

## Housing Options in Cardiff for Students

Information on the housing options available for students considering moving to Cardiff to study.

### Can I stay in Cardiff University Residences?

Cardiff University guarantee all first year undergraduate students who apply to Cardiff through the normal UCAS cycle, and all International students, a place in University Residences. For more information on Cardiff University Residences and how to apply visit <http://www.cf.ac.uk/resid/residences/index.html>

All overseas postgraduate students are offered a place in University Residences. However, home postgraduate students are not guaranteed a place.

If you don't qualify for Cardiff University residences but like the idea of living in a hall environment then there are plenty of privately managed ones in Cardiff. You can check out the websites at [www.unite-students.com](http://www.unite-students.com) or <http://www.domain.moorfield.com/severnpoint.php>

### What accommodation is available to me if I have a disability?

Within Cardiff University Residences disabled students are given priority during the allocations process and, if necessary, could be guaranteed a place in University residences for the duration of their course. A limited amount of residences which have been specifically adapted are available for disabled students, in particular, for wheelchair users and students with a hearing impairment. For further details please call Residences on 029 20 874849.

The Residences Division is also willing to make individual reasonable adjustments for disabled students however, if you are aware of any adjustments you will need please contact the Disability Service on 029 20 874844 to discuss further.

If you have a disability and would like to rent in the private sector it may also be worth discussing your options with a Disability Advisor.

### Can I stay in Cardiff University Residences past my first year if I am a home student?

Typically no, as places in halls are only guaranteed to first years and international students. However if you are keen on staying in halls you could enquire within the residences office to see if there are any vacancies as sometimes they may come up

during the year. Residences usually advertise any vacancies for the forthcoming year around February time so do look out. It is also worth looking on the notice boards in departments to see if people are looking for someone to take over their room in halls.

You may also be interested in staying in halls as a student warden. This means you get reduced rent however you undertake the role of student warden throughout your stay. For more details of this please contact the Residences office on 029 2087 4849.

The exceptions to the above are female students who stay in Aberdare Hall (female only hall) who have the option to return to Aberdare Hall for subsequent academic years. Also if you have a disability you may be able to stay in halls past your first year.

### **What if I want to rent from a private landlord?**

If you want to rent a room in a privately owned house, you can pick up a private sector accommodation list produced by the University Residence Division from the Students' Union or any residences office. These are not inspected but Residences will have seen Gas/Electricity Safety Certificates.

Alternatively if you want to move in to private rented accommodation which you organise yourself, there are plenty of letting agents and private landlords in Cardiff. The university don't recommend any letting agent in particular however we would advise you check the council website for Cardiff Council Accreditation Scheme.

It is also worth noting that the Cardiff Students Union have their own Letting agents, Cardiff Students Letting, which you could check out at [www.cardiffstudentletting.com](http://www.cardiffstudentletting.com)

You may also want to see our Frequently Asked Question sheet 'Renting a house from a Private landlord' (A1)

### **I am a student with a family, what accommodation options are available to me?**

If you are a student with a family, you may want to register your interest in Cardiff University managed family accommodation with our residences office. You need to do this early as there is very limited family accommodation available in Cardiff University Residences and it is usually allocated on a first come first served basis. You can call Residences on 029 2087 4849 for more information.

There is also a good variety of family accommodation available through private letting agents which can be accessed using the same guidance as above.