



ACCOMMODATION

Finding the right accommodation at the right price and location is one of the biggest challenges you will encounter as a student. With the help of our [guides](#), [accommodation information](#) on our website and guidance from office staff you will find a place in Dublin.

Which option is best for me?

You decide which option is right for you: student residence or privately rented accommodation. Dublin has something to suit everyone's study and budget preferences.

Student Residence

+ Booking in advance	- Full payment in advance
+ Save time	- Potentially expensive
+ Purpose-built	- House rules
+ Great facilities	- Limited flexibility regarding housemates
+ Share with other college students	- Strict cancellation policy

There is a large number of [student residence accommodation](#) in Dublin. All of these can be booked in advance from your home country. That means you do not have to spend any time house hunting in Dublin. They are safe and comfortable places to live in with great facilities such as common rooms and gyms. However that makes them a little more expensive. Most of the residence buildings are in walking distance or with very good transportation links to NCI.

Privately Rented

+ Monthly rent instalments	- Can only be arranged when in Dublin
+ Flexibility regarding housemates	- Need for temporary accommodation
+ Lease for 12 months or more	- Arrival at least 2 weeks before course start
+ Potentially more affordable	- Time-consuming search
	- Might interfere with studies
	- Target for scams

You cannot book [privately rented accommodation](#) from abroad but must be in Ireland to arrange it. Otherwise you are an easy target for scams. You must first arrange temporary accommodation in a hostel or Airbnb and then start your search for permanent accommodation. This is time-consuming as you have to contact potential landlords and arrange viewings. As this will make it difficult for you to focus on your studies we recommend you arrive well in advance of your course date to focus on your accommodation search.

Students arrive in Dublin at the same time to start their courses, all hoping to find accommodation. The earlier you come the less time you will need and the less hassle you will have in finding your home for the next year.