

# DBS Student Accommodation Guide

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## Introduction

Welcome to the DBS Accommodation Guide. Choosing the right place to stay while you are studying in Dublin can be a daunting challenge, especially when you are unfamiliar with the city. This guide has been produced by the DBS Student Experience Team to help you with your search.

This guide covers:

- The types of accommodation available in Dublin City
- Where to look for accommodation
- Guidelines for renting in Dublin
- Tenant and landlord rights and responsibilities



### NOTE:

**>> Please be cautious when renting accommodation from private landlords - do NOT pay deposit or rent without viewing the property in person first. Our Student Experience Team will help to advise you if you suspect an accommodation source is fraudulent or suspicious.**

For further information and advice please mail *The Student Experience Team* who will assist you with any questions or queries.

We look forward to welcoming you to DBS and hope you enjoy your time in our 'Fair City'!





## Accommodation Options:

### Student Residence

Dublin has a number of high quality residences purposely built for students. Each room is en-suite (some twins are available), with plenty of storage space and room for study. The shared kitchens and living space are ready to move into, and the residences have excellent gyms, study and communal spaces.

Prices usually start at €265 per week and include utilities and WIFI.

### Short Term:

DBS have a limited number of short term rooms available with our accommodation partners, Fresh, Brickworks. These suit students if you are going to complete your accommodation search once you arrive in Dublin. The price is €295/week, towels and bedding inclusive. These are available from 1 to a maximum of 4 weeks, subject to availability. The term cannot be extended on these rooms.

[Click here to check Brickworks availability](#)

### Semester and Linear Rooms:

DBS update the availability of rooms for all students accommodation on a weekly basis. [Click here to check availability](#) and contact details in order to book directly with the accommodation provider.

## Landlords

This is the most common form of renting in Dublin. You can either rent a whole property or a single room. Please exercise caution and inspect the property personally before paying any deposit.

The following is a list of online databases with houses or rooms to rent:

- <https://www.hostingpower.ie>
- <http://www.daft.ie>
- <http://www.myhome.ie>
- <http://www.collegecribs.ie>
- <http://www.airbnb.ie>

## Homestay

DBS are delighted to once again partner with International Student Accommodation (ISA) to provide an option (subject to availability) to stay with a Host family for our students, ISA are the largest independent provider of host families in Ireland.

All families are inspected and Garda (Police) vetted.

Living with a host family is a great way to meet Irish people and immerse yourself in Irish life. It allows you to settle into Dublin and search for your own room once you arrive in the city.

Homestay is based on availability and prices start at 215 per week for a single room, half board. You also need to factor in approx €25 per week to commute to college, host families are located in the suburbs of Dublin with good public transport links to the City Centre.

[Click here to inquire about Homestay and book a room](#)

## Short Term - Hostels

Hostels provide short term rooms, usually in shared or dormitories.

- Kinlay House: <https://kinlaydublin.ie>
- Barnacles Temple Bar: <https://barnacles-temple-bar-house-hotel-dublin.hotel-ds.com/en/>
- Abbey Court: <https://www.abbey-court.com/>
- Four Courts Hostel: <http://www.fourcourtshostel.com/>

## Prevent Fraud

Take care and be vigilant when scouting for accommodation – there have been reported incidences of fraud and attempted fraud on students in Dublin. Be extra cautious with advertisements on social media; it is preferable to use registered and recommended sites as listed above.

### Prevent Fraud – The DOs and DON'Ts:



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Personally view all properties, accompanied by a friend</li> <li>• Check keys and locks with landlord</li> <li>• Be sure that all banks/online companies are legitimate</li> <li>• Use a credit card for payments if possible</li> <li>• Contact a member of our Student Services Team to help advise you if you fear a place looks suspicious</li> <li>• Alert the Irish Police (Gardaí) on: 00 353 1 666 9063</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make any payments without physically viewing the property.</li> <li>• Make any payments if the bank account given is not an Irish Bank Account</li> <li>• Use Facebook to source accommodation</li> </ul>
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## Renting Guidelines

Regardless of what type of accommodation you choose - whether it be a house, apartment or home share - the following guidelines will help ensure you don't fall prey to dodgy landlords and help you secure a safe home.

### 1. Location, Location, Location!

It would be ideal to land your dream accommodation in central Dublin. However, Dublin's leafy suburbs are wonderful, vibrant places; well-serviced by public transport to the City Centre via Dublin Bus, Dart and Luas. Review maps of Dublin and cross reference them with Dublin Transport link maps to identify 'Plan B' areas for your search.

### 2. Decide on a budget

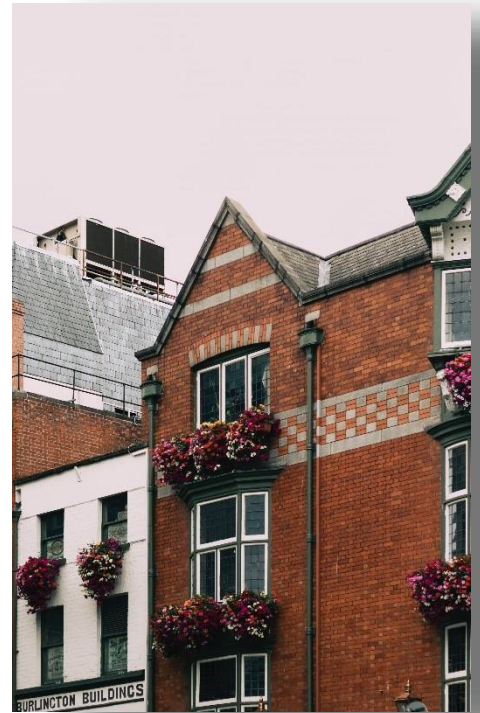
Before starting your search; set your budget for how much you are willing to spend on accommodation each month. Students living closer to the College (Dublin 2) will pay more in rent for the convenience. However, Dublin suburbs are well-connected via public transport with most areas within 30 minutes of the City Centre. Generally speaking; the further out you go - the more you get for your money!

### 3. View before paying

When renting from a private landlord never pay any money up front before visiting the property in person. Book a viewing and inspect the property with a careful eye. Bring a friend if you feel more comfortable. Scan the area - is it safe? Are there shops nearby? Is it well-serviced by transport?

### 4. Check that everything is working

Prospective tenants should test that doors and windows open and close/lock securely. Check for adequate lighting, ventilation and heating in all rooms of the house, and turn on appliances to check that they work properly e.g. cookers, shower etc.



## 5. Sign a rental agreement

It is highly recommended that you receive a written lease and a rent book to record your rental payments. Always read and understand the Rental Agreement after signing; if in doubt about any of the clauses in the contract seek advice before signing.

## 6. Get receipt for any payments made

Use online banking for all transactions whenever possible. This includes deposit and advanced rent payments.

## 7. Make a list of furniture and appliances with the landlord

Damage or loss of property is a regular reason for losing a deposit. Take an inventory of everything in the accommodation and its condition before you move in to avoid any disputes with the landlord when moving out. If necessary, take photographs (with the date stamp on) of the property and ask the landlord to counter-sign them.

## 8. Know when the deposit and rent are due

Generally, rents in Dublin are paid monthly and in advance - not in arrears. Most landlords will also require a security deposit (usually the equivalent of one month's rent) to be paid before you move in. This deposit should be returned to you when you leave the property.

## 9. Know your tenant rights and responsibilities

Both tenants and landlords have legal rights and responsibilities. These legal rights come from general landlord/tenant law as well as from any written or verbal tenancy agreement between both. For further information please visit: <http://www.threshold.ie/> Please read this guide to securely searching online databases <http://www.daft.ie/safety-online>

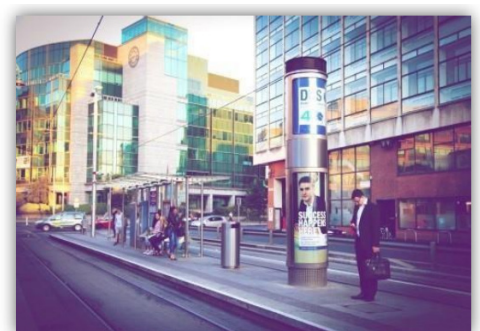
## 10. Getting to and from DBS

Journey time will depend on your accommodation's location. On average, it takes about 40-60 minutes by bus, tram or train from the suburbs to the city centre. Brickworks Student Accommodation is a 20 minute walk to the DBS campus. Please familiarise yourself with your route to DBS.

[www.dublinbus.ie](http://www.dublinbus.ie)

[www.luas.ie](http://www.luas.ie)

[www.irishrail.ie](http://www.irishrail.ie)







[Good Luck with your home search!](#)

**\*Please Note**

In the absence of any legal or binding agreement between Accommodation owners/advertisers and DBS, the College cannot be held liable for any accommodation, contacts, contracts, introductions and/or arrangements arising from the use of this Guide. The selection of accommodation and terms of the agreement or contract are entirely a matter between the individual students and the external provider.

DBS welcomes all feedback from students and prospective students.

If you have any questions please contact us through [student.services@dbs.ie](mailto:student.services@dbs.ie)