**Homestay Host FAQ:**

Thank you for your interest in becoming a Homestay Host! Below are some common questions we receive to help you navigate through this process.

* **What is the application process like?**

1. The first step is filling out our application form.
2. You will be requested to provide pictures of your house.
3. Upon review, you will need to get a Criminal Record Check (including a vulnerable sector check) for all people over the age of 18 residing in the household.
4. Once approved, we will schedule an in-home meeting to view the room, living arrangements and to answer any further questions you may have.
5. Wait for your first placement with a homestay student.

* **How much does it pay?**

Please contact AIEC for further information regarding compensation.

* **Are there any fees associated with becoming a host?**

There are no fees to apply to become a homestay host, but you will be required to pay for the Criminal Record and vulnerable sector check(s).

* **What are the hosting requirements?**

Students must be provided with their own bedroom containing a dresser, desk and chair. They must also have access to a shared bathroom (unless additional option of a separate bathroom is selected). Hosts are required to provide breakfast and a hot dinner).

If you are renting a property, we recommend that you check your rental agreement and secure your landlord’s permission, if required.

We also recommend that you check that your home insurance policy covers accommodating short-term guests within your home.

* **What is the average length of a homestay student?**

Lengths of student visits vary but are typically in the range of 4-24 weeks. Pick ups typically take place on Saturdays.

* **What is the company’s homestay history?**

AIEC have supported thousands of students spanning over 2 decades of experience in the Lower Mainland.

* **What are the tax implications of becoming a homestay host?**

Hosts are responsible for managing their own tax affairs. We are unable to provide tax advice.