



THE UNIVERSITY *of* EDINBURGH
**ENGLISH LANGUAGE
TEACHING CENTRE**

Arranging Your Own Accommodation

Demand for accommodation in Edinburgh is high at the beginning of the academic year and during the Festival. If you wish to arrange your own accommodation on arrival, you should allow around 2 - 3 weeks to find a place.

University of Edinburgh student accommodation is reserved and prioritised to 1st year students and new post-graduates.

Temporary Accommodation

While you are searching for private accommodation in a house or flat you may need somewhere to stay temporarily. There are many guesthouses, tourist apartments, hostels and hotels in Edinburgh to choose from. Expect to pay between £30 and £70 per night for such accommodation.

Private Housing

The most cost-effective way of living in private accommodation is to share a flat or house. In this case expect to share the kitchen and bathroom with your flatmates. You might also rent a one bedroom flat or studio flat at a higher cost. Rent prices vary in Edinburgh between approximately £360 and £700 per month.

Deposit

An accommodation deposit is usually equivalent to one months' rent. International students might need to pay more than this in the absence of a UK-based guarantor.



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Where to Find Private Housing

There are a number of websites listing private housing for rent in Edinburgh. Here we have listed a selection of websites you may wish to use to help you find somewhere to live.

Student Pad:

<http://www.edinburghstudentpad.co.uk/Accommodation>

Please note that the University of Edinburgh has not vetted or is in any way affiliated with these accommodation providers.

Unite Student Accommodation:

<http://www.unite-students.com/>

ESPC (Edinburgh Solicitors' Property Centre):

<http://www.espc.com/>

EasyRoommate:

<http://uk.easyroommate.com/>

Gumtree:

<http://edinburgh.gumtree.com>

Advice Place



The Advice Place is the free advice and information centre for all students at the University of Edinburgh. The service is run by EUSA and offers independent and confidential advice. Their professional advisers are available throughout the year, including the summer vacation period.

If you are looking for private accommodation they can help you with where to look and once you have found somewhere they can read over your lease before you sign it and advise you on your rights as a tenant.

<http://www.eusa.ed.ac.uk/adviceplace/>

Estimated Housing Costs	Monthly Costs: Lower range	Monthly Costs: Upper range
Rent	£360	£700
Gas/electricity	£40	£80
Internet	£20	£60
Total per month*	£420	£840

*Please note that in addition you may be expected or required to pay council tax

<http://www.ed.ac.uk/schools-departments/student-administration/order-documents/council-tax>

Scams

Do not, under any circumstances, send money to anyone for accommodation prior to viewing the property, verifying that the person is the actual landlord or a representative of the landlord (such as the letting agent) and seeing the tenancy agreement.

You should be suspicious of anyone asking you to send money via a payment service like Western Union, Bidpay or Money Gram. If you feel unsure about anything please contact the Advice Place before handing over any money.