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Birmingham

Accommodation Applications 2012/13

Returning students can still apply for accommodation for 2013/14 via www.aston.ac.uk/eaccom/login/start.do

Rents 2012/13

The table below shows the rents and facilities for the different accommodation we offer on campus.

Accommodation	Facilities	Rents per week
New Build	En-suite 5 bed unit with larger bed and shared kitchen facilities	£129.00
New Build	En-suite 7 bed unit with shared kitchen facilities	£121.00
Lakeside	En-suite with shared kitchen facilities	£116.00
Stafford Tower	Standard with washbasin in room, shared bathroom and kitchen facilities	£78.00

Deposit 2012/13

Please be aware that the deposit will be £200.00. This is payable when you accept an accommodation offer and is paid online via the online booking system. The deposit will be returned in full at the end of the Residential year subject to no damage/cleaning charges being levied against you.

Accommodation Offers

Offers of accommodation will be sent to the email address you provide on your application form. Generally, you will not receive anything relating to accommodation via post. Always check your junk mail as some service providers may not accept emails from Aston University.

You have 7 days from the date we make the offer to accept and make the deposit payment via the on-line booking system. (The number of days for accepting offers will decrease as we get nearer the start of term).

You need to be aware and accept that if we make you an offer of a room and you reject that offer, we may be unable to offer you an alternative room.

Before accepting an accommodation offer, it is essential that you read the Construction Noise information and the Conditions of Residence and Licence. Accepting the offer enters you into a legally binding contract that commits you to the Conditions of Residence and Licence, which includes your obligation to pay accommodation fees for the FULL Licence period.

If you accept a room on campus for 2012/13, your Licence Agreement commences on 22nd September 2012. The start date will change if you are allocated a room during the Residential year.

Your arrival dates will be 22nd/23rd September 2012. If you are unable to arrive on either of these dates, please email accom@aston.ac.uk from the beginning of September 2012, and we will assist you with alternative arrangements.

Please be aware that we cannot guarantee you a room on campus, as any vacancies will be determined by the number of new students accepting accommodation offers. Please maintain contact with the Accommodation Office if you wish to be considered for a room.

(The start date will change if you are allocated a room during the Residential Year)

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Summer Vacation accommodation

The application process for Summer Vacation accommodation begins in May each year. Students will receive an email from the Accommodation Office informing them when and how they can apply nearer the time. You need to be aware that the rent for summer accommodation is payable in full at the time of accepting the booking. No refunds are given after acceptance (except in line with the distance selling regulations) even if you change your mind or reduce the length of your stay. Therefore, please ensure that before applying you are certain of the dates you require. .

If you accept a room for the Summer Vacation period you are fully aware and accept that:

- We cannot guarantee your first choice accommodation
- We cannot guarantee single sex accommodation
- Medical notes, Special needs and Religious needs do not guarantee your first choice accommodation
- We cannot guarantee to allocate you to your term time room for the Summer Vacation period
- We may not be able to allocate you to the room you are currently living in

Once you have accepted the offer and the total amount due has been paid, that there is no refund if you vacate earlier than your original required dates or change your mind.

Offers of accommodation will be sent to the email address you provide on your application form. Generally, you will not receive anything relating to accommodation via post.

Vacating Residences 2012-13 Residential Year

Please ensure that you return your key to Lakeside Reception before 10.00am on Saturday 22nd June 2013. Please ensure that your room is clean and tidy in accordance with the Information and Conditions of Residence and Licence Agreement and that you also remember to leave the extension cable supplied by Residential Services in your room.

If you accept a room on campus for the summer vacation period, please ensure that you follow the instructions given to you by the Residence Officers in relation to moving rooms and return of the keys.

If you have not accepted a room on campus for the summer vacation period, and you do not return your keys before 10.00am on Saturday 22nd June 2013, you will be charged in accordance with the Conditions of Residence and Licence Agreement.

Deposit Refund

Once you have vacated, your deposit refund for the 2012-13 residential year, can be claimed back in accordance with the terms set out in the “Conditions of Residence and Licence 2012-13 “ via MAP. You need to refer to the Student Finance Section and request Accommodation Deposits. Please complete your bank details and select whether you want the refund paid into a UK or Non-UK bank. Please be aware that the refund will only be made in full after your current Licence expires, if there are no charges levied against you and all of your residence fees have been paid. If you do not have a bank account and need the refund to be in a different format, then you need to visit The Finance Zone in the main building and speak to a member of the Credit Control section.

International Luggage Store

The luggage store will open in September for those students who deposited luggage for collection at the start of the 2011-12 Academic Year.

Please contact **issu@aston.ac.uk** for dates and times. For those students wishing to leave items at the end of the 2012-13 Residential Year, information will be available during Term 3.

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TV Licence

I refuse to pay for a whole year when I'm only here for nine months...

The good news is you can apply for a refund if you find that you don't need your TV Licence for any full three-month period of cover remaining on it, should you stop using TV and not need a licence again before it expires. For example, for the last quarter of the year if you go on summer break. **Find out how to apply for a refund.**

Report a fault

Buildings maintenance is the responsibility of the Facilities Management Team. Please report any maintenance, heating or water problems via the online **Maintenance Fault Report System.**

Current Residential Year 2012-13

The online application form is available via **www.aston.ac.uk/eaccom/login/start.do** for students still requiring accommodation for the current Residential year.