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HOUSING

STUDENT HOUSING

Universities and colleges provide some housing for their students for an additional cost. Some schools also provide graduate student and family housing. On-campus housing often includes meal plans. For information, contact the housing department at your school. Student residences are sometimes available to non-students in the summer.

If on-campus housing is unavailable, or you choose to live off campus, you can rent an apartment or a house.

FINDING OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING

- Check with the housing office on campus and look for roommate notices from fellow students.
- Check classified ads in your community's newspaper at www.newspaperscanada.ca or findlink.at/Newspapers.
- Look for "Apartment Available" or "For Rent" signs in your neighbourhood.
- Visit www.visit.ca.

RENTING AN APARTMENT OR HOME

The Residential Tenancies Act (RTA) contains all the rules that landlords and tenants must follow. Read it online at www.mah.gov.on.ca or findlink.at/RTAct.

You can also call the Landlord and Tenant Board at **1-888-332-3234** or visit www.ltb.gov.on.ca.

- You may be asked to sign a lease—a legal contract to rent for a set period of time, usually a year.

- You may be asked to pay your last month's rent before you move in.
- You may be asked to pay a security deposit. This should be returned to you when you move out, if there is no damage.
- You will usually be asked to pay your rent the first day of every month.
- Your utilities, such as heat and electricity, may be included in your rent, or you may have to pay for them separately. For more information about housing, visit www.settlement.org or findlink.at/housinginf.

OTHER HOUSING OPTIONS

Temporary Housing – When you first arrive in Ontario, you may need a temporary place to stay. Hostels are low-cost alternatives to hotels. To find temporary housing, search tourism websites in your area or buy a tourist guidebook that lists accommodation options.

Non-profit Housing Co-op – Co-ops are owned and managed by members or residents, but residents do not own their units. You must apply to live in a co-op and rents are usually lower than average. For more information, visit www.onpha.on.ca or findlink.at/housing.

Shelters – Shelters provide short-term emergency housing for people who are homeless or in crisis. To find a shelter in your area, call **211**.