

UNIVERSITY OF THE FREE STATE

POLICY AND ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS CONCERNING THE PLACEMENT AND RENEWAL OF STUDENTS IN SENIOR ACCOMMODATION, MAIN CAMPUS

1. AIM OF THE POLICY

- 1.1 To align the vision, mission and values of the University and the Institutional Charter with the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa (Act 108 of 1996) to create a feeling of unity and co-operation, based on integrity, mutual respect and fairness, within the context of the constitutional values of non-racism, non-sexism and non-discrimination.
- 1.2 To provide for the unique accommodation needs of senior and postgraduate students, as well as visiting academics.
- 1.3 To manage the allocation of accommodation facilities to senior and postgraduate students, as well as visiting academics.
- 1.4 To follow an educational approach to diversity in senior accommodation.
- 1.5 To promote an academic culture and intellectually stimulating environment.

2. APPLICATION OF THE POLICY

- 2.1 Only registered students and visiting academics are housed in senior accommodation.
- 2.2 Members of the Student Representative Council qualify, by virtue of their office, for accommodation in senior residences.
- 2.3 Current UFS students applying for senior accommodation must meet the financial and academic admission requirements.
- 2.4 Prospective UFS students applying for senior accommodation must meet either the academic or age-related admission requirements.
- 2.5 Preference will be given based on 1) academic seniority, 2) diversity targets and 3) application date.
- 2.6 Current residents within the various senior accommodation categories are required to apply annually for continuing residency.
- 2.7 Academic admission requirements do not necessarily apply in the case of students with disabilities. Discretion is granted to the Director: Housing and Residence Affairs in this regard.
- 2.8 Prospective residents participating in faculty exchange schemes are housed in allocated accommodation units.
- 2.9 This policy will be applied by the Housing and Residence Affairs Division. Final discretion lies with the Director: Housing and Residence Affairs.

3. PROVISIONS OF THE POLICY

3.1 A **diversity level** of 50:50 within a 40-60% interval is pursued.

3.2 Minimum admission requirements

Criteria	Flats	Rooms and residential units	Senior residences
Academic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Doctoral students ➤ Postdoctoral students ➤ Visiting academics 	Master's degree students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Honours students ➤ Advanced / postgraduate diploma / certificate students ➤ Undergraduate with at least 240 credits already obtained
Financial	No outstanding balance.	No outstanding balance.	No outstanding balance.
Age			Students who are 22 years of age or older on 31 December of the previous year. (Such students are not admitted to junior residences because of age.)

3.3 Maximum period of accommodation

3.3.1 The maximum period of accommodation in senior residences is four years.

3.3.2 The maximum period of accommodation in student rooms and accommodation units is three years.

3.3.3 The maximum period of accommodation in student flats is five years (excluding visiting academics).

4. GENERAL

4.1 The impact and application of the policy on diversity targets must be monitored continuously.

4.2 Residence rooms, student rooms and student flats (where applicable) are regarded as private spaces, where personal preferences apply.

4.3 No pattern of 'black' or 'white' areas or floors or groups of rooms is allowed.

4.4 Alignment with other policies related to the management of diversity must be closely monitored.