

AUT Accommodation

House Rules

The AUT Accommodation House Rules are part of your Residential Agreement. Please ensure you read and understand the rules below BEFORE you sign the Agreement.

These rules apply to **Wellesley Student Apartments (WSA)** at 8 Mount Street, CBD and **Akoranga Student Village (ASV)** at 42 Akoranga Drive, Northcote.

Please note that AUT Accommodation reserves the right to make alterations to the information contained in this publication without prior notice during the term of residency.

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Safety and emergency management:

1.1 FEELING UNWELL

- **If you are feeling unwell or fall ill, please let the AUT Accommodation team know. WSA: 021 613 690 or ASV: 021 613 259**
- AUT has medical centres on the City Campus and near the North Campus which provide a full range of medical services by doctors and nurses. City: 09 921 9992, North: 09 921 9998, email (both): medicalcentre@aut.ac.nz
- Counselling and Mental Health: 09 921 9292 or email counselling@aut.ac.nz
- Student Hub: 0800 288 864 or email studenthub@aut.ac.nz

1.2 FIRST AID

- **First aid supply kits are available at Reception and are accessible to all residents 24-hours a day.**
- All AUT Accommodation staff are trained in first aid and will, in all cases, assess a situation and provide the best support possible for the

resident in need.

1.3 MEDICAL EMERGENCY

- **In a medical emergency such as a serious accident, residents at the scene should first call Emergency Services on 111 and request an ambulance where required.** 111 calls are free from any phone—landline, mobile phone or pay-phone. AUT Accommodation staff on duty should then be informed of the incident.
- If you require hospitalisation as a result of your illness, please notify the AUT Accommodation team.

1.4 FIRE EVACUATION PROCEDURES

- **You must evacuate the building immediately on hearing the fire alarm or if instructed to do so by a Fire Warden.**
- In an emergency, use the stairwells to evacuate to ground level. Do not use the lifts.
- Do not carry food/drink or heavy items of luggage into the stairwells.
- You must proceed to the designated assembly areas as instructed by Fire Wardens.
- You must not vent cooking fumes into the common areas. The smoke detectors could activate when steam, smoke, dust and aerosol sprays exceed the set point for each detector.
- Please read and understand the emergency procedure notice on the back of your apartment door.
- If the situation is found to be caused through negligence, any charges may be passed onto the Resident(s) or apartment responsible.

1.5 CTV/SECURITY CAMERA

- **AUT Accommodation is monitored by CCTV cameras.**
- Cameras are only in common/public areas and not inside apartments.
- Images from the cameras are recorded and stored for a specified period to allow for any necessary investigations.

1.6 VISITORS AND GATHERINGS

- **All visitors must sign in and out of AUT Accommodation at the main reception area.**
- **A social gathering application must be submitted and approved by AUT Accommodation Management, in advance (3 days minimum) of a gathering. Gatherings must not exceed 15 people, including those living in the apartment.**

1.7 SWIPE CARD/ACCESS KEYS

- Visitors must be accompanied by the Resident host at all times.
 - Visitors should not be left unaccompanied in any common spaces, apartments or when utilising any of the facilities.
 - The visitor is the responsibility of the host at all times.
 - Visitors should use the visitor car parks provided (ASV only)
 - All visitors, unless staying overnight, must quietly vacate the premises by 12:00am
 - All overnight visitors must be 18 years or older unless prior approval by AUT Accommodation management is sought and granted.
 - All overnight visitors must be approved by AUT Accommodation management in advance of their stay.
 - Each resident may only have one overnight visitor at a time and two guests per apartment per night.
 - Residents may have one visitor stay in their room for two consecutive nights and no longer than five nights per calendar month, provided they have notified AUT Accommodation management and signed the visitor book. Visitor stays of longer than two consecutive nights will require permission from AUT Accommodation management and the Resident will be required to pay an overnight charge.
 - The Accommodation team and AUT Security will respond immediately towards any anti-social behaviour by visitors.
 - This may result in the visitor being asked to leave the residence. In serious incidents trespass notice may be issued against the visitor or disciplinary action may be taken against the host
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- **Residents must report any swipe card or key that is lost or stolen to reception to protect the integrity of our community's security and safety.**
 - In the event of a lost or stolen card or access key the Resident must immediately report it to a member of the accommodation team.
 - Lost or stolen swipe cards or keys may result in a replacement charge.
 - If you are locked out of your room, come to Reception or call the duty phone:

Wellesley Street Apartments (WSA) 021 613 690

Akoranga Student Village (ASV) 021 613 259

1.8 ABSENCE FROM YOUR APARTMENT

- If the lockout is after 10:00pm security will check your student ID and let you in to your room. You may need to report to reception during the next day's office hours to be issued a new access card or key
- **As part of our duty of pastoral care and for health and safety reasons, please notify the accommodation office when you will be away for longer than a 48-hour period.**
- As a courtesy to your flatmates, please also let them know when you are away overnight or for weekends.

1.9 WELFARE CHECKS

- **As part of our duty of pastoral care and for health and safety reasons, Accommodation Staff (including Residential Assistants) are required to perform a welfare check on every resident each fortnight (weekly for U18's).**
- Residents are expected to engage in fortnightly (U18 weekly) welfare checks throughout the duration of their Residential Agreement. Welfare checks enable staff to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all residents and meet compliance expectations under the New Zealand [Pastoral Care of Tertiary and International Learners – Code of Practice](#).

Behaviour:

2.1 GAMBLING

- **Gambling of any type is strictly prohibited within the accommodation facilities.**

2.2 GATHERINGS AND NOISE BAN

- **Noise levels should not be excessive during the day and apartments are expected to kept noise to an acceptable level from 10:00pm.**
- If you are experiencing excessive noise issues, please contact the accommodation team via the duty phone or in person and they will assist.
- If you are asked to lower your noise levels, please do so accordingly.
- If you are asked to lower your noise levels multiple times over the course of an evening, further disciplinary action may result which may include a noise and or visitor ban put in place for your apartment.

Alcohol, drugs and smoking:

3.1 ALCOHOL

- **AUT does not tolerate the harmful abuse of alcohol. Alcohol is permissible (if you are over the age of 18). AUT Accommodation expect residents to drink responsibly. Open or partly consumed vessels of alcohol are not permitted in any common or external areas at any time. This includes car parks.**
- Accommodation staff will intervene and may impose an alcohol ban on a resident or an apartment if there are repeated incidents which involve (perceived) excessive drinking or alcohol abuse.
- Any activities that promote or indulge in the harmful abuse of alcohol (and/or illicit substances) are not permitted within AUT accommodation and may result in disciplinary action.

3.2 DRUGS

- **AUT Accommodation has a zero-tolerance policy regarding the use of illegal drugs or misuse of prescription drugs.**
- Infringement of the relevant regulations will result in immediate disciplinary action.
- Drug apparatus (Eg bong and pipes) are not permitted at any AUT Accommodation residence.
- The inhalation of nitrous oxide (NOS) is not permitted anywhere in AUT accommodation and will result in immediate disciplinary action

3.3 SMOKING

- **Smoking, including vapes, E-cigarettes and shisha, is not permitted anywhere on campus or in the accommodation areas. This includes all outdoor spaces and applies to all AUT campuses - City, North, South campuses and Millennium.**
- If a fire alarm activation is found to be caused through smoking, vaping or the use of E-cigarettes or negligence relating to the aforementioned, charges may be passed onto the Resident (s) or apartment responsible.

Bullying, harassment and discrimination

4.1 BULLYING, HARASSMENT AND DISCRIMINATION

- **AUT is committed to creating and maintaining a positive working and learning environment where all members of its community treat each other with dignity and respect and exhibit behaviours which align with the AUT Values of Tika, Pono and Aroha.**
- Bullying, harassment and discrimination includes offensive, abusive, intimidating, threatening, belittling, demeaning, or excluding behaviour.
- Bullying is behaviour directed towards another person that is repeated, unreasonable, and of such a significant nature that it can lead to

physical or psychological harm.

- It can be physical, verbal or relational/social or practiced by other means of communication including phone, email, or social media.
- Harassment may involve a prohibited ground of discrimination under the Human Rights Act 1993 (those grounds being gender, marital status, religious belief, ethical belief, color, race, ethnic or national origins, disability, age, political opinion, employment status, family status, or sexual orientation).
- It may be a single but significant event, or repeated instances of such behaviour.
- Bullying, harassment and discrimination of any kind is unacceptable, and any complaint will be investigated.
- Complaints of harassment should be brought to the attention of AUT Accommodation Management immediately. Complainants will be treated with privacy and respect and provided with support throughout the process.

Property and building:

5.1 YOUR RESPONSIBILITY

- You will be responsible for any behaviour in your room, its contents, and all furnishings in your apartment. We recognise that normal wear and tear will happen.
- All flatmates in a single apartment will be liable for any cleaning, repair or replacement costs for the common areas of the flat, including kitchen and bathrooms.

5.2 DAMAGE TO PROPERTY

- **Please report any accidental damage as soon as possible to Accommodation Staff**
- If there is any accidental damage, you may be required to pay any remedial costs.
- If no one reports or takes responsibility for damage, all flatmates in the apartment may be held liable for remedial charges, or all residents for damage to communal spaces.
- CCTV footage may be used to investigate where damage to property has occurred., AUT security hold this footage and requests may be made to them to view any footage

5.3 MAINTENANCE

- **Any maintenance issues should be reported to the office.**
- Where the situation is urgent (for example, a leak or electrical problem) and presents a danger to residents or is likely to result in property

damage, the accommodation team must be immediately notified.

- By advising us of maintenance issues you are giving consent for staff or contractors to enter your room/apartment to rectify the issue.
- Posters are not to be fixed to any painted surface with adhesive tape or pins.
- Costs for maintenance required as a direct result of negligence or accidental damage (rather than fault) will be covered by the individuals or apartment groups responsible.

Apartment inspections and right of entry:

6.1 CHECKING IN & CHECKING OUT

- **When you arrive at our accommodation, you are required to check in at Reception.**
- This enables us to update any personal information, issue you with an access card or key and check your payment arrangements. We will also take a headshot photograph for security reasons
- When you get to your room, you will be required to complete the apartment checklist to confirm that the apartment and your room is fully equipped, clean and tidy.

6.2 RIGHT OF ENTRY

- **The accommodation team may enter your room at any time in relation to your welfare, an emergency or maintenance issues.**
- AUT Accommodation staff or other authorised staff may enter the Resident's room for the purposed of routine inspection or to undertake a "without cause" welfare check

6.3 APARTMENT INSPECTIONS

- **The AUT Accommodation team will conduct apartment inspections twice per semester. A minimum of 24 hours' notice will be given to residents.**
- This is to ensure that all health and safety requirements are being met and to note and address any maintenance issues.
- These inspections involve entering apartments and residents' bedrooms to ensure that a safe, clean and responsible manner of living is being maintained.
- These inspections are not personally intrusive and do not involve opening any wardrobes or drawers in bedrooms.
- Failure to meet the standard upon the second inspection may result in AUT Accommodation management having to intervene.

Cleaning and housekeeping:

7.1 CLEANING

- **Apartment cleaning is the responsibility of all residents within that apartment.**
- Each resident is responsible for the cleaning of their own bedroom and the shared areas of their apartment.
- The common areas outside of apartments (lift lobbies, stairwells) are cleaned by the accommodation cleaning staff.
- Residents are encouraged to make rosters with their flatmates soon after arrival to ensure appropriate upkeep of apartment common areas. The accommodation RA team can assist with this if required.
- Residents are expected to keep the village environment in a neat and tidy manner regarding rubbish and food waste. Waste must not be allowed to pile up outside apartments or in the common room.

Disciplinary procedures:

8.1 BREACH OF THE HOUSE RULES

- **Should a Resident violate the rights of others in such a way that is in breach of the AUT Accommodation House Rules, AUT Accommodation Management may activate the discipline provisions and apply the AUT Discipline Statute.**
- This may result in a warning and/or possible charges to recover costs. or may result in a Resident's Residential Agreement being cancelled

Grievance procedures:

9.1 COMPLAINTS

- **It is important to us that you can raise any concerns and complaints when they arise in a safe and supportive way.**
- Please be assured that your report will be treated with respect and professionalism and responded to in a timely manner. You will be advised in writing of the outcome.
- If the Resident has a complaint, the Resident is encouraged to bring this to the attention of an accommodation staff member, including Residential Assistant(s), in the first instance.
- If the Resident is dissatisfied with any aspect of the accommodation service being provided, they are advised to follow AUT's [complaints process](#) if unable to remedy through talking with accommodation staff.

9.2 FEEDBACK

- Your feedback is welcomed – this can be provided via reception, email, or through [AUT formal](#) channels.

Under 18 procedures:

10.1 GUARANTOR

- **The University requires parent(s) or legal guardian(s) over the age of 18 to act as guarantor(s) and sign the Accommodation Agreement and a Guarantor/Indemnity form.**
- The guarantor indemnifies any sums agreed under the Accommodation Agreement if the resident who is under 18 years old fails to meet their financial obligations under their agreement.

10.2 ROOM

- **U18s are required to live with other under 18s and in an alcohol-free apartment.**
- Once the resident turn 18 years old, AUT Accommodation will endeavor to move the resident, dependent on room availability. Until the resident can be moved, they must remain under the rules of the apartment they are in

10.3 PASTORAL CARE

- **U18s in AUT Accommodation will be offered separate peer support and buddy programmes to cultivate social skills and friendships with other residents. U18 residents are expected to attend and participate in these programmes**
- At least one accommodation staff member is designated to proactively monitor and address any concerns of U18s in AUT Student Accommodation

10.4 SAFETY

- **AUT Accommodation will promptly inform the person named as next of kin on the residents accommodation application form if accommodation staff become aware of and/or are concerned about the residents health; involvement in an accident; or serious breach of their accommodation agreement (including rent arrears)**
- AUT Accommodation staff will ensure that the residents are aware of whom to contact in case of difficulties
- AUT Accommodation has at least 1 accommodation staff member available to be contacted by the U18s in an emergency (24/7)