

Accommodation application guidance 2025 – 2026

General application guarantees

Please visit the [application timeline](#) for further information about our 2025/2026 application deadlines for a guaranteed offer of accommodation.

We guarantee to offer accommodation to new full-time undergraduate and postgraduate students who apply for campus accommodation by 30 June each year, and to full-time Clearing applicants who accept an unconditional offer of a place at Kent by 17 August 2025.

Full-time returning UG and PG students, including Sanctuary students, are guaranteed accommodation on campus provided they apply for accommodation by 19 January 2025.

Additional application information

Students needing a specific type of accommodation due to a medical condition or disability are encouraged to submit their applications as soon as possible, so we are aware of their accommodation needs sooner rather than later. This will enable us to support them better with an appropriate room allocation and ensure that any equipment or adjustments needed are delivered/completed before their arrival, wherever possible.

- Communications about an early interest registration process for returning students and application pages going live were sent to returning students in November 2024; to register for early access to the application pages, returning students needed to register their interest by 5 January 2025.
- Our application pages go live for early registration access on 16 January 2025 and for any other applicants on 17 January 2025. We will accept the first 1500 applications from returning students; any application submitted after 19 January 2025 will be added to our waiting list. The Accommodation Office will notify applicants about whether or not they have been successful in applying for campus accommodation on 31 January 2025.

- In the 2024 application cycle, returning students who applied within the first three days of the application pages going live were successful; returning students who applied later were added to our waiting list. We expect the same application pattern for returning students' accommodation in the 2025/2026 application cycle.
- If returning students do not receive our email communication about the application process, they should mitigate this by actively seeking to obtain this information directly from the Accommodation Office.
- It is not possible to guarantee that students will remain in the same room throughout their studies, unless significant/specific adaptations have been made to support a student's successful living on campus.
- Room allocations for returning students will be made on the grounds of disability-related facilities needed to support students with independent and safe living on campus. This may occasionally lead to a conflict in our allocations, whereby certain room equipment/fittings that are not needed by one student, will be essential for another student. Ultimately, we will aim to accommodate as many applicants as possible with the facilities we have currently available.
- Where provisions have been made to remove built-in furniture to accommodate an ergonomic desk, students will need to apply for the same room in subsequent years. This may mean that students would be sharing a corridor with students who may not be returning students.
- Students who have been provided with an ergonomic mattress will need to apply for a room that has the same bed size so the mattress could be moved for them to their new room.
- Any additional requests made later in the year will be subject to delivery/work lead times, and equipment/works may not be delivered/completed for the start of the tenancy.
- Any ergonomic desks/chairs fitted at the start of the tenancy will need to be removed by students who own them for the duration of the summer vacation period, as the rooms will be in use by other guests.

- Students changing their courses to the Medway campus will not be eligible to reapply for Canterbury campus accommodation and must apply for accommodation at the Medway campus. Students changing their course to the Canterbury campus can apply for accommodation at the Medway campus, provided that a suitable number of rooms will be available in Pier Quays to be allocated to Canterbury campus students.
- Priority for campus accommodation will be given to new students who are not familiar with the local area over returning students, and to full-time students over part-time students. Part-time students are not automatically eligible for campus accommodation, and if you are applying for campus accommodation because of needing a specific type of accommodation due to a medical condition or disability, please contact the University Student Support and Wellbeing team, with who we work closely with, to ensure you receive appropriate accommodation advice.
- The University guarantees accommodation to new students who apply for campus accommodation by 30 June each year, and to Clearing applicants who accept an unconditional offer of a place at Kent by 17 August 2025. This may lead to delays in confirming whether a returning student's application for campus accommodation has been successful, and delays in confirming to returning and new students their exact room allocation. In some instances, we may not be able to confirm this until the end of the University recruitment cycle at the end of August or at the beginning of September.