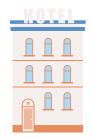
How to search for Long-Term Accommodation.

Depending on which campus you are moving to, it can take a while to find long-term accommodation. Finding a good deal on accommodation takes a lot of research, so it's advisable to start early.



Websites to help you with finding short-term accommodation options.

- AirBnB
- Booking.com
- Hotels.com (Hostel and Hotel Available)
- Expedia (Hotels Only)
- HostelWorld (Hostel Only)
- HiHostels (Hostel Only)



IMPORTANT

If you intend to live off campus and have little or no experience renting accommodation, you should learn about your rights and responsibilities before signing a rental agreement also known as a lease.

We strongly recommend that you visit the ontario.ca website where you can read the "Residential Tenancies Act, 2006, S.O. 2006, c. 17". This is a great place to start before you begin your search for off-campus housing.



Things you should include in your search for rental accommodation



Time of Booking:

Timing matters and accommodation prices will fluctuate based on demand and supply. During spring-summer (months of March to August) is a popular time for newcomers and students to move to Canada. Increased demand during these months leads to a rise in accommodation costs.

If you book at the last minute, you may find yourself with limited options. Booking in advance will help you find more places within your budget.

Set A Budget:

Doing thorough research by yourself on multiple websites will help you understand what's available within your budget and even compare prices before you book. This will ensure that you're getting the best deal.

Read Online Reviews and Ratings:

A majority of new students book their short-term stay prior to landing in Canada, which means that there's limited or no scope to inspect the place before booking.

In this scenario, it's always good to look at online reviews and ratings of the accommodation you plan to rent. Reach out and communicate with the host before finalizing the place and lastly keep an eye out for issues such as

- Bed bugs
- Bad neighbourhoods
- Cases of theft
- Lack of cleanliness



Below we have listed some websites to help you with finding long-term accommodation options.

- Viewit.ca
- Condos.ca
- Craigslist • <u>Kijiji</u>
- Zumper
- Padmapper
- Facebook Marketplace

