



Basic Requirements

In order to qualify for accreditation a dwelling house or commune must, comply with the following requirements:

1. In cases where students are accommodated in single bedrooms, such single bedrooms must have a floor area of not less than eight square metres (8m²).
2. Not more than two (2) students may be accommodated in each double bedroom and such double bedroom must have a floor area of not less than fourteen square metres (14m²).
3. Students sharing rooms should have their own lockable closets.
4. Rooms should be equipped with a single bed, cupboard, study desk, chair, and a bookshelf per student with curtains/blinds.
5. Ablution Facilities:
 - 5.1 One (1) wash basin for every four (4) students.
 - 5.2 One (1) shower for every five (5) students.
 - 5.3 One (1) toilet for every five (5) students.
6. Kitchens and Kitchenettes
Food to be prepared in, and cooked, in a fully fitted kitchen.
7. Common Room:
 - 7.1 Accommodated students must have access to a general social area (common entertainment area/meeting and TV room), which must make provision for at least one point five square metres (1.5m²) per student.
 - 7.2 Smaller meetings rooms must be at least nine square metres (9m²).
8. House Rules:
 - 8.1 Students and their visitors must refrain from behaviour which will or may cause a public nuisance.
 - 8.2 The rights of all persons resident in an accommodation facility should be observed and respected.
 - 8.3 A twenty four (24) hour contact number should be provided to residents in order for them to report any contraventions of the house rules.
 - 8.4 The following rules must be laid down by the Provider in accordance with the Policy on the Minimum Norms and Standards for Student Housing at Public Universities.
 - 8.4.1 Rules regarding the number of students to be accommodated in the student accommodation facility / establishment as well as in each room.
 - 8.4.2 Rules for general maintenance of the student accommodation facility / establishment.
 - 8.4.3 Rules for cleaning, neatness and upkeep, at all times, of the property and its immediate surroundings.
 - 8.4.4 Measures for the management of the accommodation facility / establishment during the tertiary institution holidays. It should be noted,

unless otherwise stated in the lease agreement entered into between the Provider and the student that students must have the sole right to the accommodation which they paid for as per such lease agreement.

9. General maintenance and cleaning must be provided by the off-campus private accommodation provider.
10. All off-campus private accommodation providers must comply with all relevant legislative requirements (national, regional and municipal) regulating health and safety at all times. Certificates of compliance must be obtained from the relevant authority on an annual basis with regard to the following services, and displayed at the accommodation facility / establishment:
 - 10.1 Fire safety, prevention and detection mechanisms and procedures in the case of fires.
 - 10.2 Electricity and gas installations.
 - 10.3 Security staff, mechanisms and procedures regarding security.
 - 10.4 In any building used to accommodate students, each student room as well as the building itself must be secure. This may include (but is not limited to) secured primitive fencing, security guard(s), access control, monitored surveillance cameras, burglar bars at all windows and doors and, each bedroom door must have its own lock.
 - 10.5 Internal monthly hygiene inspections of all food preparation facilities, communal self-catering facilities and areas, and ablution facilities should be carried out in addition to annual municipal or equivalent hygiene audits.
 - 10.6 All ablution areas must be cleaned at least once daily, using cleaning industry standard chemicals and products. Shower doors or curtains must also be fitted to shower cubicles to ensure adequate privacy.
 - 10.7 A certificate of compliance with occupational health and safety regulations, and an evacuation diagram must be displayed on notice boards.
 - 10.8 Off-campus private accommodation providers must liaise with local law enforcement agencies dealing with the safety of students.
11. Off-campus private accommodation providers must make provision for adequate access to the facility / establishment in case of medical and/or psychological emergency assistance being required by students. The aforesaid includes the provision of a first aid kit and instructions regarding the use thereof.
12. Provision should be made for access to emergency electricity and water facilities.
13. Off-campus private accommodation providers must be in possession of approved Municipal building plans of their student accommodation facilities, as well as evidence confirming their compliance with these plans.