



ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS FOR TAFE INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

There are a variety of accommodation options available to international students studying in Western Australia. With all types of shared accommodation, you will need to specify if you prefer to share with either men-only or women-only.

Please note all accommodation options listed below are for students that are over 18 years of age. For under-age students please visit tafeinternational.wa.edu.au/accommodation/under-18

Temporary accommodation

Temporary accommodation may be a good option for when you first arrive. There is a range of temporary accommodation which you can search for through the internet and book online including:

- > hostelworld.com/hostels/Perth/Australia
- > yha.com.au/hostels

There are many backpacker hostels or budget hotels to choose from that range from \$30–\$150 per night depending on whether you require shared or single rooms.

You may wish to consider a four week short homestay to transition into your local area and college. For more information about the Australian Homestay Network (AHN) please see the homestay section.

Homestay

Homestay allows students to live with an Australian family. This is very popular because you can make friends, embrace the Australian lifestyle and improve your English.

Homestay options are:

- > Full service: \$310 per week, includes 3 meals per day
 - > Half service: \$275 per week, includes 2 meals per day
- There is also a Homestay placement fee of \$280.

Homestay facts:

- > Bookings must be made at least two weeks in advance. Late bookings will incur additional fees.
- > The fee also includes laundry, snacks, electricity and gas.
- > Homestay is only available in the metropolitan area. Regional placements will only be considered where a parent nominated homestay can be arranged.

For more information about Homestay and to make a booking, contact AHN at homestaynetwork.org





Rental accommodation

Many international students choose to share a rental house or apartment with other students as this reduces costs. The average rental price for a furnished room in share accommodation is around \$150 per week but can range from \$120–\$180 per week. This cost does not usually include electricity, water or gas.

Some useful websites to search for rental accommodation are:

- > flatmates.com.au
- > gumtree.com.au
- > realestate.com.au
- > reiwa.com.au

You can also look in local newspapers such as *The West Australian* or *The Sunday Times*, where a large range of rentals are advertised. The International Student Centre at your college may be able to provide assistance in identifying suitable accommodation in one of the local suburbs.

Accommodation Checklist

- > Make sure you have read and understood the terms and conditions of any tenancy agreement before you sign; and
- > If you pay a security deposit, make sure you obtain a receipt.

Visit commerce.wa.gov.au/consumer-protection/renting-home to view legal information about renting a property in Western Australia.

Campus living villages

Accommodation is available to TAFE international students on several different university campus locations in the Perth metropolitan area, and regional Western Australia.

The prices listed are for 2017 and are subject to annual review.

Metropolitan locations

- > Edith Cowan University (ECU) Village, Mt Lawley (rooms start from \$199 per person per week) mystudentvillage.com/au/ecuvillage/mt-lawley
- > Murdoch University Village, Murdoch (rooms start from \$168 per person per week) mystudentvillage.com/au/murdoch-university-village

Regional locations

- > Edith Cowan University (ECU) Village, Bunbury (rooms start from \$186.50 per person per week) mystudentvillage.com/au/ecuvillage/bunbury
- > Pepperell Village, Geraldton (rooms start from \$130 per person per week)
Contact the Residential Administration Officer on (08) 9956 2873 during office hours or email residential@crtafe.wa.edu.au

The University of Western Australia also has a number of residential colleges that may have a vacancy accommodation.uwa.edu.au/live-on-campus

Need more help?

The International Student Centre at your college is always happy to discuss your accommodation options to help you to select suitable accommodation. If you have any issues or concerns about your accommodation please discuss them with the International Centre staff who will do their best make sure that you feel safe and secure during your stay in Western Australia.

The recruitment and admission of international students to TAFE colleges in Western Australia is managed by TAFE International Western Australia, a unit within the Western Australian Department of Training and Workforce Development.

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