

There are various private accommodation options in and around Perth. The below list of agents will help you start your search.

Online Search Agents

Zoopla: <https://www.zoopla.co.uk/to-rent/>

Right Move: <https://www.rightmove.co.uk/property-to-rent.html>

Prime Location: <https://www.primelocation.com/to-rent/>

Open Rent: <https://www.openrent.co.uk/>

Spot Rental: <https://spotrental.co.uk/>

Local Letting Agents

Aberdein Considine: <https://www.acandco.com/offices/detail/perth>

A&S Properties: <https://www.asproperty.co.uk/properties-to-let-perthshire>

Belvoir Lettings: <https://www.belvoir.co.uk/perth-estate-agents/properties/for-rent/>

Clyde Property: <https://www.clydeproperty.co.uk/tenants/>

Fentons Property: <https://www.fentonlets.co.uk/>

Galbraith Group: <https://www.galbraithgroup.com/find-a-property/>

MKB Lettings: <https://mkblettings.com/>

Next Home: <https://www.nexthomeonline.co.uk/lettings/>

Premier Properties: <https://premierpropertiesperth.co.uk/rent-2/>

Simple Approach: <https://www.simpleapproachea.co.uk/>

Local Dedicated Student Accommodation (not affiliated with UHI Perth)

Dunkeld Road and Edinburgh Road, Perth: <https://studentaccommodationperth.co.uk/>

Share a Flat or House

Spare Room is a website where property owners list individual rooms for rent, usually within flat or house share situations with live-in owners: <https://www.spareroom.co.uk/>

*Please note: none of the above agents or properties are inspected or vetted by UHI Perth.
We cannot accept responsibility for any properties let through these agents.*

Types of Private Accommodation

Flats or houses are generally rented to tenants by the homeowner (the landlord) or through a letting agent. You may also occasionally see a homeowner renting out a spare room in their property, where the homeowner will live in the same property.

Things to Consider

Location – how close is the flat/house to campus and local amenities (e.g. shops, cafes, cinema)?

Public Transport – what are the public transport options nearby (e.g. bus, train)?

Budget – what is your budget? Remember to factor in energy charges, internet, contents insurance, TV licence (if required), council tax charges for any non-students in the property.

Future Plans – how long do you plan to live there?

Rent

Rent varies depending on the location, size, and condition of a property. Most landlords will usually ask you to pay a deposit and one month's rent in advance. International students may be asked to pay up to 6 months' rent in advance. Remember you'll also need to think about the cost of gas and electricity charges, contents insurance for your belongings, and you may also want to pay for internet access and a TV licence. Full-time students are usually exempt from paying council tax, you can find out more on the Perth and Kinross Council website here:

<https://www.pkc.gov.uk/article/21602/Students-recent-school-or-college-leavers-apprentices-and-youth-trainees> If you live in a property with other people who are not students, you may be entitled to a council tax reduction instead.

Guarantors

You might be asked to provide details of a guarantor. A guarantor is someone who agrees to pay your rent (up to the full amount for the agreed contract term) if for any reason you cannot. A guarantor can be a parent/guardian, family member, partner etc so long as they understand they are financially liable for the full year's rent and any other costs that might be incurred, such as damage to the accommodation while you are living there. Agreeing to be a guarantor is a binding legal commitment. International students or others who do not have a UK guarantor may be asked to pay more rent in advance.

Tips for Searching for Accommodation

You can find information and tips on staying safe when searching for accommodation at:

<https://blog.spareroom.co.uk/tag/staying-safe/>

https://scotland.shelter.org.uk/housing_advice/housing_options/students