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# Accommodation

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

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## Guide

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## When should I start looking for accommodation?

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.

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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 rather difficult to **find accommodation** (<http://www.studyindenmark.dk/live-in-denmark/housing-1/find-housing>) 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 sublet from a Danish student or landlord.

Others rent an apartment or a house, which they share with friends. Student dorms and halls of residence are also options. Regardless of whether you choose to live in a hall of residence, or rent a room or an apartment, you will have to cater for yourself.

Cleaning and doing your laundry is also your own responsibility.

**Look for the mentioned types of accommodation.**

## Halls of residence ('kollegier')

Halls of 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.

STDK. Tietgen Kitchen

Additionally, the rent for a room in a hall of residence is generally cheaper than renting a room in a private apartment. **Find a hall of residence in Denmark** (<https://studyindenmark.dk/live-in-denmark/housing-1/how-to-enter-the-housing-market>).

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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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## Finding housing

Finding housing in Denmark can be difficult, especially if you are moving to Copenhagen, which is the most populated city. However, regardless of whether you are moving to the capital or a smaller city, you should start your search early!



### Where and how do you want to live?

When you have decided that you want to study in Denmark, whether it is for an entire degree or a single semester, you will need to find permanent housing.

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

Housing in the bigger cities is relatively pricy, and unsurprisingly the closer to the city centre you want to live, the pricier it gets.

If you want your home to be in the center of the city, we recommend you to search for rooms and not entire apartments, as this is difficult to get your hands on and it will often be very expensive.

One of the best ways to keep living costs down is to share. In Denmark, it is very common for students to share apartments, or even co-living in a collective. Sharing living spaces is also a great way of building a network and getting new friends.

Therefore, before going on a housing-hunt, get to know the cities and decide where you want to live, and whether or not you are ready for shared accommodation.

When you find your place, it is very important that you have a contract which both you and the landlord signs.

You pay your rent every month on the first business day - at the latest. Punctuality is very important for the Danes, and this is important to respect, if you want to be on good terms with your landlord.

## Deposit and pre-paid rent

Before moving into a flat or a room, you are usually asked to pay a deposit, usually equalling three months of rent.

This money is used to make sure that you as a tenant are will be able to cover the cost of repairs and remedying any damage when vacating.

It is also very common for the landlord to ask for prepaid rent. Prepaid rent is the landlord's assurance that the tenant does not vacate without terminating the lease.

The landlord may require a maximum of 3 months' worth of rent in prepaid rent, and 3 months worth of rent in deposit. This means, that the landlord is allowed to ask for the equivalent of 6 months' rent in total.

It is up to the landlord, how much he or she will ask for - if they ask at all.

Utilities such as water, heating and electricity are often prepaid ('a conto'), meaning that you pay an approximate amount on the basis of an average calculation (i.e. a year's consumption) that is based on what you expect the final payment to be.

Usually a conto is divided into quarterly payments and annually you will receive a refund, if you have paid too much, or an invoice, if you have used more than you have paid for.



## Avoid housing-scams

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

1. Be 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 though 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 Frie Retshjælp is a 100% free legal aid organisation, that can help you with issues regarding your housing in Denmark (landlord-tenant law). If you need legal aid on housing issues, you can **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 webpage is in Danish, but they can help you in English

**LEJKA.dk** (<https://www.lejka.dk/en>) is a company, whose purpose is to avoid scams. They offer free legal advice, prepare the tenancy agreement and protect the deposit. They offer advice in Danish and English.

## The Danish housing lingo

We have collected a few words and phrases that are nice to know in Danish, when it comes to finding a place to live:

Husleje = Rent  
Depositum = deposit  
Forudbetalt husleje = prepaid rent  
Vand, varme, el = water, heating, electricity  
Lejlighed = apartment/flat  
Værelse = room  
Kollektiv/bofællesskab = collective/community  
A conto = fixed prepayment for utilities  
Kvadratmeter (Kvm) = square meters

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## Housing links

In Denmark, it is common to use the internet as the main source in the hunt for an apartment. We have gathered a list of relevant student housing here. You're welcome!

## Where can I find housing?

In Denmark, it is common to use the internet as the main source in the hunt for an apartment. There are plenty of online portals that connect tenants with landlords.

The majority of these online portals charges a small fee for allowing you to get in contact with the landlords (see links below).

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>), that connects incoming exchange students with outgoing exchange students.

## Links

### Student housing:

- **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>)
- **www.housingtarget.com/denmark**  
[Links to housing search engine across Europe \(this specific site is for Denmark\)](https://www.housingtarget.com/denmark) (<https://www.housingtarget.com/denmark>)
- **Copenhagen**  
**Student- and Youth Accommodation Office Copenhagen (KKIK)** (<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
- **Collegium Juris** (<https://collegiumjuris.com/>) is a mixed Danish and international collegium for students who study at the University of Copenhagen
- **Aarhus**  
**Student Housing Aarhus** (<http://www.studenthousingaarhus.com/>) offers more than 8000 accommodations exclusively for students in Greater Aarhus
- **Aalborg**  
**AKU-Aalborg assigns rooms/apartments in Aalborg** (<https://aku-aalborg.dk/eng/forside/>)
- **Odense**  
**Studiebolig Odense** (<http://www.studiebolig-odense.dk/?language=en>) is a collaboration of 7 student residence houses in Odense (<http://www.studiebolig-odense.dk/>) **Kollegieboligselskabet** (<http://en.kollegieboligselskabet.dk/>) also offer rooms at various student residence halls
- **Sønderborg**  
**Information on student housing in Sønderborg** (<http://www.kk.kollegie6400.dk/en/>)



## Housing websites and agencies:

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.

- [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.findhousingdenmark.com](http://www.findhousingdenmark.com)  
(<http://www.findhousingdenmark.com>) Information site about the housing market for tenants
- [www.kvikbolig.dk](https://kvikbolig.dk/?locale=en) (<https://kvikbolig.dk/?locale=en>)  
Kvikbolig is a website where you can easily browse rental properties in Denmark

### Pay-to-view

- [www.dba.dk](http://www.dba.dk) (<http://www.dba.dk>)  
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/>)  
Flats, shared apartments and rooms for rent: 50 euro/2 months
- [www.lejebolig.dk](http://en.lejebolig.dk/) (<http://en.lejebolig.dk/>)  
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