

Additional information about Accommodation subsidy

In response to the recent changes to the Disabled Student Allowances the University will be offering some assistance in the form of a subsidy to students who require en-suite on-campus accommodation on disability grounds. This process will be separate to the on-campus priority accommodation support offered to students with disabilities. Students who are supported for priority on-campus en-suite accommodation will **not** be automatically eligible for the subsidy and will still be required to apply.

The subsidy will not be awarded automatically to students with disclosed disabilities who are in en-suite on-campus accommodation. Applications will be considered in accordance with the criteria below and accompanying supporting evidence. Students can apply at any stage during the academic year and if successful the subsidy will be awarded for the remainder of their accommodation contract for that academic year. If students move into en-suite on-campus accommodation later in the year the subsidy will be awarded pro rata to the number of weeks they have been occupying the en-suite room.

The subsidy is calculated based on the difference between a standard room with shared facilities on the specific campus allocated and a standard room with en-suite facilities.

Students who are eligible, will be awarded the subsidy retrospectively, termly, from the date of their application onward, as credit on their student account. If students are experiencing any financial hardship due to the retrospective nature of the subsidy and are unable to cover their accommodation fees whilst they are applying for the subsidy, they are encouraged to contact Money@Campuslife to discuss how to best support them.

Personal convenience or preference do not form part of the eligibility criteria and will not be considered. Students will only be eligible if they meet one or more of the following criteria:

1. A requirement for en-suite on campus accommodation as a result of a physical disability i.e. mobility difficulty/wheelchair user, where specific accessibility requirements prevent the student from sharing bathroom facilities with others.
2. A requirement for en-suite on campus accommodation as a result of a sensory disability e.g. visual impairment, that prevents the student from maintaining independence when sharing bathroom facilities because other students impact on the accessibility or usability of the shared space.
3. Exceptional cases where a requirement for en-suite accommodation is considered appropriate by senior Wellbeing Services staff, based on independent evidence of on-going difficulties that substantially impact on the student's ability to use shared bathroom facilities.

If you meet one or more of the above criteria please complete the application form and attach appropriate supporting evidence. If you require assistance with your application please contact Disability Services at Disability@Campuslife The information and evidence submitted during the application stage will only be used for the purposes of the subsidy and will be treated confidentially by Residential Services and members of Wellbeing Support Services.

You will be notified via email of the outcome of your application.