

Accommodation Services

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Te Whare Wānanga o Waikato

Contingency Deposit and Administration Fee

If you are offered a place a contingency deposit / administration fee of \$600.00 must be paid to secure your place. The due date for acceptance will be on the offer letter you are sent. The contingency deposit is not a down-payment towards the cost of accommodation for the year but a form of security to ensure that the residents leave their rooms and the Hall in a satisfactory condition at the end of their residency.

Entry Fees	Amount (\$)	Refundable	Refund Eligibility
Contingency Deposit	\$400.00	Y	*Fully refunded if you cancel in writing before 27 January 2026 conditions apply
Administration Fee	\$200.00	N	Non-Refundable
Total Payable	\$600.00		Payable with Acceptance of Offer

***Conditions of refund eligibility**

NZ Student

- Students need to cancel in writing (via email) by 27 January 2026 to receive a refund of their bond (\$400.00)
- If a student accepts a late offer after 27 January 2026 and subsequently cancels after this date, will not receive refund of their contingency deposit.

International Student

*A refund will only be issued to an international student who cancels by 27 January 2026 and DOES NOT enrol at the University of Waikato.

*No refund will be issued to an international student who cancels at any time but comes to New Zealand and enrolls at the University of Waikato. Refunds will not be processed until early March once the Academic year has started and we can confirm that you did not enrol at the University of Waikato in 2026.

The contingency deposit is held for the duration of the year and is only refundable if you have remained in the Hall for the entire academic year or for a specified period as agreed to with the Accommodation Services Office (ASO). The contingency deposit is refunded at the end of the academic year less:

Hall Charges

- Hall charges are the replacement cost of any missing items and the cost of repair for any damages to communal areas of the Hall that cannot be attributed to a particular resident or group of residents. The cost of replacement or repair is attributed equally to all those residents living in the Hall at the time the loss or damage was reported.

Any outstanding personal charges, which may include:

- Charges for unreturned keys and any necessary rekeying costs
- The replacement cost of any items missing from a resident's room
- The cost of repair for any damage to a resident's room
- Any items removed or damaged by the guest of a resident
- The cost of special cleaning
- Any outstanding fines
- Any outstanding accommodation

The contingency deposit will not be refunded prior to departure from the Hall and is not available in cash. Refunds will take at least four weeks to process from the end of the academic year.

Resident's Contract

When you accept your contract online you are signing a legal document stating that you fully understand and agree to be bound by the terms and conditions.

You should understand that it is very unusual for a resident to be released from their Resident's Contract. There must be specific and compelling reasons before an application to terminate residency is made. Please refer to the Halls Contract for more details.

Students who are not formally released from their Resident's Contract will still be liable for full payment of accommodation fees for the term of their contract, whether they are in residence or have moved out. Financial penalties for non-payment of accommodation fees will be applied, and unpaid debts will be referred to the University's debt collection agency. Other University sanctions may be applied (See the "Penalties for Non- Payment" section in the "Regulations Governing Payment of Fees and Charges" in The University of Waikato Calendar).

If you are enrolling for Trimester A in the Certificate of University Preparation (CUP) programme, you will be required to sign a Resident's Contract and stay in the Halls of Residence for the academic year, on the assumption that you will be enrolling at the University for Trimester B. If at the end of the CUP programme you choose not to enrol for the Trimester B, your contract will be deemed to expire at the end of the Trimester A. The contingency deposit will be refunded, providing you advise us before 24 June 2023 of your decision not to return. Any student who advises us after this date will not receive a refund of their deposit.

If you enrol for the Trimester A only and then choose to re-enrol at the University for the Trimester B, you will be required to continue in residence for the Trimester B.

If you think that for any reason you may not be attending the University of Waikato or may change your mind about wanting to live in a Halls of Residence, do not sign the Resident's Contract. Put your name on the Hall Waiting List. We will not be able to guarantee you a place, but we will do our best to accommodate you should you decide to attend the University of Waikato and live in the Halls.