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# Accommodation

Danish universities do not have a tradition for on-campus housing. Most students live in student halls of residences situated some distance from campus. An efficient public transport system also makes it easy to travel between your residence, campus and the city centre

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## Guide

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## STUDY IN DENMARK

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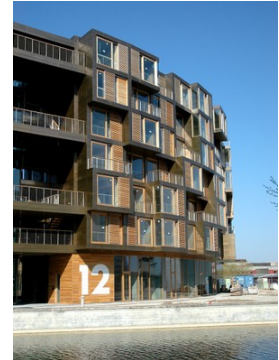
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## Start looking months before you arrive

You should start to look for accommodation months before you arrive, as it can be very difficult to find accommodation right before the semester begins. Therefore, we strongly advise you to contact your Danish host institution for information about housing as soon as you have been accepted into a study programme.

Please be aware that it can be especially difficult to **find accommodation** in the bigger cities during August and September. We advise against travelling to Denmark at this time without reserving a room first.



## Types of accommodation

Some international students prefer to rent a room or a sub-let from a Danish student or landlord. Student halls of residence is also an option. Others rent an apartment or a house, which they share with friends. Whether you choose to live in a student residence, apartment or house you will have to cater for yourself. Cleaning and doing your laundry are also your own responsibility. **Look for the mentioned types of accommodation.**

## Student halls of residence ('kollegier')

Student residences offer accommodation in a communal environment. This kind of living may be particularly suitable for international students who have just arrived and don't know anyone yet. Besides, the rent for a room is generally cheaper than that of a private room. **Find a students halls of residence in Denmark.**

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### FAQ

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**Can I bring my dog?** *It is not easy to find housing that allows you to bring any kind of pet. Most student residences and apartments have regulations concerning domestic animals. However, you can explore the possibilities by asking your host institution for advice.*

**Can I bring my family?** *As a student it is possible to apply for a bigger student residence if you have a family. Alternatively, you could look for private housing that suits your needs. You should expect it to take a little longer to find, however, than just a single room.*

**I have allergies. Can I get a room without carpets?** *It is certainly possible to find housing that accommodates this type of special needs. You need to mention this when applying or ask your host institution for advice.*

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## Find Housing

First, visit the website of your host institution and follow any recommendations you find here in terms of student housing. Also, listed below are useful websites to look for rooms and apartments for rent in Denmark

## Consult your host institution

As a first step, we advice you to visit the [website of your Danish host institution](#) and follow any recommendations that you find there.

## Student housing links

There are also local websites, which cover student housing within a specific city:

- **ungdomsboliger.dk** ('youthhousing.dk')  
[Links to student-housing across Denmark](http://www.ungdomsboliger.dk/?id=navigationskort&lang=en) (<http://www.ungdomsboliger.dk/?id=navigationskort&lang=en>)
- **www.studenterguiden.dk**  
[Links to student housing across Denmark](https://studenterguiden.dk/en) (<https://studenterguiden.dk/en>)
- **Copenhagen**  
[Student- and Youth Accommodation Office Copenhagen \(KKIK\)](http://www.kollegierneskontor.dk/default.aspx?&lang=GB) (<http://www.kollegierneskontor.dk/default.aspx?&lang=GB>) administers application procedures and distribution of rooms for 18 different student residence halls in and around Copenhagen
- **Aarhus**  
[Student Housing Aarhus](http://www.studenthousingaarhus.com/) (<http://www.studenthousingaarhus.com/>) offers more than 8000 accommodations exclusively for students in Greater Aarhus
- **Aalborg**  
[AKU-Aalborg assigns rooms/apartments in Aalborg](http://translate.google.dk/translate?u=http://www.aku-aalborg.dk/&hl=da&langpair=auto|en&tbb=1&ie=UTF-8) (<http://translate.google.dk/translate?u=http://www.aku-aalborg.dk/&hl=da&langpair=auto|en&tbb=1&ie=UTF-8>)
- **Odense**  
[Studiebolig Odense](http://www.studiebolig-odense.dk/?language=en) (<http://www.studiebolig-odense.dk/?language=en>) is a collaboration of 7 student residence houses in Odense (<http://www.studiebolig-odense.dk/>) [Kollegieboligselskabet](http://kollegieboligselskabet.dk/exchange-students) (<http://kollegieboligselskabet.dk/exchange-students>) also offer rooms at various student residence halls
- **Esbjerg**  
[Information on student housing in Esbjerg](http://www.e-k-f.dk/#googtrans(da|en)) ([http://www.e-k-f.dk/#googtrans\(da|en\)](http://www.e-k-f.dk/#googtrans(da|en)))
- **Sønderborg**  
[Information on student housing in Sønderborg](http://www.kk.kollegie6400.dk/en/) (<http://www.kk.kollegie6400.dk/en/>)

### Rent from outgoing students (short-term rent)

If you are looking for housing for a shorter period (e.g. as an exchange student) one option could be to contact Danish students who will be studying abroad in the same time period that you will be studying in Denmark. You can use a service such as [Housinganywhere](http://www.housinganywhere.com) (<http://www.housinganywhere.com>) connecting ingoing with outgoing exchange students. You could also try asking the individual student houses (listed above) if they could facilitate a shorter sublet.

## Other housing links

On the following websites, individuals and agencies offer rooms and apartments for rent and sale. You can also place your own ad in English. Some of the websites will charge you a fee to access contact details.

## Free websites

- [www.findbolig.nu](http://www.findbolig.nu/ventelisteboliger.aspx?showrented=0&showyouth=1) (http://www.findbolig.nu/ventelisteboliger.aspx?showrented=0&showyouth=1) (most comprehensive, only in Danish)  
Student housing, flats, shared apartments and rooms for rent. With links to landlords/ Real Estate Agents.
- [www.boligsurf.dk](http://boligsurf.dk/?locale=en) (http://boligsurf.dk/?locale=en) (in English)  
Flats, shared apartments and rooms for rent.
- [boligdeal.dk](http://www.boligdeal.dk/international.aspx) (http://www.boligdeal.dk/international.aspx) (partially English)  
Site coordinating communication between tenants, buyers and landlords of private housing
- [www.gromia.com](http://www.gromia.com) (http://www.gromia.com) (partially English)  
Site coordinating communication between tenants and landlords of private housing
- [boligoensker.dk](http://boligoensker.dk) (http://boligoensker.dk)(only in Danish)  
All around housing and accommodation
- [www.findroommate.dk](http://www.findroommate.dk/) (http://www.findroommate.dk/)  
Students and others looking for roommates
- [www.lejerbo.dk](http://lejerbo.dk/da/om-lejerbo/lejerbos-profil/in-english#.Vfk8OrHU-Uk) (http://lejerbo.dk/da/om-lejerbo/lejerbos-profil/in-english#.Vfk8OrHU-Uk)  
Lejerbo administers apartments across Denmark, including youth housing.
- [www.boliga.dk](http://translate.google.com/translate?sl=da&tl=en&js=n&prev=_t&hl=da&ie=UTF-8&eotf=1&u=http://www.boliga.dk/leje) (http://translate.google.com/translate?sl=da&tl=en&js=n&prev=\_t&hl=da&ie=UTF-8&eotf=1&u=http://www.boliga.dk/leje)(Google translation)  
Student housing, flats, shared apartments and rooms for rent
- [www.ledige-lejligheder.dk](http://www.ledige-lejligheder.dk) (http://www.ledige-lejligheder.dk) (Google translation)  
Site coordinating communication between tenants, buyers and landlords of private housing
- [www.akutbolig.dk](http://www.akutbolig.dk) (http://www.akutbolig.dk)(Google translation)  
(http://www.akutbolig.dk)Site coordination communication between tenants and landlords of private housing
- [www.findhousingdenmark.com](http://www.findhousingdenmark.com)  
(http://www.findhousingdenmark.com)Information site about the housing market for tenants

## Pay-to-view

- [www.dba.dk](http://translate.google.com/translate?sl=da&tl=en&js=n&prev=_t&hl=da&ie=UTF-8&eotf=1&u=http://www.dba.dk/boliger/lejebolig/) (http://translate.google.com/translate?sl=da&tl=en&js=n&prev=\_t&hl=da&ie=UTF-8&eotf=1&u=http://www.dba.dk/boliger/lejebolig/) (Google translation)  
Ebay affiliate. List of flats and rooms for rent. Some ads are free to view
- [www.boligportal.dk](http://www.boligportal.dk/en/) (http://www.boligportal.dk/en/) (in English)  
Flats, shared apartments and rooms for rent: 50 euro/2 months
- [www.bolighit.dk](http://www.bolighit.dk/lejebolig/soeg-lejebolig1.aspx) (http://www.bolighit.dk/lejebolig/soeg-lejebolig1.aspx)(in English)  
Flats, shared apartments and rooms for rent: 27 euro/3 months
- [www.lejebolig.dk](http://en.lejebolig.dk/) (http://en.lejebolig.dk/) (in English)  
Flats, shared apartments and rooms for rent: 50 euro/2 months
- [www.boligbasen.dk](http://boligbasen.dk/english/) (http://boligbasen.dk/english/) (in English)  
Flats, shared apartments and rooms for rent: 80 euro/6 months

## How much does it cost?

Here are some examples. Please note that these are estimates.

### Room in a students hall of residence (kollegium)

- EURO 240-460 /month
- USD 350-610 /month

### Privately rented room in a house/flat (with access to shower)

Estimated price, 12-20m<sup>2</sup> room

- EURO 270-600 /month

- USD 350-780 /month

## Privately rented flat

Estimated price, 35-60m<sup>2</sup> apartment

- EURO 470-940 /month
- USD 600-1200 /month

## Housing benefit ('boligsikring')

EU/EEA citizens are eligible for housing benefits ('boligsikring') – a subsidy for rent from the local council. However, other subsidies for housing loans and deposits are not available. For details on the requirements and how to apply, please contact your local council.

Please note: Non-EU/EEA students in Denmark cannot apply for or receive housing benefits. If you do apply, it may result in your residence permit being revoked.

## Avoid housing-scams

While crime-rates in Denmark are low, scams do occur. Here is how to avoid them when looking for housing:

1. Be on the alert if a person with a room or flat for rent sends you a text message with no visible phone number. These types of messages are sent through the web and may imply a scam.
2. Never pay money under the table. It is illegal and you have no legal way of getting your money back
3. Never pay the deposit in cash. Instead make a bank transfer so the transaction can be traced
4. Never pay the rent or deposit via services where you cannot reverse the transaction, such as Moneybookers Escrow or Western Union.
5. If you wish to see who owns the property you can do so at [www.boligejer.dk](http://www.boligejer.dk) (<http://www.boligejer.dk/english>)
6. Make sure that you receive a contract signed by the current tenant or landlord
7. Always read the contract carefully and make sure that what you agreed on is also confirmed in writing
8. When subleasing make sure that the landlord/owner of the property is informed of the sublease. This will put you in a better position in case of a conflict between the landlord/owner and the person subleasing to you.
9. Be on the alert if you are required to sign immediately. Do not feel pressured into signing anything.

## Legal help

Lejerens Fri Retshjælp is a 100% free legal aid organisation, that can help you with issues regarding your housing in Denmark (landlord-tenant law).

They have more than 45 of the most competent law students from all over Denmark, who are all ready to help you in both Danish and English.

Just **fill out the form** (<https://www.lejerens-fr.dk/kontakt/>) on their website with your name(navn), email and a description of your legal issue(besked). The majority of queries are answered within 48 hours. Their site is in Danish, so far, but they can help you in English.

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## Housing tips from student to student

Finding a place to live can be difficult. Lisa has some great tips.

"In retrospective, I thought about a few things that might be helpful to others":



- Double-check \$7 and don't agree to give back the apartment refurbished, when it was not brand new when moving in; This is very important, because otherwise you have to renovate everything, from ceiling to the floor and this is very expensive!
- Always make a protocol when moving in (ideally with pictures and detailed analysis of what is already damaged) and also when moving out (everything was fine, no harm done), because otherwise you might never see your deposit again!
- If you are subrenting, make sure the person you are renting from is allowed to subrent, otherwise both of you can get kicked out!
- Ask if CPR registration is possible, you need CPR for everything so it is bad to not have it
- Ask for the name of the bank account you are sending your money to! First, you need that for online-transfer, second, you might want to know who has got your money in case of conflict.

"In my experience, and I hear that a lot, the most efficient way to find a room quickly if you are still abroad and cannot go any place to have a look by yourself – is to join every single housing group on Facebook you can find and keep your eyes open! There are lots of offerings from mostly international people who are used to do all the things over Skype and don't have a problem with that. People can have a look at your profile, maybe you even have mutual friends, which is always helpful. Often there are groups for specific regions like "Germans in Copenhagen" or "Italians in Copenhagen" where you can connect better because they speak the same language and there is more trust. There is also a lot of scam, be careful."

- Another website for student housing is <http://www.kab-bolig.dk/> (<https://www.kab-bolig.dk/forside-kab-bedre-boliger-for-alle/servicemenu/english.aspx>), however you need to pay 400 DKK once in order to put yourself on the waiting list

"In my experience, Findroommate sadly is not working for international students. It is good in finding other internationals who are also looking, you can group with to organise a joined apartment. But it does not work for finding a room because there are mostly Danes looking for other Danes. I wrote about 50 very polite messages and received 2 replies, both telling me (in danish!) that they already have someone. So don't spend your money and time on that if you are not Danish or cannot communicate in it."

- When contacting people, try to offer some information about yourself. If you stick with "Hi I am looking for a room, xxx Lisa" you probably wont receive many replies. People don't have time, they need to know if you are a future roommate-candidate or not, so give them some detail:
  - Age and origin
  - Future occupation (studying? working?)
  - If you have experience in sharing apartments, tell them that!
  - Morning or evening-person (this is helpful for both of you!)
  - Smoker or non-smoker
  - Any weird hobbies? Or just normal yoga-cooking-tv-series-stuff?
  - Will your boy/girlfriend be there a lot? Then you should mention that at some point.
  - give them a link to your Xing or Linked or website if you have one; also provide a Skype name or other means of communication; offer them to add you on Facebook (you can put them on restricted anyway but it's good for the feeling).
- Don't tell them very private stuff, of course. Stay high-level but let them know who you are at least a little bit.
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