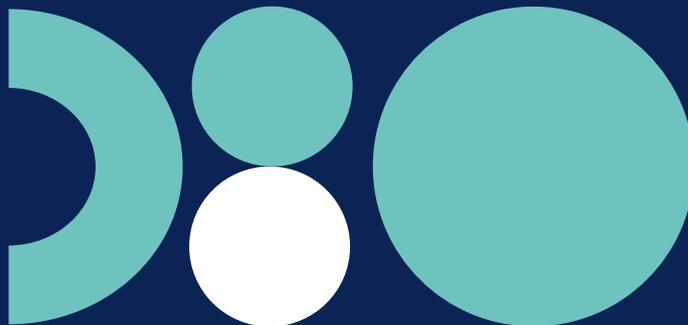


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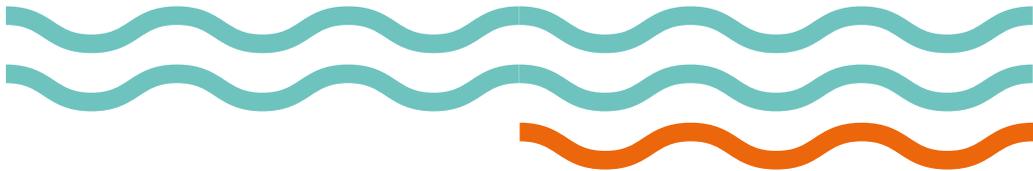


ACCOMMODATION GUIDE for

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS JOINING LJMU

The process of finding accommodation for international students can be challenging, particularly when you are looking for private (non-student) accommodation.

This guide has been put together with key information to facilitate your accommodation search ahead of your study at LJMU.



STUDENT ACCOMMODATION

LJMU currently works with a number of student-approved providers in Liverpool. It is important that you understand that the accommodation is only for single students enrolled at the university. Couples and dependents unfortunately cannot be accommodated in these properties.

LJMU-provided accommodation

[View our approved accommodation | Liverpool John Moores University](#)

Liverpool Student Homes

[Official Student accommodation in Liverpool](#)



PRIVATE (NON-STUDENT) ACCOMMODATION

International students can choose to rent private (non-student) accommodation. If you are moving to Liverpool with dependents, then you must look for private accommodation. Finding private housing can be a tedious process, so please plan ahead and, if possible, start your search six months before travelling to Liverpool. Information that you should be privy to:

- Most private housing providers will require international students to have a UK-based guarantor.
- If they do not require a guarantor, they may ask for other requirements such as:

1. Payment of rent of a given period in advance (this can be anything between three and twelve months)
2. Provision of a guarantor outside the UK with certain amounts of savings or income.

The most common websites used to find private accommodation are:

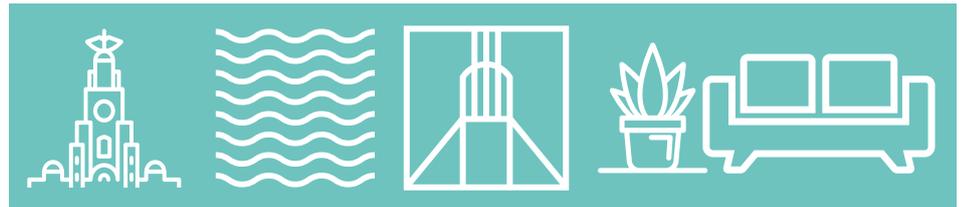
- [Zoopla](#)
- [Rightmove](#)
- [OnTheMarket](#)
- [OpenRent](#)



Other options can be found through Google. It is important to know that Liverpool is home to a large number of estate agencies that display offerings directly on their websites. Most of these agencies will also use the platforms listed above to increase visibility of their properties.

Private accommodation can vary from semi/fully furnished or unfurnished. If the information is not on the listing, please remember to ask before renting an apartment.

There are many variables in private accommodation, such as location, price, size and whether utility bills are included or not when renting. It is important to know what you require ahead of searching for accommodation. Keep a note of your 'must haves' to help narrow your search.



BUDGET

The pricing reflected below is an approximation from March 2023. Please use it only as a guide and note that it reflects private housing in Liverpool city centre (L1/L2/L3) and 5 to 20 minutes' walk from Liverpool John Moores campuses.

Single room in a six-bedroom shared flat	~£400 pcm
One-bedroom flat	~£650 - £1,000 pcm
Two-bedroom flat	~£850 - £1,200 pcm
Three-bedroom flat	~£1,100 - £1,600 pcm

Properties outside the city centre are less expensive. For instance, the monthly rent for 85m² furnished accommodation in the centre of Liverpool on average is £900, whilst a similar size property on the outskirts of Liverpool would be around £700 per calendar month.

Utility costs (electricity, gas and Wi-Fi) for one month for two people in an 85m² property are approximately £200. Before renting an apartment, check whether your rent includes partial payment of utility bills.

It is important to note that, as Liverpool John Moores University is in the city centre, if you choose to live outside the suggested postcodes (L1/L2/L3), additional costs towards transportation should be accounted for. A monthly public bus ticket within Liverpool is approximately £79.20¹.

¹[Trio pass](#) | [ticket prices](#) | [bus, ferry & train](#) | [combined tickets](#) | [Merseyrail](#)



RECOMMENDATIONS

Before starting your search for accommodation in Liverpool, please consider the following:

- **Start researching accommodation as soon as you decide that you will definitely be studying in Liverpool.**
- If your dependents are planning to join you, we suggest you travel ahead initially to secure suitable accommodation. Before finalising your booking, you can stay in a bed and breakfast accommodation or hotel.
- **Check which campus your programme at LJMU will be on (City/Mount Pleasant) and then search for accommodation within walking distance to avoid additional transportation costs.**
- All rental platforms will have a search option that can be narrowed by postcode – use map view to refine your search geographically.
- **Consider the distance to the nearest doctor (GP – general practitioner), supermarkets, bus stops, schools and play areas. Most rental platforms will give an indication of proximity to transport links and schools. Always check what is around your accommodation. Check for pubs and noisy restaurants and use your checklist to ensure your ‘must haves’.**
- Before renting a property, check the details of the tenancy: the date the property is available from, the tenancy period, whether utilities (council tax, electricity, water, Wi-Fi) are included.
- **If you plan to have a pet in the property, check that the tenancy agreement permits this.**
- If travelling with dependents, check that the space is suitable and has the minimum required number of rooms.
- **To check your student accommodation contract agreement for potential issues like early termination of tenancy etc., use Liverpool Student Homes ish@liverpool.ac.uk or advice2u@liverpool.ac.uk.**
- You may be asked for a ‘right to rent’ code. Please visit the following website for more information [Prove your right to rent in England: Gov.uk](#).
- **Rental scammers can lure students with perfect pictures – please remember ‘a too good to be true’ deal probably is. Be careful when selecting private accommodation as you could be targeted by fake landlords or fake estate agencies.**
- To prevent rental scams, please use the following link to check that the property is legally registered: [Landlord licensing - Liverpool City Council](#).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Once in Liverpool, you are advised to register with a GP as soon as possible. You can find a GP in your vicinity here: [Find a GP - NHS](#).
- If you are travelling with children under the age of five, check school admission details for public schools here: [School admissions - Liverpool City Council](#).
- To quickly integrate into Liverpool, we suggest you join local groups and communities. You can meet your neighbours and find out what is going on in your area by visiting this link: [Nextdoor](#).

We hope you have found this information useful to support your search for accommodation in Liverpool. If you have any questions, you can get in touch with the accommodation team at accommodation@ljmu.ac.uk or with the international recruitment team at international@ljmu.ac.uk.

