

We know moving into student accommodation can be a big change and for many it's their first time living independently. To help you decide what you need for a comfortable stay, please see the lists below for an idea of what you should pack and what you should leave at home.

Remember, you will need to arrange your own contents insurance to protect your personal belongings from any damage or loss while living in the accommodation. It's worth checking if your current home insurance policy (or your family's) might cover you for items outwith the home as a student. UHI Perth cannot accept responsibility for your personal belongings.

### What does UHI Perth supply in the Student Accommodation?

#### Communal Shared Areas:

- Kitchen – the shared kitchen in each flat/house is equipped with a kettle, toaster, oven, hob, microwave, fridge, and freezer.
- Living/Dining area – the shared living/dining spaces includes a dining table with chairs, as well as a combination of sofas and chairs to seat all occupants of the flat/house.
- We also provide an iron, ironing board, vacuum cleaner, dustpan, and sweeping brush in each flat/house.

#### Bedroom:

- Single rooms have one standard size single bed, while twin rooms have two standard size single beds.
- A mattress and mattress protector are provided.
- A desk and chair are provided for each student for studying.
- A wardrobe is provided for each student for storage.
- Electrical points for you to use.
- Notice boards for displaying photos, posters, and more. Ideally you should only attach posters/photos etc to the notice boards, but you can also use specialised 'Command Strips' to carefully display items on the walls if you run out of space. These can be purchased from most hardware stores and many supermarkets.

#### Bathroom:

- If you are in a single room in the Halls of Residence you will have your own en-suite shower room with shower, wash hand basin, and WC.
- Twin rooms share an en-suite shower room with shower, wash hand basin, and WC.
- In the Accommodation Houses, the three occupants of each house will share a bathroom with shower and bath, wash hand basin, and WC.
- A shower curtain and toilet brush are provided.

## What should I pack?

### Essentials:

- Pillows and duvet
- Bedding – sheets, pillowcases, duvet cover, blanket.
- Bath towels and hand towels
- Kitchenware – plates, bowls, cutlery, cups, glasses, pots, pans, baking trays, oven gloves, tongs, cooking spoons, sharp knife, veg peeler, grater, scissors, can opener, cutting board, storage containers, measuring jug, sieve/colander, tea towels.
- Toiletries – soap, shower gel, shampoo/conditioner, hairbrush/comb, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrush, skincare products.
- Cleaning supplies – washing up liquid, surface spray, toilet cleaner, bin bags.
- Toilet paper
- Kitchen towel
- Laundry detergent
- Clothes hangers
- Chargers for phones/laptops/tablets and any batteries you might need.
- Adapter plugs if you are coming from abroad.
- Important documents you may need (e.g. ID documents, passport, insurance).
- Notebooks/paper, pens, or pencils.
- Clothes and shoes (remember to pack for all weathers!)
- Medicines/medications, finger plasters, or a basic first aid kit.
- Food – we recommend bringing a few basics, so your first few days are comfortable. Before doing a big grocery shop you will want to see what kitchen storage spaces are available and meet your new flatmates/housemates.

### Non-Essentials:

- Hair dryer and hair styling tools
- Laptop, tablet, or computer.
- Printer
- Ethernet cable
- Games console
- CD player or Bluetooth speaker
- Books, DVDs, games, boardgames.
- Photos, cushions, trinkets, and decorations to make you feel at home.
- Toastie maker, coffee machine, air fryer, slow cooker, or rice cooker (all cooking appliances must be kept in the kitchen and are not permitted in student bedrooms).
- Bicycle and lock/chain to secure it in our bicycle shed.

### Restricted Items – Do Not Bring

**To make sure everyone in the Student Accommodation stays safe do not bring:**

- Candles or incense (birthday candles for cakes are fine during celebrations)
- Oil or gas heaters
- Deep fat fryers
- Pins, tacks, and Blu Tac will cause damage to the walls which you may be charged to repair. Instead use the notice boards provided in the rooms or bring specialised 'Command Strips' which are easily removed if you follow the instructions.
- Additional furniture – not permitted unless you get prior permission from the Residences Manager.
- Pets (only service animals are allowed – with prior arrangement)
- Weapons (real or replica)
- Illegal substances

### Useful to know:

- If you're bringing any electrical equipment, please do a visual inspection of the item, including the cable and plug, to make sure it is free from damage or deterioration. Any electrical items showing signs of damage or deterioration should not be used.
- There is strictly no smoking or vaping permitted anywhere in the accommodation buildings (including on balconies). Designated smoking shelters are available.

### Cleaning

When it comes to cleaning, remember you and your flatmates/housemates are jointly responsible for keeping all communal areas clean and tidy. There will be regular room inspections to monitor living conditions and a wee prize for the cleanest flat/house each time! You are responsible for cleaning your own bedroom and any connected en-suite.

### Internet

You'll be given full details of the ICT services on campus when your course starts. Internet access in the Student Accommodation is via the College's Eduroam network and is free.

To find out more visit: <https://www.uhi.ac.uk/en/lis/service-catalogue/wifi/>

### TV Licence

You will need a TV licence to watch, record, or download any **live** TV programmes from TV channels, paid TV subscription services, or streaming services. If you watch or download catch-up content on BBC iPlayer, you also need a TV licence. But if you will only be watching on demand or catch-up content on other streaming services (e.g. Netflix, Amazon Prime, Disney Plus) then you do not need to purchase your own TV licence. To find out more visit:

<https://www.tvlicensing.co.uk/check-if-you-need-one/for-your-home/students-aud1>

### Where can I buy food and other essentials?

There is a range of shops nearby where you can pick up anything you have forgotten or later decide you really need. Click on the store name below to visit the store's website to find out opening times and services available at each store. Google Maps directions from campus are also linked below.

#### Supermarkets:

- **Tesco Extra** – [Crieff Rd, Perth, PH1 2NR \(Google Maps\)](#)
- **Asda Superstore** – [89 Dunkeld Road, Perth, PH1 5AP \(Google Maps\)](#)
- **Co-Op Food** – [191-201 Rannoch Road, Perth, PH1 2DP \(Google Maps\)](#)
- **Farmfoods** – [78 Crieff Rd, Perth, PH1 2RP \(Google Maps\)](#)
- **Aldi** – [21 Glasgow Road, Perth, PH2 0NZ \(Google Maps\)](#)
- **Lidl** – [Riggs Road, Perth, PH1 1PR \(Google Maps\)](#)
- **Morrisons** – [Caledonian Road, Perth, PH1 5XD \(Google Maps\)](#)

#### Chinese Supermarket:

The nearest Chinese supermarket is located in the neighbouring city of Dundee.

- **Matthews Foods 萬富行** – [15 Gellatly Street, Dundee, DD1 3DY \(Google Maps\)](#)

#### Bedding, kitchenware, and homeware can be found at:

- **Dunelm** – [Unit 6, St Catherine's Retail Park, Perth PH1 5XA \(Google Maps\)](#)
- **Homesense** – [Unit 8C, St Catherine's Retail Park, Perth, PH1 5XA \(Google Maps\)](#)
- **The Range** – [St Catherine's Retail Park, Perth, PH1 5XA \(Google Maps\)](#)
- **B&M** - [Units 1-2, St Catherine's Retail Park, Perth, PH1 5XD \(Google Maps\)](#)
- **Home Bargains** - [St Catherine's Retail Park, Perth, PH1 5XA \(Google Maps\)](#)

### Parking

Free parking is available on campus if you wish to bring your car. Please park in marked bays only and make sure you're within the white lines to avoid any parking fines. Reserved bays are for students/staff with special arrangements only. Our main car park is open 24/7 and is accessed via the Crieff Road main entrance and Goodlyburn entrance. The rear car park is open 8am-7pm and is accessed via Appin Terrace only.

### Bicycle Sheds

There are bicycle sheds on campus, and some are secure. Our Residences Team have keys to access secure areas. Like other personal belongings, please make sure your bicycle is covered under your personal contents insurance policy as UHI Perth cannot accept responsibility for bicycles or any other items stored in campus bike sheds.

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### Further Information

You can check out our [Frequently Asked Questions page](#) on our website or email us at [residences.perth@uhi.ac.uk](mailto:residences.perth@uhi.ac.uk) if you have any questions.

### Campus Maps

