

PROCEDURE

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Purpose

This procedure is Confederation College’s principles and commitments to providing affordable accommodation to its student body, and related supports.

Scope

This procedure applies to all students accessing housing services provided directly or through partnerships with Confederation College, including on-campus and off-campus housing resources.

Governing Laws and Regulations

Ministry of Colleges and Universities (MCU) - [Minister’s Binding Policy Directives](#)

Procedure Statements

1. Principles/Commitments to Student Housing

- 1.1. Confederation College is committed to providing affordable housing for students.
- 1.2. Information on how to apply for on-campus student housing, corresponding fees, student residence agreement and residence community living standards

are made available on Confederation Residence website (<https://www.confederationresidence.ca>)

- 1.3. Confederation Residence offers a variety of on-campus housing options in line with Confederation College's student housing needs.
 - 1.3.1. Single occupancy rooms with ensuite washrooms;
 - 1.3.2. Single occupancy rooms with shared community washrooms;
 - 1.3.3. Double occupancy rooms with ensuite washrooms;
 - 1.3.4. Double occupancy rooms with shared community washrooms; and
 - 1.3.5. Shared apartments with ensuite facilities.
- 1.4. Confederation Residence is committed to meeting the diverse housing needs of both domestic and international students by offering:
 - 1.4.1. Barrier-free units to ensure accessibility for all residents;
 - 1.4.2. Female-only floor for those seeking gender-specific accommodations; and
 - 1.4.3. Single-gender and co-ed apartment options to suit varying preferences and requirements.
- 1.5. Confederation Residence provides student housing at affordable rates including flexible payment options.

2. Institutional Infrastructure

- 2.1. Confederation Residence provides resources to students that support academic success, personal growth and community engagement.
 - 2.1.1. Full-time, on-site residence coordinator; and
 - 2.1.2. Full-time on-call support from resident advisors.
- 2.2. Confederation Residence website (<https://www.confederationresidence.ca>) is available as a dedicated resource that provides information, resources and contact information for students.

3. Off-campus Housing Resources and Support

- 3.1. The International Education Centre at Confederation College conducts a series of pre-arrival webinars for international students joining the college for the first time. One is entitled "Finding Accommodation in Thunder Bay" and includes content on:
 - Rental accommodation options, on and off campus (& locations to avoid)
 - Things to consider when choosing a location (proximity to bus stops, the college, grocery stores, etc.);
 - Responsibilities of landlords and tenants, and considerations when signing a lease; and
 - Cautions related to housing scams and who to contact with doubts or concerns.

- 3.2. Confederation College also has a dedicated webpage on all accommodation options for international students.
<https://www.confederationcollege.ca/department/international-education/accommodations>
- 3.2.1 It also provides an Off-Campus Housing guide
https://www.confederationcollege.ca/sites/default/files/uploads/basic-page/off-campus_housing_guide_2021_0.pdf
- 3.2.2 Confederation Residence also maintains an off-campus housing database to assist students who need off-campus housing.
- 3.2.3 Confederation College has partnered with Spaces Shared which matches students looking for safe and affordable housing with hosts who have spare bedrooms. <https://www.spacesshared.ca/home>
- 3.3. As a part of the International Student Survey for 1st semester students, which is conducted for every intake, the College solicits feedback regarding accommodation. Feedback covers a range of related topics including affordability, safety and security, landlord/tenant relationships and proximity/access to the school and public transit. We then follow up on any concerns identified.
- 3.4. The Public Safety office at Confederation College has full-time security personnel providing support to all students on campus and within our residence buildings.
- 3.5. Confederation Residence provides short-term housing for new international students arriving on campus. This is subsidized by the College for up to four nights' accommodation.

4. Additional Supports and Services

- 4.1. Flexible and affordable meal plans are available for students living in campus residences through Sodexo.
- 4.2. Confederation Residence provides students with access to full kitchens, kitchenettes and laundry facilities within the residence building.

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