GROUP APPLICATIONS FOR UNIVERSITY HALLS OF RESIDENCE
RETURNING UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS - SESSION 2020/21

Group Applications

Where a group of students are applying to live together, they will need to agree a group leader who applies first and generates the group code. Please download the document Applying as a group leader. The group leader can invite up to four members to join the group by entering each students ID number, first name, surname and email address. The group leader is responsible for the accommodation preference for the group. This is either David Russell Apartments, Fife Park and Agnes Blackadder Hall. Each student on this list will receive an email with the names of the other group members and the group code. Each subsequent application by the other members of the group should use that identifying code. Each applicant in the group must submit a separate application using the group code issued by the group leader. Please download the document Applying as a group member. Applications are accepted by groups of up to 5 students. If you have not previously uploaded a photo on the application you will be prompted to do this before you can proceed.

Please Note: Whilst Student Accommodation Services cannot guarantee University accommodation for returning students we are confident that, for 2019-20 due to the expansion of our residences, there is every likelihood we will be able to accommodate returning students to residence. We cannot guarantee to meet any applicant’s preference for a specific room, apartment or flat, but these will be considered wherever possible.

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Fig.1 Application Time Table

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<td>03/02/20– 10/02/20</td>
<td>Application: The online application form is made available for returning Postgraduate and undergraduates to complete.</td>
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<td>24/02/20</td>
<td>Allocation: Student Accommodation Services allocate rooms and send out an automated email with an offer, to successful applicants. Those who do not receive an offer will receive an email with further information.</td>
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<td>24/02/20 – 04/03/20</td>
<td>Acceptance: Applicants have 10 days to accept their offer, prior to it being withdrawn.</td>
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<td>Rejection: Once an offer has been accepted applicants have 7 days to change their mind and reject it without incurring financial liability. If you cancel after the 7 day period you will incur full contract liability. Please read Terms and conditions before you accept your offer they have been updated for 2019/20.</td>
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1. Allocation Policy (Returning Students)

The following criteria are considered when allocating accommodation to returning students:

Priority Groups:

1. Students for who specialised facilities have to be arranged e.g. Disabled Students
2. Students who play an active role in the life of a hall, defined as the Senior Student, Deputy, Treasurer and Secretary of each Hall Committee, plus up to an additional 10 students (15 at DRA) who have been deemed by the Warden to play an active role in residential life. In the event that the students in the defined committee roles are final years so cannot reapply or have chosen not to reapply the Warden can nominate an alternative student for each place.
3. Students who are currently on a study abroad. This group of students should make this information known to us by adding to the notes field on the application form.
4. Students who are currently on a Leave of absence who intend to return in September 2020.
5. Students who are in receipt of the accommodation award for 2019-2020 are guaranteed accommodation but must apply for accommodation online and note “Accommodation Award” in the special requirements section.
Excluded Groups:
1. Students who have been evicted from any University accommodation or have received a written warning that has stated that they will not be eligible to reapply for University accommodation.
2. Students with long standing arrears of residence fees.

The number of places allocated to returning students has increased steadily and takes into account the number of single entrant students predicted and who are guaranteed a residential place. Despite the problems created by some returning students applying for University accommodation when they are intent on taking up places within the private sector, this practice persists. In the past few years once the number of students holding dual offers, University and private sector withdraw, the availability of University accommodation broadly matches the number of applicants, albeit not always meeting first preferences. For this reason, we would wish to reassure returning students that if it is their intention to be allocated University accommodation for September 2020, they have a very good chance of success. For some this may be a two-stage process awaiting the release of places by those students holding dual offers. We intend to offer a similar number of places (c.1700) to returning students as were allocated last year.

Student Accommodation Services will prioritise/exclude the groups defined above. Thereafter priority will be given to students who are currently resident within University owned or managed accommodation and, in the event, that applications exceed room availability, a ballot of all remaining students will be undertaken.

3. Rental Liability (Please read T & C’s section 5 regarding the cancellation policy)
http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/students/rules/termsandconditionsforstudentsinresidence/

It is important that applicants are aware that an application and subsequent acceptance of an accommodation offer, forms a legally binding contract between the student and the University.

Students who accept an offer can only cancel if they notify Student Accommodation Services in writing by either a signed letter or an email from their University email account within seven days of the date the offer was accepted after this period they will be fully liable for the rent during the entire contract period.

Students who have accepted a place and take a leave of absence, or who formally withdraw from the University, will be charged accommodation fees, and catering fees where appropriate, up until the end of the Semester in which you leave.

4. Bedding and Linen

Bedding is not provided in the residences: bedding packs are available for you to purchase in advance via www.unikitout.com/collections/st-andrews. The pack will be available in your residence for your arrival. Alternatively, students have the option of bringing their own bedding.

5. Rents

The University’s Planning and Resources Committee approved the agreed rental proposal presented jointly by the President of the Students Association and the Director of Residential and Business Services. The rents for most properties will be increased to meet the projected increase in operating costs for the year of 2.3%. A more fundamental change has been agreed which will transfer the value of subsidised rents applied to entire residences to an Accommodation Award fund which will be available to students who qualify according to financial circumstances. To apply for an Accommodation Award, you can find further information on the web

Residence fees 2020-21 https://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/accommodation/ug/fees2020/