

Accommodation in New Zealand

A range of accommodation options are available to students studying in New Zealand.

Please note: If you are under the age of 18 when you start studying at the NZSTT-ELS and are an international student you must contact International Student Services at the school to discuss your options. This is in accordance with the Code of Practice for the Pastoral Care of International Students www.minedu.govt.nz

If for any reason whilst studying at the NZSTT-ELS you change your address, emergency contact information or type of accommodation, you must notify the Student Services Department.

Homestay

Homestays are where you stay with a host family. A homestay is arranged for you by NZSTT-ELS. The homestay family will provide a separate fully furnished room of your own in a suburban house, usually with garden and lawns. Interacting with your host family and friends is an excellent way to improve your English! Your host family provides breakfast and dinner each weekday and three meals on the weekends. Fresh linen is also provided and your laundry is done for you. Staying in a homestay is not like living in a hostel. Some 'give and take' is expected, as you become part of the family. The cost is up to \$210.00 per week. There is a one off placement fee payable to the homestay company of \$150.00 approximately so that they can visit every home and interview every family. Many families have hosted students for many years. NZSTT-ELS has signed and supports the Code of Pastoral Care for International Students and all of our homestay families are selected carefully following the guidelines set down in the Code of Pastoral Care. www.homestaymum.com

Student Hostels

The city has many commercial hostels where you can rent a room either short term or long term. The hostels are not run by NZSTT-ELS and anyone can stay in a hostel. Remember that some are for students only. They have single, double or twin share rooms and are always furnished. The commercial hostels have a communal kitchen where you can cook your own meals.

The cost is up to \$230.00 per week. Some areas have self-catering private or independent hostels. The cost for a furnished room, with shared kitchen and lounge facilities, is about \$130.00 per week share or \$230.00 per week single (plus application fees).

YMCA accommodation (males only)

Right in the 'heart' of Auckland city is good quality accommodation for all. Well furnished single and twin rooms for both short and long term accommodation.

www.nzymca.com/accommodation/index.php

YWCA accommodation (females only)

Affordable and quality accommodation for all budgets in central city Auckland, offering single and twin rooms for both short and long term accommodation.

www.akywca.org.nz/hostel/host-home.html

The Railway Campus

The Railway Campus offers you over 20 modern, self contained apartments, ranging from comfortable studios through to the two and three bedroom units that are ideal for family and group accommodation. All apartments are fully furnished and self contained with their own bathrooms and kitchenettes designed for light food preparation. Each room has a telephone and data connection.

www.auckland.ac.nz/uoa/for/prospective/living/accommodation/apartments/railway_campus/railwayampus.cfm

Flatting

Many students enjoy the independence and challenge of sharing a house (flat) or apartment with other people. You can find flats by looking in the newspaper, on local notice boards (such as the supermarket), through the internet www.flathunt.co.nz or www.flatfinder.co.nz or going through a rental agent. You will probably have to pay a bond and some rent in advance when you first move in. Costs can be between \$120.00 and \$200.00 for a room and then you must pay for food, electricity, water etc.

Temporary Accommodation

When you arrive in Auckland, it is best to have something ready for you before you leave home. You may like to stay some where temporarily until you find your ideal accommodation or you may just come to Auckland for a short course. Temporary accommodation very close to the NZSTT Auckland campus is:

Auckland Central Backpackers (ACB) www.acb.co.nz

Central City Backpackers (CCB) www.kiwiaaccommodation.com

Airport transfers

If you are living in a homestay situation – an airport pickup can be arranged for you at the time of your accommodation booking.

If you are wishing to make you own way into Auckland city try

Air Bus from Auckland International Airport to city centre approx \$15.00 www.airbus.co.nz

Airport Super Shuttles from AIA to city centre approx \$25.00 www.supershuttle.co.nz

Taxi from AIA to city centre approx \$60.00 www.cooptaxis.co.nz