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DMU London Accommodation Guide



Welcome to DMU London

This guide has been created to support our students - particularly those joining us from overseas. Finding the right place to live is important, and we want to help make that process as smooth as possible. This guide offers practical advice, key considerations and tips to help you confidently explore your options as you prepare for life in London.

Types of Accommodation

Purpose-built student accommodation (PBSA)

All-inclusive student living with support

- Ensuite or studio rooms
- Bills and Wi-Fi included
- Shared social spaces
- 24/7 security and student support

Private flat/house shares

Affordable shared housing

- Live with students or professionals
- Shared kitchen and living areas
- Individual rooms
- Costs and bills split

Private rented accommodation

More independence, more responsibility

- Studios or 1-bed flats
- Bills and setup not included
- Higher cost, more privacy
- Long-term leases

Short-term stays

While you look for something longer

- Hotels, serviced apartments, hostels
- Use trusted websites to search (Booking.com, Airbnb, etc)
- Always view before booking

Homestays

Live with a local host family

- Meals often included
- Safe, supportive environment
- Good for cultural immersion
- Short- or long-term

Dos & Don'ts

Top Do's

- Start your search early
- Use reputable websites
- Understand your contract
- Visit or view online before committing
- Ask if bills are included

Important Don'ts

- Don't sign anything you don't understand
- Don't pay large sums without confirmation
- Don't assume internet or heating is included
- Don't overlook transport and neighbourhood safety

Before You Sign

- Check deposit protection scheme
- Ask about maintenance response times
- Confirm if it's furnished
- Find out how to report issues
- Understand your notice period

Plan ahead

Remember to start looking for accommodation at least three months before you plan to move to the UK. This will give you plenty of time to research and compare options. You can search for properties independently on the websites below.

Zoopla

Rightmove

SpareRoom

OnTheMarket

Note: DMU London has no direct association with any of the websites listed above, nor has it vetted any of the landlords or letting agents that advertise on these websites. DMU London shall not be held liable for any loss or damage (however caused) suffered as a result of any dealings you have with any of the listed online accommodation sites. Please contact the external site directly for answers to questions regarding its content.



Smart tips for living in London

London is a large city with diverse neighbourhoods. When choosing where to live, consider:

Proximity to DMU London

- UKVI Requirement: International students must live within 40 miles of the DMU London campus
- Areas near Whitechapel (E1), Aldgate, Liverpool Street, and Stratford provide easy access
- Check travel times using Transport for London (TfL) Journey Planner

Transport links

- DMU London is well-connected via London Underground, Overground, DLR, and bus routes
- A Student Oyster Card offers discounted travel across London
- Cycling is an option-many areas have bike lanes and rental services

Please visit the websites below for further support and information about accommodation and living costs:

[Understanding student living costs](#)

[Student accommodation advice](#)

Settling into your new home

- Register with a GP (doctor) – find the nearest NHS practice
- Set up utilities and internet – contact providers immediately when you move in
- Explore your local area – get familiar with shops, transport links, and student-friendly spots
- Connect with fellow students – join social groups, university events, and housing communities



Useful Resources and Contacts

- Transport for London (TFL) Journey Planner: www.tfl.gov.uk
- Government How to Rent Guide: www.gov.uk/private-renting
- NHS GP registration: www.nhs.uk
- Citizens Advice for tenants: www.citizensadvice.org.uk

For further support, contact DMU London at:



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