

# Residence Policy

University of Zululand

Residence accommodation should be managed as strategic assets to help ensure successful study. A first requirement for achieving this is the establishment of a positive learning environment in the residences. It should be ensured that those students whose chances of successful study may be improved meaningfully by residence accommodation receive preference in the allocation of places in residences.

- According to the principle of equal opportunity, every applicant who meets the University's admission/re-admission requirements should have a chance to obtain residence accommodation.
- A room will be allocated on a zero balance or settlement of debts and the payment of initial fees.
- Senior students wishing to live in the residences or to retain their places (subject to the maximum periods of residence accommodation: the maximum for undergraduate students is the minimum number of years of the student's programme plus one year. The maximum period of accommodation for postgraduate students, including those who were in a residence as undergraduate students, is the minimum duration of the postgraduate programme.
- A request by or on behalf of the student for his/her transfer from one university residence to another shall not as a rule be granted but may be granted in circumstances deemed by the HOD to be exceptional.
- Illegally swooping of rooms.
- The university reserves a right to transfer a student from one residence to another, should it be deemed such transfer necessary.
- Because of great demand for limited number of rooms in the residences, a student shall not necessarily be in the particular residence applied for.
- Students will be allocated in rooms as per the capacity of the room, i.e. one student in a single room, two students in a double room and 4 students in a common room designed for that purpose.
- Students with disabilities will be allocated at the Middle East hostels, A&B.
- Single rooms will be allocated to SRC members, HOUSE Committee members as well as finalists of a four year degree.
- Students who are dependants of staff members residing within the radius of 50 KM from the university will not be accommodated in the residences.
- Students who have been offered residence accommodation and who do not arrive, make initial payment or occupy within specified dates may forfeit their accommodation.
- Previous residence conduct and disciplinary record shall be considered for residence selection.
- In the year 2007, the accommodation fees shall cover the period from 22 January 2007 to 26 November 2007 (excluding the university vacations).
- The university reserves the right to use the rooms in the residences for the accommodation of other people during all vacations.
- Students will sign a declaration form to make them liable for damages and vandalism in their rooms.