General Information on Student Residence Application

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 2024/25 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 Undergraduate Halls is undergoing major external wall repair and fixing works in 2024/25, during which scaffolding will be erected to cover the entire North Tower of the Undergraduate Halls and the North Tower will be closed. Nuisances such as noise, dust and smell will inevitably be caused.
- 2. The construction of <u>Jockey Club Campus of Creativity (JC3)</u> which is within Village CARE and next to the Undergraduate Halls 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**. Mitigation measures will be taken by the Estates Office to minimize the nuisances incurred by the major repair and maintenance at the Undergraduate Halls and construction of JC3 as far as practicable. Residents are advised to close windows of their rooms to alleviate nuisances as appropriate. Your continued understanding and patience will be greatly appreciated. **Please contact the Estates Office should you have further questions**.
- 3. 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.
- 4. To protect the safety and security of residents, **CCTV Surveillance Cameras will be installed in the public areas** of the Undergraduate Halls in 2024 Summer. The current protocols on the operation of CCTVs would be strictly adhered to protect personal data and privacy of staff, residents, visitors and outsourced workers of the Student Residence.
- 5. 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 student residence application with immediate effect until graduation. A late check-out penalty of \$600 will be charged per day after the stipulated latest check-out time until the check-out procedures are completed.

- 6. 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**.
- 7. **Visitation in the Undergraduate Halls and Village CARE 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 the terms and conditions of the Student Residence application contained herein;
- agree to abide by the relevant rules of the Student Residences including the Terms and Conditions, <u>Hall</u>
 <u>Rules and Residents' Code of the Undergraduate Halls</u> 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 the
 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 their residents.

Eligibility for the Student Residence

Full-time exchange undergraduate students will be accommodated in the University accommodation during their exchange studies. Please click <u>HERE</u> for the Housing Policy.

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 or suspension of study) will no longer be eligible for student accommodation and will be required to check out of the student residence.

Residential Education

(Undergraduate Halls) Whole Person Education – Living-learning Community

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.

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

To offer the best learning experience for students in a residential setting, delivering transdisciplinary academic excellence in a caring, creative, and global culture. To enable student residents to care for the common good of humankind by addressing creatively the local and global challenges through its transdisciplinary thematic curricular and co-curricular programmes in the residential setting

Student Residence

Undergraduate Halls

The Undergraduate Halls are 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. Due to the major external wall repair of the North Tower in 2024/25, the North Tower will be closed, and all 4 Halls will be located in the South Tower. The total number of student residence places will be reduced to 885.

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

Village CARE

The Village CARE comprises 4 Residential Colleges and will open by phases in 2024/25. The South Block (Block 1) and East Block (Block 3) are available for accommodation from August 2024.

Colleges	Themes	
South Block	Community services	行德臻善
(Block 1, SVC)	leadership	口心珠音
East Block	Sportsmanship and	力強志剛
(Block 3, EVC)	Wellness	

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.

Application and Result Announcement

Event	Time	Channel
Submit online Student Residence application	10 Jul 12noon HKT – 19 Jul HKT	<u>HERE</u>
Result announcement	August	
Room Assignment announcement	Upon check-in	

Residential Period

Full Year Exchange Students: 26 Aug 2024 to 21 May 2025 (check out by 12 noon or 3pm on 22 May

2025 subject to further arrangements by the Hall Office, which would

be announced no later than one month before the check-out date).

Fall Semester Exchange Students: 26 Aug to 22 Dec 2024 (check out by 12 noon on 23 Dec 2024)

Information on student residence application for exchange students is available <u>HERE</u>. The information provided in your student residence application must be correct and complete. Your submission of student residence application also implies that you agree to abide by the <u>Terms and Conditions</u>, <u>Hall Rules and Residents' Code</u> of the Undergraduate Halls and Village CARE.

Preference on Room Type and Roommate

You can choose the following room types as your preference:

Undergraduate Halls

- a. 2-person room in a 4-person unit
- b. 2-person room in a 5-person unit

Village CARE

2-person Room in a 4-person unit

There is no preference on roommate. Roommates will be assigned by the management. The Management reserves the right of the final decision of allocation of residence place.

Possibility of Room Relocation

For the sake of efficient utilization of resources and to facilitate timely repairs to the rooms, the Management 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.

Room change is not accepted in the first month after check-in. Residents may apply for room change 1 month after check-in, subject to approval of the Management.

Lodging Fees and Payment

Please refer to the HKBU International Office website HERE.

Lodging Fees for 2024/25 at <u>Undergraduates Halls:</u>

Lodging Fees	Exchange Students Fall	Exchange Students Full
	Semester 2024/25	Year 2024/25
2-person room in a	\$9,412.9	\$21,277.9
4-person unit		
2-person room in a	\$8,913.1	\$20,148.10
5-person unit		

Student Accommodation Fees for 2024/25 at Village CARE:

Lodging Fees	Exchange Students Fall Semester 2024/25	Exchange Students Full Year 2024/25
2-person room in a	\$12,233.2	\$27,653.2
4-person unit		

^{*} In addition to lodging fees, all residents need to pay Caution Money (\$1,000).

Details of the Lodging Fees are as follows:

- Lodging Fees for Fall Semester Exchange students would be paid in one installment.
- Lodging Fees for Full Year Exchange students would be paid in two installments.
- Lodging Fees paid are not refundable (except Caution Money) and transferrable.
- Successful applicants must settle the lodging fee payment before the payment deadline. If the payment deadline is lapsed, the residence place offered to you will be recovered and you will need to check out accordingly.
- The \$1,000 Caution Money is refundable to residents only after completion of the committed lodging period, less any restitution charges for damage or loss of properties and keys and late check-out. If a resident withdraws from the student residence before the last day of class of semesters or during semester break, a \$100 administrative fee will be deducted from the Caution Money.

Miscellaneous Fees and Charges

Please click HERE for the updated List of Miscellaneous Fees and Charges.

Check-in Procedures

The earliest check-in date is 26 Aug 2024 (10am – 6pm). No early check-in will be considered since rooms will NOT be available earlier. In case you need to arrive Hong Kong earlier than 26 Aug 2024, you are advised to plan ahead for your own accommodation. Please click HERE for check-in procedures.

You should complete the online Health Declaration Form and the In-room Item Confirmation within 2 days after check-in. Details will be sent to your HKBU email.

Octopus Card for Air Conditioning and Laundry Service

Undergraduate 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 (South Block & East Block)

Residents can charge up the air conditioner, other utility payments in their room and laundry machines on 9/F 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**

Works within or in the proximity to the Hostels

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 Undergraduate 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 accommodation 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 2024/25. You shall take this into consideration before submitting the application, accepting the student residence offer and paying the student accommodation fees:

The construction of the Jockey Club Campus of Creativity (JC³), which is within Village CARE and next to the Undergraduate Halls and is expected to be completed in 2024/25.

The construction of Special Schools at Renfrew Road which is next to the Undergraduate Halls and Village CARE and is expected to be completed in 2026/27.

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 Student Residence, refund of lodging 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 lodging fees payment.

You may also note that under very special circumstances, the Management 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.

Data Privacy

All personal data collected and retained will be used for processing applications, statistical analysis, management of student residence 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 <u>HERE</u> for details. You have the right to 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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