

Accommodation Costs and Payment Options for 2026 Academic Year – Self Catered

Please read carefully

***Term of Contract – Academic Year (37 Weeks)**
Move in day – Saturday 21 February 2026

As part of accepting your contract and paying the required contingency deposit / administration fee (\$600.00), you are agreeing that you have read, understand, and agree to the University of Waikato Halls Accommodation Costs and Payment Options for 2026 below.

Once you have accepted the contract, you will be sent a Payment Agreement. You are required to:

- Log into the Accommodation Portal
- Select one of the three payment options available
- Enter your bank account details for your direct debit payments
- **Pay the required Move in Costs by 27 January 2026.** Whichever option you select, the overall total is the same.

Option 1 - Payment in Full

You can choose to pay the annual cost at the start of your stay.

Option 2 - Weekly Direct Debits

Pay five weeks rent before you move in, followed by 32 weekly payments. All weekly payments are made by direct debit. The weekly payments will be debited from your chosen account every Thursday starting on 26 March 2026 and ending on 29 October 2026.

Option 3 - Instalments Paid Monthly

Pay approx. 6 weeks rent up front followed by 7 instalments. The instalments can be paid by direct debit or credit card. The monthly instalments are due: 2 April, 4 May, 2 June, 2 July, 3 August, 2 September, and 2 October 2026.

Activity Fee - \$200.00 – Compulsory (included in move in costs quoted below)

All Hall residents pay a compulsory \$200.00 Activity fee. This money is used to support social, sporting, and cultural events in the Hall. A portion of this money is also used for the purchasing of resident-based equipment.

*Early Arrival

If you move in earlier than the contract date above, then you will be required to pay for the additional nights prior to moving into the Halls.

Departure

Unless you are booked and confirmed to live on campus during summer 2026/2027, residents are required to vacate their room within **24 hours** of their final end of year exam or assignment and / or by **7 November 2026** whichever comes first.

Linen (optional)

A bed, mattress and mattress protector are provided in all Halls bedrooms. Students can either:

1. Purchase a king single linen pack to keep for \$160.00 (pillow, sheet set, duvet inner and cover, towels, and bathmat) OR
2. Bring your own king single bedding and towels

Washing machines, dryers and ironing facilities are available at each Hall.

Contract

The contract is between you and the Accommodation Services Office and that if you fail to make a payment by the agreed date, or fail to make arrangements to pay with the Accommodation Services Office, you may be charged 10% penalty on your total outstanding fees and that if you fall into arrears, your Resident's Contract may be terminated. All contact will initially be by email and followed up with a phone call. Should you fail to keep to the arrangement made for payment of accommodation fees, you authorise us to contact your parent(s)/guardian(s) to inform them of the situation and/or obtain payment.

If you move out of the Hall with outstanding accommodation, you will not be able to re-enrol at the University of Waikato or have your academic records released for you to transfer to another University. The debt may be referred to the University of Waikato's debt collection agency. Any cost incurred in the recovery of the debt will be added to your account.

Student Loan/ Allowances (NZ Students only)

You will not receive your student loan/allowance until you have started your course therefore you will need to cover the move in costs yourself.

University Scholarships

Many University Scholarships can be credited towards Halls of Residence accommodation. If this is you, then you are required to follow the instructions on the Scholarship offer email by the due date to assign your scholarship to your accommodation.

Scholarship valued at \$5000.00 or more can be used towards the Move in Costs, however it is recommended that you pay the move in costs yourself as this will reduce the amount you are required to pay each week/month. If you want to use a scholarship to cover Move in Costs, you need to contact the Accommodation Office by 27 January 2026 to have this approved.

Example

Weekly \$12891.00 - \$1915.00 (move in Costs) = \$10976.00 - \$5000 (Scholarship) = \$5976.00 divided by 32 weekly payments = \$186.75

Monthly \$12891.00 - \$2258.00 (move in costs) = \$10633.00 - \$5000 (Scholarship) = \$5633.00 divided by 7 monthly payments = \$804.71

The following tables outlines the payment dates and amounts

Selwyn Street Studios

	FULL	WEEKLY		MONTHLY	
	Full Payment due by 27/01/26 (Rent & Activity Fee)	Move in Costs due by 27/01/26 (Rent & Activity Fee)	32 Payments Start: 26/03/26 End: 29/10/26	Move in Costs due by 27/01/26 (Rent & Activity Fee)	7 Instalments Start: 02/04/26 End: 02/10/26
No Scholarship	\$12891.00	\$1915.00	\$343.00	\$2258.00	\$1519.00
\$11,000 Scholarship	\$1891.00	-	-	-	-
\$10,000 Scholarship	\$2891.00	\$1915.00	\$30.50	\$2258.00	\$90.43
\$8,000 Scholarship	\$4891.00	\$1915.00	\$93.00	\$2258.00	\$376.14
\$7,000 Scholarship	\$5891.00	\$1915.00	\$124.25	\$2258.00	\$519.00
\$5,000 Scholarship	\$7891.00	\$1915.00	\$186.75	\$2258.00	\$804.71

Durham Mews (not available to school leavers)

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	\$11152.00	\$1680.00	\$296.00	\$1975.00	\$1311.00