Advice Place Guide to:
SEARCHING FOR ACCOMMODATION

The Advice Place is an independent, unbiased service so we cannot recommend any individual letting agency. However we know that many students use the websites below to search for accommodation.

University Accommodation Services
Catered and self-catered single and group options for both undergraduates and postgraduates including privately owned flats. accom.ed.ac.uk.

Edinburgh Student Pad
Listings of private properties to rent as well as single rooms. Also has a message board facility to help you look for flatmates. edinburghstudentpad.co.uk.

ESPC Local Property Listings
Search for accommodation using refined searches specifying areas and districts around Edinburgh. espc.com.

EasyRoommate
Flatshare and houseshare website. Listings for rooms available in shared houses around Edinburgh. You can refine your search by location. uk.easyroommate.com.

Lettingweb
Search for properties, rooms and agents, and advertise for flatmates via this site. lettingweb.com.

Scotsman Property
Properties and rooms for rent around Edinburgh. scotsman.com/property.

Citylets
Search for flats including student accommodation. citylets.co.uk.

Gumtree
Classifieds website for loads of things, from flatshares to fridges. A lot of student flatshares are posted on here, but exercise caution with these ads as they’re unregulated. gumtree.com/edinburgh.

Kangaroo
Search engine for flat shares and rooms to rent in the UK. This is an aggregator site where listings are pulled from other unregulated sites like Gumtree. Exercise caution when responding to ads. kangaroo.net.

SpareRoom
Flat and houseshare search website where you can post a personal ad searching for people to ‘buddy up’ with, or browse the adverts for spare rooms. spareroom.co.uk.

Facebook
Lots of people post adverts for flatmates in Facebook groups too.
- Edinburgh Flat Share
- Edinburgh Housing, Room and Flat Share
- Edinburgh To Let
- EdinRoom
- UOE Housing (you will need an ed.ac.uk email address to access this group)
- The University of Edinburgh Student Flat Ads

Noticeboard — Students can advertise spare rooms on our noticeboards in the KB and Potterrow offices. Visit one of our offices or contact us to find out more.

If you would like this in an alternative format such as large text, please ask a member of Advice Place staff.

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PURPOSE-BUILT STUDENT ACCOMMODATION

In recent years, increasing numbers of students have found accommodation in privately-managed, purpose-built student accommodation blocks. We are not in a position to recommend any specific provider but we know that many students find this kind of accommodation on their webpages. Depending on occupancy rates in September, some of these providers may be willing to provide shorter term tenancies. Please contact each provider directly to check.

Rental prices in purpose-built student accommodation can be more expensive than other forms of accommodation.

**Collegiate AC**
Provides studio apartments and rooms in shared flats in purpose-built student accommodation blocks across two different sites in Leith. This provider can, subject to availability, offer shorter length tenancies. collegiate-ac.com/uk-student-accommodation/edinburgh.

**Fresh Student Living**
This provider offers rooms in shared flats in a block located on South College Street (close to George Square). freshstudentliving.co.uk/location/edinburgh.

**Unite Student Accommodation**
Offers studio accommodation and rooms in shared flats to students across five different sites. This provider can, subject to availability, offer tenancies of a variety of lengths. unite-students.com/edinburgh.

**iQ Student Accommodation**
Offers accommodation studio apartments, one-bedroom flats and shared flats. This provider mainly offers longer-term lets. But call directly to check if any shorter-term tenancies are available. iqstudentaccommodation.com/student-accommodation/edinburgh.

**The Student Housing Company**
Provides student accommodation across a variety of locations around Edinburgh. Contact this provider directly to check on tenancy lengths available. thestudenthousingcompany.com/locations/edinburgh/canal-point/

**Ziggurat Student Living**
Provides en-suite rooms and studio apartments in purpose-built student blocks in Leith and the Old Town. This provider can, subject to availability, offer shorter length tenancies. zigguratstudents.com/edinburgh-student-accommodation.

**Mansion Student Accommodation**
Provides purpose-built studios and rooms in shared flats in various locations across the city, including Fountainbridge and Cannonmills. This provider can, subject to availability, offer shorter length tenancies. mansionstudent.co.uk/location/edinburgh-student-accommodation.

**CRM Student Accommodation**
Offers purpose-built student accommodation in a number of different locations. This provider can, subject to availability, offer shorter length tenancies. crm-students.com/crm-accommodation/edinburgh.

**Student Castle**
This provider offers private studios complete with en-suite, private living space and kitchenette. They are located at Causewayside in Newington. studentcastle.co.uk/locations/edinburgh-student-accommodation/

**SCAMS**
Do not, under any circumstances, send money to anyone for accommodation prior to

- **Viewing the property**
- **Verifying that the person is the actual landlord or a representative of the landlord (such as letting agent)**
- **Seeing the tenancy agreement**

You should be very suspicious of anyone asking you to send money via a payment service like Western Union, Bidpay or Money Gram. If you feel unsure about anything, contact the Advice Place before handing over any money.

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