep copies of the advert, messages, and emails.
- Be cautious if the homeowner says they are abroad, cannot arrange a viewing, pressures you to pay quickly, or offers accommodation at a price that appears unusually low.

Q Can you please spell the website name

- Mezzino [TU Dublin | Accommodation Partner | Mezzino](#)
- StudentPad TU Dublin [Student Account](#)
- Threshold [Home - Threshold](#)

Q. When do we need to pay to owner

- You should only pay the homeowner after you have verified that the accommodation is genuine. View the room in person first, meet the homeowner, confirm their identity, and ideally receive a written agreement. Once these checks are complete, the homeowner may ask for the deposit to secure the room.
- Do not pay simply because the homeowner says other students are interested or pressures you to act quickly. Where you cannot view before travelling, we recommend you book short-term accommodation like a hostel or AirBnB first and look for accommodation when here.

Q. The estimate you have provided for digs/private renting. Is it for central Dublin. My campus is in Tallaght. Is the rent similar in range?

The €700+ monthly estimate for owner-occupied accommodation applies across Dublin, including Tallaght. Rooms advertised on TU Dublin StudentPad are subject to rent caps, so prices should remain in the €700 - €800 a month regardless of campus location.

Q. Is there any way I can talk to other students in Tallaght Campus to help me decide which accommodation to choose?

- Yes. TU Dublin StudentPad has a free Student Message Board where you can connect with others who are also looking for accommodation. You can post that you will be studying at the Tallaght campus and ask about suitable areas, transport routes, shared accommodation, or finding potential housemates.
- Do not share sensitive personal information publicly. Verify any accommodation independently and complete the usual safety checks before making a payment.

Q. What is the closest accommodation to TU Dublin Blanchardstown, and what do you recommend? We tried to book through StudentPad, but most landlords said they already had viewings and have made a decision

- Focus on nearby areas such as Coolmine, Clonsilla, Castleknock, Ongar and Clonee, while also considering wider areas with suitable public transport links should focus on nearby areas such as Coolmine, Clonsilla, Castleknock, Ongar and Clonee, while also considering wider areas with suitable public transport links [Student Services & Support | Campus Commute: Your Guide to Local Living at TU Dublin | TU Dublin](#)
- Set up a StudentPad property alert so you receive an email as soon as we approve a listing matching your needs. You can also email us studentaccommodation@tudublin.ie to request a shortlisting meeting with the team.
- Another option is to book purpose-built student accommodation in Dublin city centre and commute by bus to the Blanchardstown campus.

Hello, When is the best time for international students to start applying for the Irish student visa? Should we wait for the final offer letter first?

- Visa applications are outside the Accommodation team's area of expertise. Visit the International Hub [International Student Hub | Visa & Immigration Requirements | TU Dublin](#)
- For advice contact the International Office at International@TUDublin.ie

Q. Are the accommodations listed on the Studentpad website vetted, or is there still a chance of scams even through that portal?

- StudentPad listings are reviewed by the Accommodation team before they are published. **However, this does not remove all risks or replace your own checks.**
- You should still view the accommodation in person, verify the homeowner's identity, confirm the rent and arrangements in writing, and use a traceable payment method.

Q. If we book accommodation at PBSA. However, if there is a delay in arrival, can the dates and payments be adjusted? Who would be the right person to contact? Sorry if I have a repetitive question, as I joined a webinar a bit late.

- PBSA booking dates and payment obligations are set by the accommodation provider's contract and are not automatically adjusted if your arrival is delayed. You should contact the provider directly as soon as possible, using the contact details in your booking confirmation, to explain the delay and ask what options are available.
- Do not assume that a later arrival will reduce the rent due.

Q. When should I register my daughter for accommodation. She is waiting on LC results to see if she is successful. Wants to study medical science think that's grangegorman area.

Please contact us directly at studentaccommodation@tudublin.ie for advice. The best time to register or book depends on whether you are considering PBSA or digs accommodation through StudentPad, as the booking process and level of commitment are different.

Q. Are stoneybatter place safe?

Yes. Stoneybatter Place is a modern, purpose-built student accommodation close to the Grangegorman campus, with secure access and on-site management. Many students have had excellent experiences living there.

Q. What are your thoughts on booking accommodation on Hosting power? are they recommended ?

We are not familiar enough with Hosting Power to recommend or endorse it. If you are considering the platform, use your own discretion, review its fees, cancellation and refund terms carefully, and independently verify the host and accommodation before making a payment.

Q What is the closest accomodation to TU Dublin? I think is a bt of challenge trying to book through student pad, how do we navigate through that ?

The closest accommodation will depend on which TU Dublin campus you are attending. StudentPad listings can move quickly, and adverts may receive several enquiries soon after they are approved.

Please contact us at studentaccommodation@tudublin.ie to request a shortlisting meeting on Teams. We can help you review available listings and help you refine your StudentPad search.

Q. Which of Mezzino's will be closer to Tallaght?

All Mezzino and other PBSA properties are located in or near Dublin city centre, Tallaght campus will require a daily commute.

Here! Student Living has a property close to the Grangegorman campus with good public transport connections to Tallaght. [The Pv, Dublin - Accommodation with Here! Students](#)

Please look at full journey time, including walking and transfers, before booking.

Q. Could you please let me know if it is possible to cancel my accommodation agreement and move to another place if I am not satisfied with the accommodation or if I find a more affordable option?

Cancellation depends on the accommodation type and the agreement signed. PBSA and private rentals often involve fixed-term commitments, while owner-occupied accommodation should have written notice and cancellation terms.

Check your agreement and contact the provider before booking elsewhere. For independent advice, [contact Threshold](#).

Q. If so, what is the process? Would I need to submit a written application or provide notice? Please let me know the required procedure.

Q. There is no official accommodations in blanch campus

TU Dublin doesn't have its own Campus Accommodation. StudentPad has many Homeowners from Blanchardstown advertising rooms as 'Digs Style' Accommodation. PBSA Accommodation is more centrally located, and you would have to commute to and from Blanchardstown for lectures etc.

Q. Hello accommodation team, i enjoyed the presentation. My question is if i am interested in getting a 7days short stay on student pad how do i get a letter to use in my visa application.

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Q. If one applies through the TU Dublin Mezzino website. Does that mean you will share the apartment with only TU Dublin students, or could it be a mix from different universities?

It could be either. Applying through the TU Dublin Mezzino booking link does not guarantee that everyone in your apartment will be a TU Dublin student. Your apartment may include students from TU Dublin and other universities.

Q. hi, thank you all, most of the rooms in Highfield says sold out, join waiting list, does that mean the room could be available later, can I bank on waiting?

You can contact Highfield House directly to ask how its waiting list operates and how likely availability is to arise. However, you should not rely on the waiting list alone, as rooms may only become available if another student cancels.

Continue looking at alternatives. Yugo has two nearby properties, [Broadstone Hall](#) and [Ardcairn House](#), which may be suitable.

Q. Hi, are there still any rooms available at Mezzino from September until the end of January?

Mezzino are not providing one Semester only (1st Semester) for Academic Year 2026/27. PBSA Canvas Mayor Square may still have availability for 1st Semester only accommodation - <https://www.canvas-world.com/en/contact?path=ireland%2Fmayor-square>

Q. My campus is at Bolton Street, please which of the Mezzino's accommodations is closest to this campus?

[Stoneybatter Place](#) is the closest Mezzino property with availability to the Bolton Street campus and is within a short walk.

Contact Eve and the Stoneybatter Place team at stoneybatterplaceenquiries@mezzino.ie to ask about booking a room from the TU Dublin allocation.

Q. I haven't received my visa decision yet. Should I wait before booking, or is it still possible to secure a place in the last few weeks if my visa is approved late.

It might be best to wait until your visa has been approved before committing to long-term accommodation, particularly where cancellation or refund terms are restrictive.

Once your visa is approved, contact us at studentaccommodation@tudublin.ie if you need support identifying suitable options.

Q. Hi, thank you for the session. for StudentPad registration they require an email address. Although I have already confirmed and paid my deposit for TU Dublin, I have not received my university email id yet. So for the time being, can I use my personal email to register or should I wait to receive my student email and ID?

You can register for StudentPad using your personal email address. We can accept correspondence from the University as verification and provide temporary access to the platform, for example, your email confirming payment of the TU Dublin deposit.

Q. Is it necessary to present an accommodation letter to Irish border control upon arrival? Since I would need to view the property in person before committing, I am unsure how to handle this requirement. Could you advise on the best approach?

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