

UJ Privately Owned Student Accommodation (POSA)

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



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AMENITIES & SAFETY

1. Is there electricity back up (Gas stoves, generators or solar panels) and for how long do they operate during loadshedding or power outages?
2. How is the safety of the student prioritized, is there someone who is always on the premises (cameras, security or caretaker)?
3. How do you handle emergencies or urgent situations within the accommodation (First aid or firefighting training)?
4. Are there laundry facilities, is the usage regulated and do you have to pay before using them?
5. Is the room a single or shared (if sharing, with how many people)?
6. What are the amenities in the room (bed, study chair and table, study lamp, wardrobes, heaters and bins) and is it ensuite?
7. Is there a parking facility for students who are drivers or visitors?
8. Are there amenities within the residence (Wi-Fi, electricity, water, geysers) and are the plugs working properly (check them yourself)?
9. What are their shared facilities and shared by how many people (lounge, kitchen, bathrooms and study area)?
10. What are the available recreational areas (pool table, indoor games, swimming pool, gym and sport facilities)?
11. How is the maintenance and turnaround time (caretaker)?