

# RESIDENCE LIFE STUDENT ACCOMMODATION

## COHABITATION GUIDELINES

### Section 1 - Purpose

- (1) These are the guidelines are for cohabitation in approved accommodation areas within the Residences of Charles Sturt University campuses.

#### SCOPE

- (2) This policy applies to students and guests of Charles Sturt University. Charles Sturt University recognises that it may be advantageous to students to cohabitate on campus whilst completing their studies. These guidelines describe how to apply for cohabitation within Charles Sturt University Residence Life approved accommodation areas.

### Section 2 - Glossary

- (3) The glossary section of the [Residential Agreement](#) defines most of the terms used in these cohabitation guidelines.

For the purpose of these guidelines, the following additional terms have the definitions stated:

- a. Cohabitation – You are living as a couple
- b. Post Graduate – means a person who has a degree from a university and is studying for a more advanced qualification, e.g. an award at graduate certificate, graduate diploma, master or doctoral level.

### Section 3 – Policy

- (4) These guidelines support the [Residential Agreement](#) and should be read alongside the agreement.

### Section 4 – Procedures

Nil

### Section 5 – Guidelines

(5) **PURPOSE**

Charles Sturt University recognises that it may be advantageous to students to cohabitate on campus whilst completing their studies. These guidelines describe how to apply for cohabitation within Charles Sturt University Residence Life approved accommodation areas.

(6) **ELIGIBILITY**

This scheme is open to students of Charles Sturt University enrolled in an Honours, Masters or Post Graduate programme. There is no requirement for both parties to be students of the University.

(7) **ACCOMMODATION**

Accommodation provided for cohabitation is within the following accommodation packages only:

- a) Narrambala Post Graduate, Orange Campus
- b) Hampden Place Post Graduate, Wagga Wagga Campus
- c) Explorer Village, Albury/Wodonga Campus

(8) **APPLICATION PROCEDURE**

Enrolled students to apply for the room via the Charles Sturt University [Accommodation Portal](#) as per general accommodation application procedure. Enrolled students to supply a Cohabitation Request via email directly to the Manager, Residence Life via [ask@csu.edu.au](mailto:ask@csu.edu.au) including the words 'Cohabitation Request' and the applicable campus in the subject heading.

(9) **COST**

Charges are as per the [Fee Schedule](#) for the entirety of the relevant occupancy period plus 25% for the second occupant.

(10) **PAYMENT**

Accommodation fees are charged to the designated occupant only (the 'contracted student'), and payment of the total fees is the sole responsibility of the contracted student as per the Residence Life Residential Agreement. The contracted student is responsible for making personal financial arrangements with the cohabiter. Payments are made online via the [Charles Sturt University Online Shop](#)

(11) **HOUSE RULES**

The contracted student is responsible for the behaviour of the cohabiter. All students, staff and external guests residing in Charles Sturt University Residences must abide by the [Charles Sturt University Student Misconduct Rule](#), the terms of the [Residential Agreement](#) and House Rules.

(12) **APPROVAL**

Applications are assessed on merit and the approval or rejection of cohabitation applications by the Manager Residence Life is final.

(13) **VACATION OF ROOM**

Should the contracted student vacate the cohabited room, a non-student cohabiter is required to also vacate. Should the contracted student vacate the cohabited room and the cohabiter is an enrolled student, the cohabiter may apply to the Manager, Residence Life to assume the position of the contracted student.

## Status and Details

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