

## **FAQs on Hostel Fee Increase Effective AY2014/15**

1. What is the funding policy for student hostels?

Operating costs, including cyclical maintenance and repair costs, of student hostels will have to be recovered by the University from students through the room rates charged.

2. Why is there a need to increase hostel fees?

The revenues collected from current room rates will not be sufficient to cover operating costs, cyclical maintenance and repair costs of our hostels. For the University to run its hostels in a sustainable manner, the rates have to be revised to cover increases in these costs.

3. When was the hostel fees last revised and why now?

The last revision in hostel fees revision was in 2011 and fees have remained fixed since then. The costs of operations – such as cleaning and security costs – have continued to increase. To meet these increases and ensure that hostels are operated in a financially sustainable manner, it is necessary to revise the current fees.

4. What are the new hostel fees?

The new hostel fees for the next three academic years are shown below. The information is also available on OSA's housing websites:

- <http://nus.edu.sg/osa/housing/undergraduate/hostel-and-meal-plan-rates.html>
- <http://nus.edu.sg/osa/housing/graduate/hostel-and-meal-plan-rates.html>
- <http://nus.edu.sg/osa/housing/non-graduating/hostel-and-meal-plan-rates.html>

Room Type	AY2014/15* (S\$)
Single Room (6 Halls, KFH, RVR * )	110
Double Room (EH, TH, RH, KE7, RVR * )	75
Type A (PGPR)	200
Type B (PGPR)	120
Type C (PGPR)	110
Single Corridor Room, Non Air Con (RC)	120
Single Corridor Room, Air Con (RC)	135
Single Apartment Room, Non Air Con (RC)	130
Single Apartment Room , Air Con (RC)	145
Single Apartment Room , Non Air Con (UTR) #	135
Single Apartment Room , Air Con (UTR) #	150
Married Apartment , Non Air Con (UTR) #	380
Married Apartment, Air Con (UTR) #	395

Room Type	AY2014/15* (S\$)
GSA Type 1 (PGPR) #	370
GSA Type 2 (PGPR) #	295

\*- Rates per week

# - Based on subsidised graduate hostel rates

5. Are these new fees applicable to all students?

The new fees, effective from AY2014/15, are applicable to all students staying in campus accommodation – existing as well as new students. The same fees apply to both Singaporean and international students.

6. With the increase in fees, what are the hostel improvements that students can look forward to?

The University will continue to enhance the environment and facilities of our hostels on a regular basis to provide our students with a comfortable and safe living and learning environment. The adjustments in hostel fees will provide the University with the resources to ensure that hostel accommodation remains of a high standard.

7. Will there be any financial assistance for students who are unable to meet the higher hostel fees?

To ensure campus living remains accessible to all students, the University provides a comprehensive range of financial aid schemes to support needy students. More information on financial aid is available at <http://www.nus.edu.sg/financialaid/>.

8. Will students be able to pay their hostel fees by instalments?

Hostel fees are billed on a semester basis and have to be paid in full for the whole semester. Students with financial difficulties and are waiting for disbursement of loans, financial aid or stipend may contact their hostel management office to arrange for instalment payment. The officer in the respective hostels will review and work out the payment details with the student concerned.

9. Will the new fees include catered meals?

Meal plans will continue to be charged separately from the hostel fees. For more information on meal plans and its rates, please refer to the following links:

- <http://nus.edu.sg/osa/housing/undergraduate/hostel-and-meal-plan-rates.html>
- <http://nus.edu.sg/osa/housing/non-graduating/hostel-and-meal-plan-rates.html>

10. Who should I contact if I have further queries?

You may email your queries to us at [www.hosteladmission.nus.edu.sg](http://www.hosteladmission.nus.edu.sg).