

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

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Accommodation/Residence

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| Can I apply for accommodation online? | No, not yet. The new applicant can only tick the box on the application form provided for Residence. This does not mean that the applicant will definitely get accommodation, as a residence application depends on “unconditional” academic acceptance. Even then, limited space is available and we cannot accommodate everyone. |
| Is there an age restriction for staying in a residence? | No age restriction, but you have to be academically registered for a full-time course. |
| What else do I need to stay in a TUT residence? | You must be registered for a full-time course. An academic average of 50% must be obtained during the last June or November exams. You may not stay in a TUT residence if you exceed the maximum number of years allowed for completing your studies: Three years plus one for any National Diploma Four years plus one for any degree |
| Minimum academic requirement to stay in residence? | An academic pass rate of 50% during the last exam for all subjects enrolled for in that year. Example: January to June application: Previous December exam results July to November: Previous June exam results |
| Can I stay in a residence when doing my internship or practicals? | Yes, if you are academically registered for experiential learning, you may stay in a TUT residence. |
| Does NSFAS pay for residence fees and food? | Depending on your NSFAS application and subsequent approval, NSFAS will pay according to your personal application score. If you qualify for residence, NSFAS will settle the residence fees. NSFAS does not usually |

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| | make provision for food. |
| Do the residences provide for people with disabilities? | Yes, certain residences have been modified to accommodate disabled persons. |
| Can I cook for myself in the residence? | <p>No. The Residence Department has a meal card system, where students deposit money on the meal card and use the card to pay for food at the various cafeterias on campus and at residences.</p> <p>A small number of residences are self-catering. Cooking is allowed in these units only.</p> |
| Do I have a choice of residence? | No, residence allocation runs in conjunction with TUT's mentorship programme and you will therefore be placed in a residence according to your academic registration. |
| Can I choose to stay in a single or shared room? | Unfortunately not. Most residences have shared facilities, and residents who are already in residence for longer than one year have first choice to move to single rooms if available. |
| Do males and females share the same facilities? | <p>Some residences are "mixed" residences, and some are single-gender, male or female only residences. Placement depends on the academic mentorship programme.</p> <p>A student does not have a choice of residence.</p> |
| How do I pay my residence fees? | Residence fees form part and parcel of your total student account. TUT requires you to make monthly instalments of 10% per month of all moneys owed on your student account. All fees must be fully paid up by 31 October each year. |
| Are the residences safe? | 24-hour security is provided at all residences all the time. Residence Advisors and Residence Committee members are on call 24 hours a day. |
| Can I transfer between residences? | Yes, you are allowed one transfer per year to another residence that forms part of the same academic course's mentorship programme. A transfer fee of R50 will be required. |
| Is alcohol allowed in the residences? | Residence rules are very strict, and no alcohol is allowed in the residences. |
| Do I need to pay a registration fee for a residence, and is it deductible from my | Yes, the residence registration fee of R1 200 is payable before you will be |

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| balance? | registered at a residence. This R1 200 will be deducted from your residence balance. |
| Can I choose who to share with? | No. The actual room bookings are done in the residence, by the Residence Advisor. Students are allocated according to the available beds in rooms, and not according to race, colour, background, belief, etc. |
| Can I cancel my residence accommodation at any time during the year? | Yes, but you will be liable for residence fees for the full month in which you move into residence, until the end of the full month in which you cancel. |
| Do I need to evacuate my room during TUT holidays? | Yes, residence fees are calculated not to include the residence costs during TUT holidays. Therefore, all students must evacuate during holidays, except for the September recess, when residents are allowed to remain in residence at no extra cost. West City Residence is an exception, where students pay for a full 12-month period and do not need to evacuate at all during TUT holidays. |
| Can I stay in a TUT residence if I'm working part time? | It depends on your academic registration. If you are academically registered for part-time studies, you may not stay in a residence. Only full-time students are allowed to stay in residences. |
| What happens if I fail academically while staying in a residence? | You will not be allowed back into a TUT residence the following year. |
| Does TUT have postgraduate residence facilities? | ARLC (the Accommodation Department) is working towards exclusive facilities for postgraduate students, but currently they are accommodated in full-time student residence facilities as negotiated with the various faculties. |
| What extracurricular activities are available to students in residence? | Various inter-residence sports and other competitive activities are available for residence students. |

