

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 New Zealand School of Travel and Tourism 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**

(To view the code of practice, view the Ministry of Education website at www.minedu.govt.nz/index.cfm?layout=document&documentid=6902&data=1)

If for any reason whilst studying at the New Zealand School of Travel and Tourism 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 however it is the Homestay company that assesses and monitors the Homestay families' suitability. Homestays can be up to a ½ drive from the city centre. 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 \$230.00 per week. There is a one off placement fee payable to the homestay company of \$200.00 approximately so that they can visit every home and interview every family. Many families have hosted students for many years. NZSTT 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.

(View International Homestays (2004) Ltd 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 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 costs range from \$155.00 for a 3 bedroom shared to \$270.00 per week for a Standard Studio Sea view room. 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).

www.unilodge.com.au/locations/location.asp?Location=Auckland

www.nzymca.com/accommodation/index.php

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

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.trademe.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.kiwiaccommodation.com/accommodation/details/21.php

Steps to finding the right accommodation for you:

1. Choose the accommodation type that you like
2. Most accommodation choices have websites – check out the links above for some possibilities
3. If you require assistance with accommodation and / or airport transfers please contact our International Student Services department.

Airport transfers

If you are living in a homestay situation or would like to be collected at the airport by NZSTT staff – an airport pickup can be arranged for you at the time of your accommodation booking; \$50.00 one way.

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

www.nzstt.com