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Accommodation Options for International Students in Canada

Depending on your budget, expectations, and other circumstances, Canada’s schools can supply or connect you to a variety of both on and off-campus accommodation options.

If you are an international student, the first place to start looking for accommodation is the international students’ office or website of the college or university you are attending.

Main Types of Accommodation

Standard accommodation for international students falls into one of four typical options.

1. Student Residence – Dormitories & Townhouses

Some schools provide student residence on-campus or nearby the campus. Dormitories are usually larger buildings housing many students, while townhouses are detached, housing usually three to six students.

Dormitories have common areas for entertainment, cooking, and exercise, as well as shared bathrooms and shower facilities. These dormitories sleep one or more person per room, and are managed directly by the school. Dormitories are often a suggested housing choice for first-year college and university students.

Townhouses usually contain three to six bedrooms with single occupancy rooms (no roommates) and a main floor containing kitchen and living room area. This style of accommodation is usually reserved for second – fourth-year university students and graduate students.

In both cases, these styles of accommodation may include a nearby cafeteria or food court where you can eat daily or are situated in close proximity to eating establishments on or off-campus. Both options might include utilities such as heat, hot water, and the internet, or offer them at a reduced fee.

2. Condominium

Condominiums provide students with a single room, in a living space with one or more other rooms for other students. Like townhomes (above) they most often contain a single occupancy bedroom or living space and have a shared kitchen, bathroom, dining, and living room area. Important: not all schools in Canada can assist in finding you off-campus housing. In these cases, schools may refer you to one or more agencies or expect you to do your own research and connect with the services in the surrounding community.

Rental costs for off-campus housing vary dramatically, especially in the larger cities of Vancouver, Toronto, and Montreal.

3. Host Family/Homestay

Living with a host family can provide you with a sense of home and security as you start your new life in Canada. Host families normally provide a private, single-occupancy room, and serve one – three meals per day and internet access.

A host family can also answer questions about the city, introduce you to Canadian culture and customs and share mealtimes with you. Room-only options (without meals) may be possible. Students living in homestay accommodation should expect to travel 30 – 50 minutes by bus or train in order to reach the school. This is a normal commute time in Canada.

4. Furnished or Unfurnished Apartment Rentals

There are many secure ways to find a temporary furnished apartment rental before your arrival in Canada by using websites such as Airbnb, Craigslist, HouseTrip or Wimdu. These apartments are normally furnished, private rentals. Be sure to read the reviews of each rental and check the feedback from other guests who have previously stayed there.

Renting an unfurnished apartment is also possible, but difficult to navigate for first-time international students to Canada.

Questions

****Questions 1– 4** Choose ****NOT MORE THAN THREE WORDS**** from the passage for each answer. Write your answers in the box given below the table**

Type of room	Features	Accommodation Type
(1) _____	Kitchen and living room area in the main floor	Townhouses
(2) _____	One - three meals per day and internet access	Host Family/Homestay
Single room	Shared kitchen, bathroom, dining, and living room area	_____ (3)
One or more person per room	Common areas for entertainment, cooking, and exercise, as well as shared bathrooms and shower facilities	_____ (4)

Q.1

Q.2 _____

Q.3 _____

Q.4

Questions

****Questions 5- 10**** Choose ****NOT MORE THAN THREE WORDS**** from the passage for each answer. Write your answers in the blank given below.

Q.5 International students’ office or website of the college or university are the first places to look for accommodation if you are_____.

Q.6 Canada’s schools can either supply or connect international students to a variety of_____.

Q.7 The rental of off-campus housing in larger cities such as Vancouver, Toronto, etc. may _____.

Q.8 Students looking for a sense of home and security in Canada can opt for a _____.

Q.9 Typically, a student staying in a homestay in Canada would take about _____ to travel to school.

Q.10 Websites such as Airbnb, Craigslist or Wimdu can be used to look for a _____.

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