



Accommodation

A GUIDE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

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I am delighted you are coming to Dundalk Institute of Technology for the upcoming Academic Year 2024/25.

Allow me to introduce myself, I am Tanya Rice, International Office Administrator, with responsibility for Accommodation for international students and I also follow up on any issues regarding your accommodation and liaise with the halls-of-residence managers on accommodation issues that may arise.

Please note: Dundalk Institute of Technology does not own any student accommodation we act as facilitator/mediator between the agent/student and the providers, therefore each student has to book their own accommodation (options and contact details are outlined below). Prices are a subject to change and the official prices will be given to you along with the booking requirements by the individual accommodation provider.

I wish you every success at Dundalk Institute of Technology and I look forward to meeting you.



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Halls of Residence

Setanta Oriel

 There is Setanta Oriel (5 minute walk) at a cost of €3220 per academic year, a twin share bedroom, shared apartment with 2 bedrooms (twin share), 2 shared bathrooms and a shared kitchen with a living space. Rent for academic year and utility payments will be required upfront. Deposit is €450.00. Single room is €5900, deposit and utilities are same as above

Greenpark, Greenpark Houses and The Launchpad

- There is Greenpark (on campus) at a cost of €500 per month, a shared apartment with 5 individual rooms, 2 shared bathrooms and a shared kitchen with a living space. Full payment of rent and utilities utility will be required upfront. Utilities and electricity are approximately €400per academic semester. Deposit is €500.00.
- There is a **Greener Park Houses** (on campus)- new building located directly across from Greenpark, with individual rooms with en-suites available at a cost of approximately €750 per month. Utilities and electricity are approximately €400 per academic semester. Deposit is €750.
- There is The Launchpad (off campus) at a cost of €600 per month for a shared bedroom, or €700 for an individual rom. Alongside a shared common area and a shared washroom facility. Utilities (Wifi, bins and electricity) are approximately €700 per academic semester. Deposit is either €600 or €700 depending on which room you obtain.





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Mourne View Hall

 In Dundalk town there is also Mourne View Hall (20 minute walk). Mourne View Hall is a stand-alone entity and Dundalk Institute of Technology has no control over bookings or the standard of the facility at a cost of €3600 per academic year, a shared apartment with 4 individual rooms, 2 shared bathrooms and a shared kitchen with a living space. Utilities and electricity are pay as you go which is approximately €20 per week. Deposit is €400.

Homestay

• We have a few families who provide homestay where you can stay with a family. Your food, utilities and washing are provided for you. Homestay prices vary from 140euro per week to 250euro per week with monthly up to 600euro. If this is of interest to you please contact me directly.

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Private Accommodation

 If you wish to book private accommodation, you can check out the following websites, these may be of help to you <u>http://www.daft.ie/louth/houses-to-rent/dundalk/</u> and <u>http://habitatproperty.ie/residential.html</u> or Nigel Kelly on E: <u>kellyproperty@gmail.com</u>



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(International Students at DKIT survey, June 2024)

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Taking care of your **PERSONAL SAFETY**

Staying safe around town

Dundalk is generally considered safe, but like any place, it is important to remain vigilant about personal safety as a college student. To ensure your well-being, familiarize yourself with the local area and secure reliable emergency contacts. Check emails from the International Office to stay informed about safety tips and support services available.

DON'T:

- Walk alone at night in unfamiliar places
- Take dark or isolated shortcuts
- Leave your doors and windows unlocked and unattended
- Leave your belongings unattended on DkIT campus
- Carry large sums of cash on DkIT campus or around town

DO:

- Read your emails from DkIT International Office and your Accommodation Provider and get in contact about any concerns
- Notify local authorities , Accommodation Provider or campus staff if you observe any suspicious behavior.or feel unsafe



1 = Very Unsafe, 5 = Very Safe

Taking care of your **EXPENDITURE**

Accommodation

Before arriving in Ireland., it is essential to secure your accommodation directly with the Accommodation Providers.

- 1.1 would advise all students to book your flights to arrive in Dundalk Monday – Friday 9.00am – 5.00pm. If you arrive outside these times you will have to stay in alternative accommodation until the accommodation providers offices are open. Arrangement of key collection/move in is to be arranged directly with your accommodation provider. Also please ensure that you do not book any flights unless you have secured and confirmed your accommodation.
- 2. Please note: Dundalk Institute of Technology does not own any student accommodation we act as facilitator/mediator between the agent/student and the providers and prices are an approximate at the moment.

Students tend to choose:

New students tend to choose Greenpark, Mourne View Hall and Setanta Oriel with some opting for Homestay.

You can expect to spend an average of €900 for monthly expenses overall *including rent*. The minimum expenditure range would be €500-700 and the maximum expenditure range is €1200-1500.

Please bring more than enough money to anticipate making **important purchases for comfortable living** in your new accommodation.

International Student Essentials Suggested Checklist:

• Air Fryer

• Vitamin D

Mattress

CoverHangers

• Drying Rack

- Warm Duvet
 - n Duvet Bedsheets
- Pillows
- Pots and Pans
- Cooking
 Utensils
- Plates
- Hairdryer
- Electric Heater

- Multi Socket Extension Lead
- UK Power Adapter Plug (Minimum 3)
- Winter ClothesBlanketsWater and windproof
 - Umbrella
 - Water Filter
 - Spare Dresser
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Taking care of your UTILITIES

Appliances provided

What appliances were you provided with when you moved in?



Groceries and household shopping



International Students frequent these stores the most:



(International Students at DKIT survey, June 2024)



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Sim Card and Wifi Services

Some of the popular services commonly used by students include:

- Vodafone Ireland
- Three Ireland
- 48 Ireland
- Tesco Mobile Ireland
- Eir Mobile
- Virgin Mobile Ireland

SIM cards will be available at International Welcome Days in September



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Gas and Electricity

Payment for gas and electricity varies depending on the type of accommodation. In student housing, electricity is often included in the rent or topped up through a designated website. Private accommodations however have varying arrangements based on the landlord's contrated utility provider.





BEING A GOOD TENANT

Your responsibilities as a tenant

Before renting accommodation you should make sure that it is suitable for your needs: for instance: will you be able to afford the rent along with any extra expenses: e.g. regular bills for gas, electricity etc.

Your responsibilities as a tenant include:

- Pay your rent on time.
- Maintain the property in good order and inform the landlord when repairs are needed, allowing him/her others access for this.
- Do not engage in any activities that may harm the property e.g. drying clothes inside the accommodation without proper ventilation, as this may cause damp to spread.
- Allow the landlord to do routine inspections of the property
- Avoid causing damage, nuisance or breaking the law.
- Comply with the terms of the tenancy agreement whether written or verbal.
- Give the landlord proper notice in writing before the termination of the tenancy agreement.
- Keep a record of all repairs, payments and dealings with the landlord
- Do not do anything that could affect the landlord's insurance premium on the dwelling



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Insurance for your possessions

It is your responsibility to get contents insurance to protect your personal belongings.

The landlord must insure the property but this usually only covers damage to the structure (bricks and mortar)

Getting back your Deposit

When the tenancy ends you are entitled to a return of your deposit from the landlord. The landlord may deduct the cost of rent arrears or the cost of damage or excessive wear an tear of the accommodation. If yo have not given sufficient notice resulting in a loss to the landlord, you may not be entitled to all your deposit



BEING A GOOD TENANT

Tips to avoid being unfairly blamed for damaging property

- On arrival, take note of any damage to the property.
- Check the inventory of items to see if everything is accounted for.
- Photograph the property as a record of its condition
- Once you have done these things, both parties should confirm their accuracy so that neither one can claim otherwise at a later date.
- Prior to departure take further photographs of the property (to include your bedroom, bathroom and the general living space).

CONTACT DETAILS

To obtain further accommodation information and/or to book your accommodation please make contact with the accommodation providers directly (see below). Please reference my name when contacting the providers.

Greenpark Apartments, Greenpark Houses and Lauren@dngduffy.ie The Launchpad. Managed by DNG Duffy Contact Person: Lauren Lauren@dngduffy.ie Setanta Oriel Managed by Marhta Developments Contact Person: Patricia Mourne View Hall

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