



Off-Campus Accommodation Information for Students for the Academic Year 2021-22

Covid-19 Situation	Updated information about university plans for teaching and learning for the 2021/2022 academic year will be online at www.maynoothuniversity.ie/coronavirus as it becomes available.
What are my off-campus accommodation options?	There are different options to consider dependent on your circumstances: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Some students will opt to commute from home. 2. Some students will opt to live in off-campus accommodation for the full week to allow them attend campus and carry out their daily online learning from the accommodation. 3. Some students will opt to live in off-campus accommodation for part of the week to allow them attend campus and return to their home for the days they are learning online. 4. Some students may require accommodation on a B&B type basis.
What if I do not need a full week's accommodation?	We have encouraged landlords to offer flexible arrangements where possible. Accommodation offering flexible arrangements will have these details included in their advertisement on Studentpad. Discuss your individual needs and the options with the landlord.
What if I cannot view my property in person?	There are many other ways in which a viewing of accommodation can take place: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Virtual Tours during a telephone conversation (WhatsApp, Facetime etc.) or ask for a pre-recorded video to be sent to you after your conversation. • A Zoom meeting with the landlord. • During a call or virtual meeting, you could explain you cannot travel to Maynooth to view the property. You should ask to be provided with information about the house and area such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ How many minutes' walk to and from Maynooth University campus? ○ How many minutes' walk to and from Dublin Bus or Irish Rail stations? ○ If your property is outside of Maynooth town, how accessible is it to the University and what are the transport options? ○ What is the deposit? ○ What happens if you cannot attend college in the next academic year and no longer require the room/property? ○ Is there adequate study space in the bedroom? Or a quiet space to study? ○ Is internet connectivity included in the rent?
Do I need a lease?	Students who are renting a whole property or a room in a fully rented property must be provided with a lease. Landlords renting a full house should be registered with the Residential Tenancies Board (www.rtb.ie) Students who are renting a room in a family home are encouraged to discuss terms and conditions with the homeowner and together draft a License to Reside. This is not legally binding, however it can be useful to re-confirm the agreement if needed.
Disputes and Resolution	Students are encouraged to discuss problems with your landlord promptly, keep lines of communication open and respect each other's positions. It is a good idea to follow any discussion with a letter in writing outlining what was said or agreed. Advice is available from Threshold. www.threshold.ie/advice/seeking-private-rented-accommodation/advice-for-students/