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CORK

Student Accommodation Guide

How to find accommodation

Accommodation Officers or Students Unions in most colleges provide information and support in securing accommodation locally. Internet sites listed over the page, newspapers which can also be accessed online, and word of mouth are the most common ways of finding accommodation. As it may take some time to secure suitable accommodation, you could for example book into a holiday hostel nearby for a few days.

Accommodation Agencies can also provide information on accommodation, but usually have a registration fee and charge for their services, which makes them a more expensive option.

Types of accommodation

Flats/Apartments: Self contained accommodation for one or more persons.

House share: Own bedroom, sharing the rest of the facilities and bills with others in the house.

Digs: Own or shared bedroom, with other facilities shared with host family. Meals provided.

Student Residences: 4-8 Bed houses in student villages near colleges

How much will it cost?

Rents vary depending on size, location, condition and facilities. You will usually be expected to pay a deposit of a month's rents and to pay rent in advance. In working out what you can afford to pay, bear in mind additional living costs.

Checklist for inspecting accommodation

- Are there any signs of dampness?
- Check smoke alarms, fire extinguishers and fire escape routes.
- Check ventilation, especially in the bathroom and kitchen.
- Do windows open and are windows and doors adequately secured?
- Will it be easy to heat? What kind of heating is there? What will it cost? Is it working?
- What furniture is there, and in what condition? Are beds and seating comfortable?
- Are all electrical appliances working?
- What utensils and kitchen equipment are provided? Are they adequate?
- Is there enough storage?
- Check the bathroom and water heating system, is everything working?
- Are there enough electrical sockets, are they working? Is there enough lighting?
- How do you pay for the electricity, gas, telephone? Do you need to pay a connection fee, pay a deposit or get a guarantor? Take a reading on any meters.
- Is there cable TV? How is the bill paid?
- What are the arrangements for cleaning common areas/garden?
- Does anyone else have keys to the accommodation?
- What are the refuse arrangements?

Basic Tenants Rights

Your landlord must provide you with a *rent book* or *written letting agreement* or *lease*. This rent book or letting agreement, must contain other information about the tenancy, specified by rent book regulations:

- The address of the rented accommodation.
- The name and address of the landlord or agent.
- The tenants name.
- The length of the tenancy.
- The amount of the rent and when and how it is to be paid.
- The amount and purpose of any *deposit* paid and the conditions under which it will be returned to the tenant. Deposits can be forfeit if the tenant doesn't give proper notice to quit, if they damage property or leave unpaid bills or rent owed.

Your landlord must record in your rent book or letting agreement details of furnishings and appliances provided.

A landlord can terminate the tenancy, without reason, during the initial six months. A tenant is usually given four weeks notice.

Tenants have the right to *privacy*, that is the quiet and peaceful occupation of the Accommodation, as long as they pay their rent. No-one including the landlord has the right to enter the accommodation without permission.

Finding Accommodation in Cork

Student Accommodation Offices

Contact the Accommodation Office or the Student Union of the College concerned for further information, advice and support in finding accommodation:-

University College Cork: Tel: (021) 4902479 www.ucc.ie/campusaccommodation

Cork Institute of Technology Tel: (021) 4326453 accom@cit.ie

Evening Echo, usually available at 2pm each day.

Community Noticeboards, you could try:

Blackpool Shopping Centre
The Quay Co-op Shop & Restaurant
Tescoes Shopping Centre, Paul St.

Try the following websites:

www.oxygen.ie
www.daft.ie
www.findahome.ie
www.let.ie

Flat Agencies

Home Finders

22 Marlboro St.
Cork.
www.homefinders.ie
Tel: (021) 4274590

Castle Estates

18 Washington Street,
Cork.
www.castle-estates.ie
Tel:(021) 4273459

Powell & Long Estate

48 Grand Parade,
Cork.
Powellandlong.ie
Tel: (021) 4279729

Letting Agents

Choices Property

13 Washington Street,
Cork.
www.choicesproperties.com
Tel: (021) 4272727

Kelly Property Mgmt

78, South Main St,
Cork.
www.propertykellycork.com
Tel: (021) 4274434

Absolute Property Mgmt

81-82 South Main St,
Cork.
www.apartments.ie
Tel:(021) 4251288

For a full list of Letting Agents consult the 02 Area Golden Pages under “Flat & Apartment and Letting Agents”.

Student Apartments/Accommodation

Near the Cork Institute of Technology

Abbeyville,

Model Farm Road,
Cork.
Tel: (021) 4346346
www.abbeyville.org

Parchment Square,

Model Farm Road,
Cork.
Tel: (021) 4545200
www.parchmentsquare.cork.com

Eden Hall

Model Farm Road,
Cork.
Tel: (021) 4342732
www.edenhall.ie

• **Student Apartments/Accommodation**

Near City Centre/University College Cork

Abbey Wharf

North Mall,
Cork.
Tel: (021) 4536500
www.abbeywharf.com

Brookfield

College Road,
Cork.
Tel: (021) 4344032
www.brookfieldcork.ie

Victoria Station

Victoria Cross,
Cork.
Tel: (021) 4273038
victoriastation.ie

Castle White Apt.s

University College Cork,
Western Road, Cork.
Tel: (021) 4902867
www.ucc.ie

Deans Hall

Crosses Green,
Cork.
Tel: (021) 4312623
www.deanshall.com

Student Village,

Victoria Cross,
Cork.
Tel: (021) 4345344
www.studentvillage.ie

Victoria Mills

Victoria Cross,
Cork
Tel: (021) 4343182
www.victoriamills.ie

Victoria Lodge

Victoria Cross,
Cork.
Tel: (021) 4941295
www.ucc.ie

CreganeHall

Farranlea Road,
Victoria Cross, Cork
Tel:(021) 4871029
www.creganhall.com

Farranlea Hall

Victoria Cross,
Cork
Tel: (021) 4817800
www.farranleahall.ie

Carraig Barre House

2 Bishop St.
Cork.
Tel: (021) 4870258

Seven North Mall,

7, North Mall
Cork
Tel: 086 4076890
www.sevennorthmall.com

Leeside Apartments

Bachelors Quay,
Cork.
Tel: (021) 4271175
www.leesideapts.com

• **Holiday Hostels Locally**

If you're moving to Cork it may take a few days to find suitable accommodation. We recommend you book into hostel accommodation locally for a few nights and use this as a base while looking for accommodation.

- Sheila's of Cork, 4 Belgrave Place, Wellington Road, Cork. Tel: (021)4505562
- Kinlay House, Bob & Joan Walk, Shandon, Cork. Tel: (021) 4508966
- An Oige, 1 Redclyffe, Western Road, Cork. Tel: (021) 4543289

• **What to Bring when locating and viewing a property**

Accommodation List/newspaper	Map of the area	Topped up mobile
Pen & Paper (to make notes)	References	A friend
Transport	Deposit	