

# 101 ways to find accommodation

Most students at Linköping University need to make their own arrangements concerning housing. Students work at KOMBO to inform and advice all new students on how to find accommodation. Contact us for more information.

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Register with landlords and start looking for accommodation straight away. During the autumn term about 30% of the new students find housing with the student housing companies (corridor or student apartment). The other 70% rent a regular apartment or a rented room. There's a general shortage of small, affordable apartments in both Linköping and Norrköping, many therefore choose to share a larger apartment with other students.

## What to do first

### Register with the major housing companies

- Register with the major housing companies. You receive one queue-point for every day you're registered.

#### Linköping

Studentbostäder: [www.studentbostader.se](http://www.studentbostader.se)

ByggVesta: [www.byggvesta.se](http://www.byggvesta.se)

Stångastaden: [www.stangastaden.se](http://www.stangastaden.se)

#### Norrköping

StudentBo: [www.studentbo.se](http://www.studentbo.se)

Hyresbostäder: [www.hyresbostader.se](http://www.hyresbostader.se)

- If a Swedish personal identity number ("personnummer") is required when you register on the web, please contact the landlord by phone or e-mail for help to register without identity number.
- Log on to the landlord's website regularly to keep your queue points. You will not be offered accommodation automatically – you need to apply actively.

### Find other housing companies

- At [www.bostad.karservice.se](http://www.bostad.karservice.se) you will find more information about housing companies.
- You need to register with these companies but they have no queue, they choose tenants from all applicants.

### KOMBO [www.bostad.karservice.se](http://www.bostad.karservice.se) - services:

- Here you will find ads for rented rooms, sublet apartments and shared accommodation. **OBS! We'll change the website in May and won't accept new students into the old system. We'll contact landlords in July to gather more ads. Please register and upload proof of admission to be able to see the ads. The website address will be the same.**
- Most of the time, but not always, the accommodations are furnished, and the rent includes electricity and internet. Read the offer carefully and contact the landlord if anything is unclear.
- These landlords may only have one room or apartment. Be polite, make a good impression and keep your appointments to increase your chances of getting accommodation.
- Contact KOMBO via email [bostad@karservice.se](mailto:bostad@karservice.se) if you have any problems.

## More ways to find landlords and accommodation

- KOMBO: [www.bostad.karservice.se](http://www.bostad.karservice.se)

- LiU's Notice Board: <https://www.student.liu.se/studenttjanster/anslagstavlan?l=en>
- Blocket (a big Swedish buy/sell site): [www.blocket.se](http://www.blocket.se)
- Tip: use Google Translate if the page is in Swedish.

## Sharing an apartment

- Sharing is cheap, fun and practical. Apply for larger apartments as well as small ones!
- Use the services at [www.botillsammans.nu](http://www.botillsammans.nu) to search for others who want to share an apartment.

## Commuting is a good alternative

- Mjölby, Mantorp, Vikingstad and Boxholm are examples of towns/communities close to Linköping.
- Housing companies: [www.bostad.karservice.se](http://www.bostad.karservice.se) (select Housing Applicants/Housing)
- Bus/train timetables: [www.ostgotatrafiken.se](http://www.ostgotatrafiken.se)
- "Campusbussen" – free shuttle bus between campuses in Linköping and Norrköping: [www.liu.se/campusbussen](http://www.liu.se/campusbussen), requires a LiU-card (which you will receive once you are a student at Linköping University) .

## Temporary accommodation

- Hostels: [www.bostad.karservice.se](http://www.bostad.karservice.se) (Temporary accommodation)
- Emergency Accommodation – sleeping places (in the form of air mattresses in a shared apartment) are arranged at the beginning of the autumn term. This is a very basic temporary accommodation. No Emergency Accommodation is arranged in the beginning of the spring term.

## Scams

- Please be aware that there are scammers actively trying to take advantage of the housing situation, especially at the beginning of the autumn term. More information on how to recognise scams at the KOMBO webpage
- You are always welcome to contact KOMBO for an evaluation of any offer you receive.

## General advice

- Ask the landlord if furniture, electricity and internet are included in your offer.
- Be prepared to accept temporary accommodation, at least for a couple of months.
- Don't despair if you haven't found permanent accommodation when you depart. It's still possible to find housing when in Linköping/Norrköping, but your options will be more limited. We do recommend that you organise temporary accommodation before your departure by booking a room at a hostel or hotel.
- If you rent a room, remember that you are living in the landlord's home, it is important to communicate properly and to respect each other.
- Please contact KOMBO if you have any problems with your landlord or questions about an offer for accommodation, the Swedish rental law, concerns regarding your living environment, contracts, landlords or housing companies.

Wishing you all the best!

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