

PRIORITY CATEGORIES FOR PLACES IN UNIVERSITY OPERATED ACCOMMODATION for 2012/13

Aberystwyth University has one of the highest ratios of accommodation places/students in the UK, but it is still not feasible to place every student who wishes to be accommodated in University-operated accommodation. The following priority categories are designed to ensure the operation of a consistent and fair lettings policy. It should be noted that the following categories refer to students registered with Aberystwyth University. Applications for University-operated accommodation must be received within the published application deadline dates for 12/13 which can be found at <http://www.aber.ac.uk/en/media/accommodation-key-dates-2011-12.doc.pdf>

To qualify for a guaranteed place applicants must ensure that their application is received by the published deadline dates.

THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES OF STUDENTS ARE GUARANTEED A PLACE FOR EACH ACADEMIC SESSION FOR THE DURATION OF THEIR STUDIES

- Overseas fee-paying students (undergraduate and postgraduate).
- Holders of Entrance Scholarships and Sports Bursaries
- Students who have been in the care of a Local Authority at the age of 16 and/or immediately prior to starting at AU.

THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES OF STUDENTS ARE GUARANTEED A PLACE FOR THE ACADEMIC SESSION OF THE FIRST YEAR OF THEIR COURSE AT ABERYSTWYTH

- New full-time undergraduate or HND students, domiciled in the UK/EU, who are pursuing schemes of study leading to University awards. Firm choice students will be allocated to rooms as a priority over insurance choice students.
- New postgraduate students domiciled in the UK/EU. Experience has shown that the majority of UK/EU postgraduate students are prepared, with the assistance of the Accommodation Office, to organise their own accommodation within the private sector.

- Exchange students where Aberystwyth is contracted to provide residential accommodation in exchange for Aberystwyth students accommodated by their host University.
- Visiting students who are not pursuing schemes of study leading to Aberystwyth University awards and pay the appropriate tuition fees (on a pro rata basis as appropriate).
- Students returning from a temporary withdrawal/leave of absence to recommence their first year of study.

THE FOLLOWING CATEGORY OF STUDENT IS GUARANTEED A PLACE FOR THE ACADEMIC SESSION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THEIR RETURN TO ABERYSTWYTH

- Full-time Students undertaking an approved sandwich year, or compulsory year abroad or taking part in the optional YES scheme who are required to reside away from Aberystwyth area [this guarantee operates starting with those students who are away from Aberystwyth for academic session 11/12 and who return in 12/13].

THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES OF STUDENTS ARE NOT GUARANTEED ACCOMMODATION AND WILL BE OFFERED ACCOMMODATION ONLY IF SPACES ARE AVAILABLE

- Erasmus/Socrates students in the following order of priority:
 1. Students who commence their studies in the second semester.
 2. Students whose studies are for two semesters.
 3. Students who commence their studies in the first semester.
- Part-time AU registered students including those who may be re-sitting exams externally.
- Returning Students:

Undergraduate students entering their final year of study and any returning Postgraduate students may be given priority consideration, on a first come first served basis, for accommodation subject to availability.

STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

Efforts will be made to accommodate students with **special requirements** in suitable accommodation, on an individual basis, irrespective of their position in the categories below.

Further information regarding special requirements for accommodation is available from: <http://www.aber.ac.uk/residential/en/accommodation/disabilities.shtml>

ACCOMMODATION DEADLINES

Full details on application deadlines relating to University operated accommodation are available on the following web site

<http://www.aber.ac.uk/en/media/Accommodation-Key-Dates-2011-12.pdf>

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