

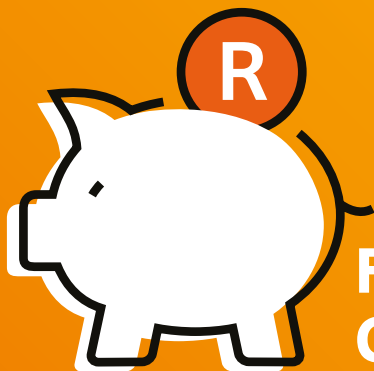
UJ Privately Owned Student Accommodation (POSA)

## STUDENT SURVIVAL GUIDE 2025

Which questions to ask when searching for Privately Owned Student Accommodation.



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## FINANCIAL & CONTRACTUAL

1. Is my residence POSA accredited?
2. What is POSA, how can they assist students and what are their implications on off campus residences?
3. What is a lease agreement?
4. What is the duration of the lease and the policy on renewing the lease for upcoming years?
5. Is it NSFAS accredited and are there any extra fees or hidden costs beyond the NSFAS rate (upfront deposit or top up)?
6. Are you allowed to change accommodation during the year and what is the process?
7. Are there costs associated with parking facilities or laundry?
8. What is the policy on sharing accommodation with others (cash backs)?
9. What is the policy on day and night visitors?
10. Does one have to pay individually for amenities (WIFI, electricity and water) within the residence or they are included in the NSFAS rate?
11. In case of plugs or light bulbs burnouts, does the student have to replace them out of their own pocket money?
12. In case a student loses the keys, should they replace them out of their own pocket money?