

RESIDENCE LIFE STUDENT ACCOMMODATION

COHABITATION GUIDELINES

Section 1 - Purpose

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

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- (2) These guidelines apply 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 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. Postgraduate – 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.
- c. Undergraduate students will be considered under exceptional circumstances.

Section 3 – Document hierarchy

- (4) These guidelines support the [Residential Agreement](#) and should be read alongside the agreement. This document is made under the Facilities and [Premises Policy Part B](#) authority to establish and impose regulations for controlled areas.

Section 4 – Guidelines

- (5) **Purpose**
Charles Sturt University recognises that it may be advantageous for 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 at Charles Sturt University enrolled in an Honours, Masters or Postgraduate programme. There is no requirement for both parties to be students at the university.
- (7) **Accommodation**
Accommodation provided for cohabitation is within the following accommodation packages only:
- Narrambla (Post Graduate), Orange Campus
 - Hampden Apartment (Post Graduate), Wagga Wagga Campus
 - Explorer Village, Albury/Wodonga Campus
- (8) **Application procedure**
Enrolled students can apply for the room via the Charles Sturt University [Accommodation Portal](#) as per general accommodation application procedure. Enrolled students to send their Cohabitation Request via email directly to the Manager, Residence Life via 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 and is not an appealable decision.
- (13) **Access**
A Charles Sturt University associate identification card must be obtained by any non-student cohabitor to gain access to their room. Costs for the identification card are the responsibility of the cohabitor.
- (14) **Vacation of room**

Should the contracted student vacate the cohabited room, a non-student cohabiter is also required to 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.

(15) **Review**

The University reserves the right to review the decision to allow a cohabitation agreement and terminate the approval by providing reasonable notice of no less than seven days.

Status and Details

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