UNIVERSITY OF HERTFORDSHIRE

Housing Guide

On-campus halls, off-campus renting, deposits and deadlines — everything Indian students need to plan where they'll live in Hatfield

BILLS-INCLUDED, ON-CAMPUS FIRST

Utilities, Wi-Fi and contents insurance are included in every official Herts hall price

ON-CAMPUS FROM

£134.12/week (approx. Rs.17,167/week) — 2026/27, shared twin room

DEPOSIT

£100 (approx. Rs.12,800), refundable, paid directly to the University

OFF-CAMPUS ROUTE

PAL-accredited landlords + University Guarantor Service

INR figures are approximate, converted at £1 = Rs.128 (September 2026) — exchange rates fluctuate daily, so confirm the live rate before making payment plans.

The University does not manage any off-campus housing directly — always pay the University itself for on-campus accommodation, never a third party.

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PAGE 01 — ON-CAMPUS

Halls Of Residence: Room Types & Pricing

Official 2026/27 starting rates, per week — all bills, Wi-Fi and contents insurance included

Room Type	Campus	Description	From (per week)
Single En-Suite	de Havilland	Single bed, private bathroom, shared kitchen, 10.7m²	£204.26 (Rs.26,145)
Single En-Suite	College Lane	Single bed, private bathroom, shared kitchen	£220.01 (Rs.28,161), 50-wk
Standard Single	College Lane	Single bed, shared bathroom, shared kitchen (Telford Court)	£159.74 (Rs.20,447), 50-wk
Shared Twin Room	College Lane	Two single beds, private shared bathroom, shared kitchen, 25m²	£134.12 (Rs.17,167)
Small Double (Queen)	College Lane	Queen bed, shared bathroom, shared kitchen, 13.3m²	£159.74 (Rs.20,447)
Studios & Townhouses	College Lane	Extra privacy/space; group applications of up to 12 possible	Varies — check portal

INR figures are approximate, converted at £1 = Rs.128 (September 2026 rate) — exchange rates move daily, so treat these as a planning guide and confirm the live rate before transferring funds.

Contract lengths vary by room and campus — commonly 42-week or 50-week contracts, with semester-only contracts available on some de Havilland en-suite rooms. Longer contracts generally carry a lower weekly rate than shorter ones.

WHAT'S INCLUDED IN EVERY OFFICIAL HALL PRICE

Utility bills + Wi-Fi + Contents insurance + 24/7 Resident Assistant support — with kitchens deep-cleaned twice a year in most halls.

Postgraduate students can request a dedicated postgraduate-only en-suite block on de Havilland when applying. If you have accessibility needs, a medical requirement, or want a single-sex or twin room, use the room-preference application route rather than any “Book Now” instant-book option.

PAGE 02 — APPLYING

How To Apply For On-Campus Housing

The step-by-step process, official portal, and what triggers your accommodation guarantee

Get an Unconditional Offer → Apply on the Portal → Receive an Offer → Accept Within 10 Days → Pay Deposit & Set Up Plan

Step	What Happens
1. Secure your offer	You will not receive an accommodation offer until you hold an Unconditional Firm offer of study from the University.
2. Apply online	Register and apply at residences.herts.ac.uk using your applicant/student ID. You can list up to 5 room preferences.
3. Wait for an offer email	The University emails you an accommodation offer — log into the portal to view full details.
4. Accept within 10 days	You have 10 calendar days to accept: confirm the Terms & Conditions, pay the deposit, and set up your payment plan. Miss this window and the room can go to someone else.
5. Confirm and prepare	Once accepted, the University contacts you closer to your start date with move-in instructions.

Deposit: £100 (approx. Rs.12,800), paid directly to the University and refundable at the end of your tenancy (less any outstanding charges). **Never** pay a third party who claims they can secure you a cheaper rate — the University warns this is not legitimate and could be fraudulent.

THE ACCOMMODATION GUARANTEE

Herts guarantees a room in standard on-campus halls (across both College Lane and de Havilland) for eligible applicants — including those entering through Clearing — who apply and accept their offer by the published deadlines. Specific room types can't always be guaranteed, but the University will work with you on suitable alternatives if demand is high.

KEY DEADLINE PATTERN (ILLUSTRATIVE — CONFIRM CURRENT DATES)

For the main UCAS cycle, accommodation applications typically need to be submitted shortly after you accept your offer to study — historically within about a week of the study-offer acceptance deadline. Clearing applicants face a compressed version of the same sequence: course offer/interview, then Clearing choice confirmed through UCAS, then accommodation application, each just a few days apart. **Exact 2026/27 dates are published on the University's accommodation pages closer to each intake — always check residences.herts.ac.uk or ask.herts.ac.uk for the current deadlines rather than relying on a previous year's dates.**

PAGE 03 — OFF-CAMPUS

Renting Privately In Hatfield

For returning students, or first-years who prefer independent housing

IMPORTANT

The University does not manage or offer any off-campus accommodation itself. If you choose to rent privately, you are arranging a tenancy directly with a landlord or letting agent — the guidance below is about renting safely, not a University-run service.

THE PAL SCHEME

Partnership Accreditation for Landlords (PAL) is a voluntary scheme run jointly by the University of Hertfordshire and Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council. PAL-accredited landlords and letting agents have agreed to a specific Code of Practice for safe, well-maintained private housing. The University is only permitted to recommend PAL-accredited properties to students — treat this as your starting filter for any private search in the Hatfield/Welwyn area.

GUARANTORS

Requirement	Detail
UK-Based Guarantor	Most private landlords and letting agents require a guarantor resident in the UK who can show they can afford the rent if you don't pay.
University Guarantor Service	Run in partnership with Housing Hand and PAL, this helps UK, EU and international students obtain a qualifying UK guarantor for private-sector and purpose-built student accommodation (PBSA).
No UK Guarantor Available?	An alternative some students use is paying a larger proportion of rent in advance as security for the landlord, instead of providing a guarantor.

The University does not endorse specific guarantor companies beyond noting Housing Hand as an example — always read the terms and conditions carefully before signing up to any guarantor service.

STAYING SAFE OFF-CAMPUS

- ✓ Only view and book PAL-accredited properties where possible
- ✓ Never pay a deposit or rent before viewing the property (in person or via a verified video call)
- ✓ Never send money to someone claiming to offer a University room at a discount
- ✓ Check reviews and ask current/past tenants about the landlord directly
- ✓ Keep a written record of all communication and payments

PAGE 04 — DECIDE

On-Campus Or Off-Campus?

Choose on-campus if…	Consider off-campus if…
• This is your first time studying in the UK — the University actively encourages this for new students. • You want bills, Wi-Fi and contents insurance bundled into one predictable weekly price. • You want 24/7 Resident Assistant support and to be a 5-minute walk from lectures. • You're arriving via Clearing and want the accommodation guarantee to apply.	• You're a returning student who already knows Hatfield and wants more independence. • You're comfortable arranging a UK guarantor (or using the University's Guarantor Service). • You want to search PAL-accredited private housing on your own timeline. • You're confident vetting landlords and avoiding rental-fraud red flags.

QUICK FAQ

Question	Answer
Are bills included on campus?	Yes — utilities, Wi-Fi and contents insurance are included in every official hall price.
What's the deposit?	£100 (approx. Rs.12,800), paid directly to the University and refundable at the end of your tenancy, less any outstanding charges.
Can I get a room if I miss my UCAS deadline?	The accommodation guarantee applies to eligible applicants who apply and accept by the published deadlines, including Clearing — check current dates before assuming you've missed the window.
Does the University offer off-campus housing?	No — for private renting, use the PAL scheme and the University Guarantor Service as your safety net, not a University-run listing.

NOT SURE WHICH HOUSING ROUTE FITS YOU?

Get guidance before you apply for accommodation.

Shiksha Study Abroad can help you assess:

Budget → Room Type → Application Timing → Move-In Prep

GET YOUR PROFILE EVALUATED

Find your fit. Apply smarter.

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