

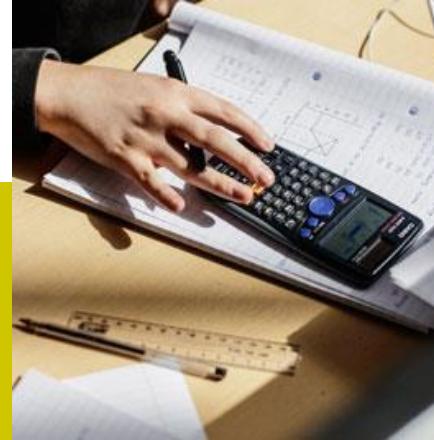
Your Accommodation Options



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

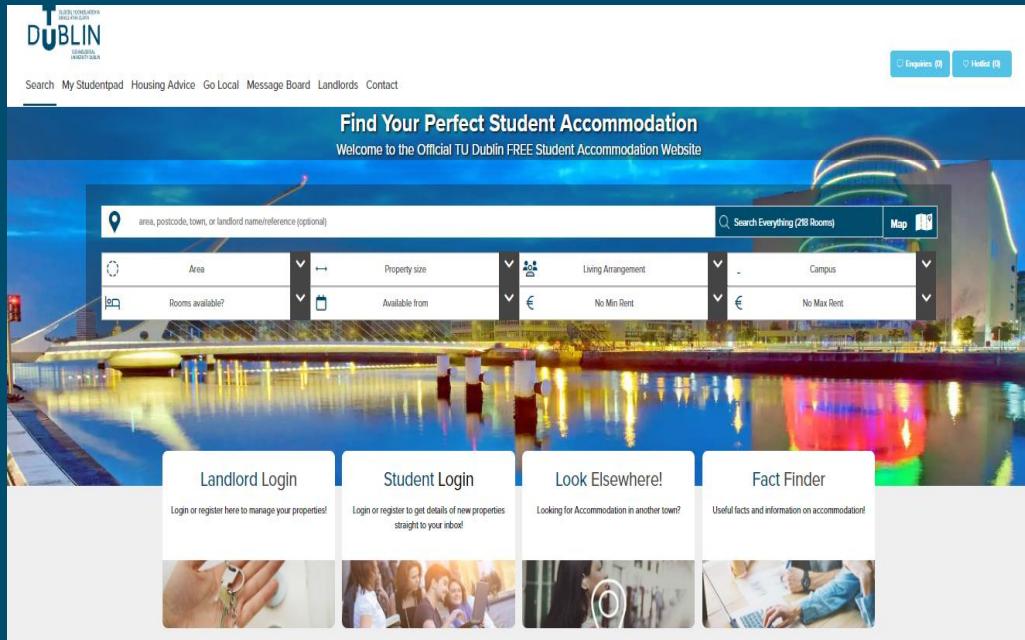
Cultural Experience - Great way to integrate into Irish life and improve English skills

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** – Owner occupied accommodation have 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

TU Dublin StudentPad Platform



The screenshot shows the homepage of the TU Dublin StudentPad Platform. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Search, My Studentpad, Housing Advice, Go Local, Message Board, Landlords, and Contact. Two buttons are also present: 'Enquiries (0)' and 'Helist (0)'. The main heading is 'Find Your Perfect Student Accommodation' with the subtext 'Welcome to the Official TU Dublin FREE Student Accommodation Website'. Below this is a search bar with a placeholder 'area, postcode, town, or landlord name/reference (optional)' and a 'Search Everything (218 rooms)' button. To the right of the search bar is a 'Map' button. Below the search bar are several dropdown filters: 'Area', 'Property size', 'Living Arrangement', 'Campus', 'Rooms available?', 'Available from', 'No Min Rent', and 'No Max Rent'. The background of the page features a night-time photograph of a modern building complex with a bridge over water. At the bottom of the page, there are four call-to-action boxes: 'Landlord Login' (with a subtext 'Login or register here to manage your properties!'), 'Student Login' (with a subtext 'Login or register to get details of new properties straight to your inbox!'), 'Look Elsewhere!' (with a subtext 'Looking for Accommodation in another town?'), and 'Fact Finder' (with a subtext 'Useful facts and information on accommodation!'). Each box includes a small thumbnail image: a hand holding a key, two students looking at a phone, a person using a computer, and a person writing in a notebook.



[StudentPad TU Dublin](#)

Making the Most of StudentPad

[View this link for a quick video and guide on using StudentPad](#), from setting up your account to finding accommodation. Includes info on living with a host family at TU Dublin

Register on StudentPad: [Click here to sign up](#)

Use 2526 as your student number. You will receive an email from us asking you to verify your student status before gaining access to listings

Hotlist a Property - Save listings for easy reference

Make an Enquiry - Contact homeowners

Map the Property – Check the location and proximity to campus

If you need assistance, we can arrange a Teams meeting to guide you through the process and shortlist properties

Key Tips for Contacting Homeowners

Read Adverts Carefully

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

Check for preferences - Male/Female tenant. Availability 5-day or 7-day rental

Be Professional When Communicating

Introduce yourself – Name, expected arrival date, length of stay

Use polite and respectful language

Respond promptly to messages

First Impressions Matter – Good Communication Builds Positive Relationships

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 is approximately €2,476
- 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 arriving in Ireland without PBSA accommodation booked, we recommend booking short-term accommodation while you search StudentPad or private rentals

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

Cost of Living Guide

Students Living away from Home	Monthly (€)	Annual (€)
Rent PBSA (inc. service charge)	1372*	12,348
Rent (StudentPad Digs 5 -day stay)	559*	5031
Rent (StudentPad Digs 7-day stay)	709*	6381
Food	201	1809
Travel	48	432
Books & Class materials	72**	639
Clothes/Medical	40	351
Mobile	14.99	135
Social life/Misc.	95	765
Student Charge	333	3000
Total	1363- 2176	12,162 – 19,479

Accommodation Types Explained

- StudentPad (Living with an Owner Occupier/Digs) - Offers 5-day or 7-day stays, typically cheaper with utilities included. 5-day stays suit domestic students commuting home at weekends.
- PBSA (Purpose Built Student Accommodation) - Full 7-day stay, all service charges and utilities included, with modern amenities. Generally, requires a 41 week stay.

Total costs vary depending on accommodation choice

- Lower range reflects 5-day stay in StudentPad accommodation.
- Upper range reflects PBSA accommodation. *

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 agencies.**
- 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.**

Support Available

- The Student Accommodation team is 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 Portal - [International | 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

