

General Information on Student Residence Application **(For full-time UGC-funded undergraduates)**

You should read carefully and thoroughly the information below before submitting the Student Residence application. You should contact the Student Accommodation Section if any enquiries or clarifications are needed. Failure to comply with the Student Residence application procedures and to provide correct and complete information may lead to disqualification of Student Residence application or delay in the process of the Student Residence application.

Special Attention for 2026/27 Student Residence Application

You are requested to pay attention to and take into consideration of the following notes and make sure that you understand and agree with them before you submit your student residence application. No refund or any forms of compensation will be considered arising from such situations and arrangements below.

1. The Student Residence Halls is undergoing major external wall repair and fixing works in 2026, during which scaffolding will be erected to cover the entire South Tower of the Student Residence Halls. Students might be arranged to reside in the South Tower of the Student Residence Halls during which scaffolding will be erected to cover the entire South Tower while the external wall repair and fixing is being carried out. Nuisances such as noise, dust and smell will inevitably be caused.
2. The lounge in the North Tower and South Tower of Student Residence Halls will undergo renovation in 2026. Students might be arranged to reside on floors with lounge renovation works underway. Scaffolding will be erected to cover part of the interior. Nuisances such as noise, dust and smell will inevitably be caused.
3. The BU Fiesta, located on the Ground Floor of Student Residence Halls, will be closed until the end of 2026. For other available catering options on campus, please refer to [Campus Map for Catering Outlets](#) or visit <https://eo.hkbu.edu.hk/eo-services/services-facilities/Catering-Services.html>.
4. The School of Continuing Education Tower and the School of Chinese Medicine Building are undergoing major external wall repair and fixing works in 2026/27, during which scaffolding will be erected to cover the two towers. Nuisances such as noise, dust and smell will inevitably be caused.
5. The construction of special schools at Renfrew Road is underway from 7 am to 7 pm from Mondays to Saturdays, except Sundays and public holidays. During the construction period, nuisances such as noise, dust and smell will inevitably be expected. Residents are advised to close windows of their rooms to alleviate nuisances as appropriate. Your continued understanding and patience will be greatly appreciated.
6. Residents who check out late from the Student Residence after their designated latest check-out date will be recorded **16 demerit points and disqualified for future student residence applications with immediate effect until graduation**. A **late check-out penalty of \$600** will be charged per day after 12 noon/ 3 pm of each late check-out day until the check-out procedures are completed.
7. Students with special circumstances can apply for late check-out 2 weeks before the mass check-out. The late check-out application result will be released 3 days before the mass check-out date. An **approved late check-out administrative fee of \$200 per night** shall apply to all approved cases. A student can request for late check-out for **no more than 3 nights**.
8. **Visitation in the Student Residence Halls will be suspended** on the Mass Check-out Date and the following 5 days.

By completing and submitting the Student Residence application, you acknowledge that:

1. you have read, understood, and agreed to the terms and conditions of the Student Residence application contained herein;
2. you agree to abide by the relevant rules of Student Residences including the Terms and Conditions, Rules and Residents' Code of the [Student Residence Halls](#) and [Village CARE](#), and any other rules that the University may prescribe and issue from time to time which it deems necessary for the management of Student Residences;
3. the rules referred to in 2 above may include safety and health measures aimed at protecting the University's community and all users of Student Residence services and residents.

1. Eligibility for Student Residence

A. Housing Policy

University Grants Committee (UGC)-funded full-time local undergraduate students will have the opportunity to experience one year of hostel life in University accommodation during their studies at the University. Please click [HERE](#) for Housing Policy.

B. Student Status

Students must possess a student status of “**Normal Study**” as defined by the Academic Registry during the stay in the University Accommodation. You may check your student status in *BUniPort > Profile > Personal Particulars & Study Record*. Students who cease to be classified as “Normal Study” (e.g. taking an internship, suspension of study or leave of absence) will no longer be eligible for University Accommodation and will be required to check out of the Student Residence.

C. GPA Requirements for Residential Year 2026-27

Students who obtained **a semester GPA below 1.67** in the immediate past semester:

- a. For students who have checked in, they will be asked to check out from the Student Residence.
- b. For students who have not yet checked in, their student residence offer will be revoked.
- c. Students with special circumstances may appeal on the decision by submitting a written appeal stating the justifications to the respective Resident Masters/College Masters.

D. Extra marks for GPA

Student Residence applicants with the following semester GPA in their immediate past semester will be awarded extra admission marks:

Semester GPA of 2.20 – 2.49, extra 2 marks will be awarded
Semester GPA of 2.50 – 2.99, extra 4 marks will be awarded
Semester GPA of 3.00 – 3.39, extra 7 marks will be awarded
Semester GPA of 3.40 – 4.00, extra 10 marks will be awarded

2. Student Residence and Residential Education

(Village CARE) Theme based Residential Education –Vision & Mission



The Village CARE comprises 4 Residential Colleges with the vision to offer the best learning experience for students in a residential setting, delivering transdisciplinary academic excellence in a caring, creative, and global culture.

Requirements for Residents in Residential Colleges

- (1) Residents are required to attend at least one High Table Dinner each semester.
- (2) Each College will organize activities aligned with its theme, and residents are required to participate.
- (3) Residents' involvement, performance and attendance in College activities will be taken into consideration and affect their applications as returning students to the Student Residence in the future.

The College Themes are:

College	Theme
College 1 (SVC)	Community Services Leadership
Lo Siu Tong College (WVC)	Arts and Culture
College 3 (EVC)	Sportsmanship and Wellness
College 4 (NVC)	Purpose-driven Innovative Business and Entrepreneurial Mindset

Village CARE Residential Education

As part of the Residential Education programme of Village CARE, you are encouraged to enroll for the credit-bearing courses recommended by the College Masters and College Fellows. Successful applicants at Village CARE will receive the course information of their College in due course.

Upon completion of their living learning experiences at Village CARE, students will:

- Demonstrate intrapersonal awareness, personal wellness & interpersonal lifestyle indicative of whole person development;

- Actively pursue academic learning, both in depth and breadth, showing a capacity for independent lifelong learning;
- Actively and responsibly engage in the community – from Village CARE to the community, both local and global;
- Solve problems creatively and with critical thinking; and
- Be effective leaders and members in transdisciplinary and culturally diversified teams.

(Student Residence Halls) Whole Person Education – Living-learning Community



The Student Residence Halls is composed of the North and South Towers with 4 Halls. They provide a total of 1,770 places for full-time UGC-funded undergraduate students. **The Student Residence Halls is undergoing major external wall repair and fixing works and the lounge in the North and South Tower of Student Residence Halls will undergo renovation in 2026. Nuisances such as noise, dust and smell will inevitably be caused.**

The University believes in holistic education. Hall life forms an integral part of it. Through the daily interaction with people, we believe you will learn to develop your independent thinking, critical mind and social consciousness. Hall is not merely a place to live in, but also a living-learning environment where you would develop different kinds of life skills, hobbies and aspirations.

Halls	Hall Motto
<u>C.N. YANG Hall</u> 楊振寧堂:	Hall with a Heart 修身養性, 心及天下
<u>Y.P. CAI Hall</u> 蔡元培堂:	Grow in Excellence 邁向卓越
<u>S.R. ZHOU Hall</u> 周樹人堂:	Aide Sans Frontieres 跨越界限, 關懷社稷
<u>C.L. SOONG Hall</u> 宋慶齡堂:	Living, Learning, Giving 學海人生, 奉獻精神

2. Miscellaneous Fees and Charges

Please click the links below for the List of Miscellaneous Fees and Charges:

- [Student Residence Halls](#)
- [Village CARE](#)

3. Octopus Card for Air Conditioning and Laundry Service

Student Residence Halls

Residents can charge up the **air conditioner in their rooms** and the **laundry machines on 1/F** by **Octopus Card or via "Student Hostel Payment" at HKBU Mobile App.**

Village CARE

Residents can charge up the **air conditioner, other utility payments in their room and laundry machines on 9/F (for College 1 & College 3), 14/F (for LST College & College 4) or 2/F outside of the ACCM office** by **Octopus Card.**

Applicants for Village CARE should take note that, in addition to the in-room air-conditioning, other electricity consumption within their bedrooms and units/apartments will be charged based on a user pay principle.

Details of obtaining the Octopus Card is available [HERE](#)

4. Residential Period in 2026/27

Successful student residence applicants for 2026/27 are to be offered Student Residence places for Full Residential Year tentatively from **26 Aug 2026 to 20 May 2027**, both nights inclusive. Students are to check out by 12noon or 3pm on 21 May 2027 subject to further arrangements by the management office, which would be announced no later than one month before the check-out date.

5. Application and Result Announcement

Event	Time	Channel
Submit Online Student Residence Application	18 – 31 March 2026	HERE
Application Result Announcement* [^] (For Non-local Students & Pairing Scheme Applicants)	6 pm, 4 May 2026	
Application Result Announcement* [^] (For Local Students)	6 pm, 12 Jun 2026	
Room Assignment Announcement	Room Assignment shall be available before check in.	

** Successful Student Residence applicants will be deemed to have stayed in the Student Residence during the offer period and the marks for Year of Residence, if any, will not be given in future student residence applications.*

Starting from the year of 2022/23, residents' misbehaviours (e.g. late check-out) that are subject to disciplinary actions or record of demerit points in any Residential Year and the abovementioned GPA requirements will be taken into consideration in the approval of the student residence application in the following year. In the event of a successful student residence applicant involvement's in any disciplinary cases or failure to fulfill the abovementioned GPA requirements after the announcement of the student residence application result, the Management Office reserves the right to withdraw and rescind the student residence offer subject to the decision of the Disciplinary Panel on such disciplinary cases or the relevant GPA requirements.

Student Residence Application Appeal

Applicants on the waiting list and unsuccessful applicants may submit a Student Residence Appeal Application by the following deadlines:

- 1) Non-local Students: 11 May 2026, 6 pm
- 2) Local Students: 19 June 2026, 6 pm

Late submission of appeal application will not be considered. Student Residence Appeal Application forms are available through the links below:

Non-local Students: [HERE](#) Local Students: [HERE](#)

6. Preference on Student Residence, Room Type and Roommate

***Your indicated Student Residence and room type preferences are for reference purposes only. The actual allocation is subject to our policy and arrangement.**

- 1) You need to rank your Student Residence/room type preferences carefully in the application.
- 2) You may indicate **your preferred roommate(s)** in the application.
- 3) You may indicate up to **2 preferred roommates**. If you indicate TWO preferred roommates and your roommate preference is approved, you will be assigned to **Student Residence Halls's 3-person room**.
- 4) If you and your preferred roommate(s) are successful in the Student Residence application, you will be grouped together and share the same random number in the Student Residence /room type assignment process. Applicants who do not have preferred roommates will also be given unique random numbers. All applicants will be assigned to their respective preferred Student Residence /room type based on the order of this random number. Please note that random numbers are given regardless of your admission marks.
- 5) Choices of Student Residence, floors, room types and roommate(s) will be met only as far as practicable.

*Note: Your roommate pairing request will NOT be successful (you will be assigned a roommate randomly) if:

- a) your preferred roommate(s) does not complete the application;
- b) your preferred roommate(s) does not choose you as preferred roommate;
- c) your preferred roommate(s) chooses another student(s) to be his/her preferred roommate(s);
- d) you entered duplicate information for your preferred roommate; OR
- e) another student chooses you or your preferred roommate(s) to be his/her preferred roommate(s)

7. Local & Non-local Pairing Scheme

To provide structured and sufficient incentives for students to proactively build connections that integrate local and non-local students into residential life, a pairing pilot scheme of local and non-local students as roommates has been introduced from the 2024/25 Residential Year. We are pleased to announce that the pairing scheme of local and non-local students as roommates will continue for the 2026/27 Residential Year.

- 1) The pairing scheme is applicable to both 2-person or 3-person room of Student Residence Halls and 2-person room of Village CARE.
- 2) If the number of applicants for the Pairing Scheme is higher than the quota, applicants' student residence admission marks would be taken into account when deciding the priority.
- 3) Students who apply without successfully indicating a paired roommate will not be considered.

- 4) Students shall indicate each other in the application form with the Student number(s) and name(s) of the paired roommates must be inputted in the section below:

Preferred Roommate	
1st Preferred Roommate (for 2/3-person room)	
Student ID:	<input type="text"/>
Student Name:	<input type="text"/>

- 5) Forms with missing information **will NOT** be processed.
- 6) If the student residence applications of all the paired students are successful, they are expected to accept the student residence offer and pay the fees accordingly. Student residence offers would be voided if any one of the students declines the student residence offer.
- 7) The result of the pairing scheme would be announced in May 2026.
- 8) Residents under the Scheme are required to attend specific integration activities organized by the Office of Student Affairs. They are required to provide legitimate reasons for any absences from these mandatory activities.
- 9) Staff from the Student Accommodation Section will pay regular visits to the paired residents who are admitted under the Scheme.
- 10) Request for room change among paired roommates would not be considered.

8. Possibility of Room Relocation

For the sake of efficient utilization of resources and to facilitate timely repairs to the rooms, the Management of Student Residence reserves the right to relocate residents to other rooms within the Student Residence by normally serving the latter at least five days' notice in advance.

9. Room Change

Room assignment is for one residential year. In our residence community, residents are strongly encouraged to resolve their differences or conflicts with their roommates, flatmates or floormates by mutual respect, tolerance and communication.

Student Residence Halls

- Room change can only be requested during the specified application period.
- Please approach your respective Residential Life Officer for application, subject to approval of the Management of Student Residence.

Village CARE

- Requests for room changes will be considered only for special medical conditions and must be accompanied by supporting documents.
- Please approach your respective College Tutor for application, subject to approval of the Management of Student Residence.

10. Student Residence Fees and Payment (subject to review and adjustment for 2026/27)

Student Residence Fees for students with Full Year student residence offers are to be paid by approximately two equal **installments** and are NOT transferrable or refundable.

Student Residence Fees for 2025/26 at the Student Residence Halls are listed below for reference:

Lodging Fees	Local Students	Non-local Students
2-person room in a 4-person unit	\$17,834.7	\$22,353.9
2-person room in a 5-person unit	\$16,947	\$21,170.3
3-person room in a 5-person unit	\$12,858.2	\$16,140

Student Residence Fees for 2025/26 at Village CARE are listed below for reference:

Lodging Fees	Local Students	Non-local Students
2-person room in a 4-person unit	\$22,515.3	\$28,218.1

* In addition to lodging fees, all residents need to pay Caution Money (\$1,000) and other miscellaneous fees as appropriate.

Details of the student residence fees are as follows:

- All Village CARE residents will be charged a \$400 Programme Fee per Semester.
- All Student Residence Halls residents will be charged a \$200 Programme Fee per Semester.
- Student Residence fees paid are not refundable (except Caution Money) nor transferrable even if the applicant withdraws study from HKBU. Successful applicants must settle the first installment of Student Residence fees during **12 - 24 June 2026**. If the payment deadline is lapsed, your application will be cancelled automatically.
- The \$1,000 Caution Money is refundable to residents only after check-out, less any restitution charges for damage or loss of properties and keys and late check-out penalty. For residents checking out during semester break or before the last day of class of the semester, a \$100 administrative fee will be deducted from the Caution Money before refund.
- All first-time residents (except exchange students) will be charged a \$300 Orientation Fee.
- Please note the following important dates:

Deadline	Details
24 June 2026	Deadline for payment of first installment student residence fees (No payment deferral will be accepted)
Mid-Nov 2026	Deadline for payment of second installment student residence fees
23 Dec 2026	Latest check-out date for those who fail to settle the second installment

Successful applicants who fail to pay the Student Residence fees **in full amount** before the payment due date or check in within 7 days from the first day of the Student Residence offer period will result in cancellation of Student Residence offer and will be deemed to have stayed in the Hostels during the Student Residence offer period in their future Student Residence applications. The marks for Year of Residence, if any, will not be given in future student residence applications and the Student Residence fees paid, if any, will not be refunded.

You should keep good custody of your payment proof and be able to present it upon request. Please click [HERE](#) (For Student> Information> Student Financial Matters> Payment Methods) for payment method.

You should settle all the fees charged by the Student Accommodation Section (e.g. student residence fee, restitution charges, penalties etc.) on time. If you have not settled any outstanding charges charged by the Student Accommodation Section by your final year of study, your graduation certificates may be withheld until all the outstanding charges are settled.

11. Check-in Procedures

The earliest check-in date is **26 Aug 2026** at 10 am. No early check-in will be considered since rooms will NOT be available earlier. The check-in arrangement shall be announced in due course.

12. Late Check-out Penalty

Residents who check out late from the Student Residence Halls / Village CARE after their designated latest check-out date will be recorded **16 demerit points and disqualified for future student residence applications with immediate effect until graduation**. A **late check-out penalty of \$600** will be charged per day after 12 noon/3 pm of each late check-out day until the check-out procedures are completed.

Students with special circumstances can apply for late check-out 2 weeks before the mass check-out. The late check-out application result will be released 3 days before the mass check-out date. An **approved late check-out administrative fee of \$200 per night** shall apply to all approved cases. A student can request for late check-out for **no more than 3 nights**.

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13. Parcels and Mails

The Student Accommodation Section is **not liable for any loss or damage in the mail and parcels delivered** to the Student Residence Halls and Village CARE. Residents are responsible to collect the mail and parcels promptly. For details regarding the arrangement on the collection of mail and parcels, please refer to the webpage of [Student Residence Halls](#) and [Village CARE](#).

14. Student Residence Orientation Activities

All new residents shall participate in the Student Residence orientation activities organized by individual Hall/Residential College. Details will be announced in due course.

15. University Counselling Service

To assist students in need, the staff of the Student Accommodation Section reserve the right to refer your case to the Counselling and Development Centre for professional support.

16. Works within or in proximity to the Student Residence

You are informed that and shall acknowledge that the University is almost constantly undertaking works to maintain, enhance and develop its campus and all its facilities, and these works may include but are not limited to construction, renovation, remedial works, repair and maintenance, improvement works or other similar works in whatsoever nature (the Works). These Works may be carried out within or in proximity to the Student Residence Halls and Village CARE. While the Estates Office will, as far as practicable, take reasonable measures to minimize the inconvenience and disturbance caused by the Works, you shall acknowledge that total removal of such inconvenience and disturbance may not be possible, and you shall agree to waive **irrevocably** any claim for refund of student residence fees, or any right to seek compensation for any loss or damage directly or indirectly arisen out of any inconvenience caused to or suffered or sustained by you as a result of the Works.

Your attention is hereby drawn to the following Work(s) during the Residential Year of 2026/27. You shall take this into consideration before submitting the application, accepting the student residence offer and paying the student residence fees:

- **Façade Enhancement Project at Student Residence Halls**
- **Lounge Renovation at the North and South Tower of Student Residence Halls**
- **Closure of BU Fiesta**
- **Façade Enhancement Project at School of Continuing Education Tower and School of Chinese Medicine Building**
- **Government Project at Renfrew Road – Construction of Special Schools**

17. Arrangement on Special Circumstances

If there are uncontrollable circumstances and the University makes related announcements, like asking students not to come back, delaying the check-in date or evacuation of the Hostels, refund of student residence fees, if justifiable, can be made at most on a pro rata basis. However, the above suggestion of a possibility of refund by no means constitute a guarantee. You should consider this when you decide on making student residence fees payment.

You may also note that under very special circumstances, the Management of Student Residence will need to relocate residents to other rooms / floors / residential facilities for various purposes, such as to accommodate urgent repairs and renovations, consolidation in low seasons, quarantine for health protection, etc. You are reminded to consider such possibilities before you accept our offer of residence place.

18. Data Privacy

All personal data collected and retained will be used for processing applications, statistical analysis, management of student residences including the enforcement of all its related rules, promotion of activities and notifications, contacting residents and their parents/guardian in case of emergency and such other purposes permissible under the Privacy Policy Statement and Personal Information Collection Statement of the University. Please click [HERE](#) for details. You have the right to request access to or correct your personal data kept by the University by logging into the University Cyber Port System (BUniPort) and contacting the relevant Departmental Personal Data Privacy Manager.

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