

Demerit Point Structure (DPS) for Housing Offences

The Demerit Point Structure (DPS) is to be read in conjunction with the Housing Agreement. Please be familiarized with the following guidelines:

- 1.1 Any points accumulated from the beginning of one semester will be carried over to the end of the following semester (including both vacation periods), and recorded for the purposes of points 1.2 and 1.3.
- 1.2 Housing Agreement is terminated upon accumulation of 16 demerit points (or more) within two semesters. A housing suspension of 12 calendar months will take effect from the date of the disciplinary outcome letter.
- 1.3 Housing Agreement is terminated upon accumulation of 25 demerit points throughout all residential years and eligibility for on-campus housing will be withdrawn for the rest of the candidature.
- 1.4 Licensees are responsible for their registered occupant's and visitor's full compliance and observance of the Housing Agreement, and of the Rules and Regulations. Any breach by the registered occupants or visitors shall be deemed to be a breach by the Licensee.
- 1.5 When the Licensee is at any Hostel (residential college, residence, house or hall), he or she shall be liable for further sanctions under the DPS if they act in any way that will be a breach of the housing agreement.

S/N	Offence Types	Demerit Points		
		1st	2nd	3rd
1	Breach of Law/Sexual Misconduct/Other Serious Misconduct	16		
2	Subletting and/or accommodating non-residents, including overnight stay, in the room.			
3	Throwing of items from height ('Killer Litter')			
4	Use of opposite gender's shower and toilet facilities, including such inappropriate use by visitor(s) of the resident			
5	Duplication of key			
6	Non-compliance with regulations, rules, policies, guidelines, codes of conduct or notices issued by the University or government authorities relating to health and safety	9	9	
7	Tampering with communal security/safety measures (including fire-exits, cluster/lift lobby doors, toilet doors and CCTVs, false fire alarm)			
8	Passing of Hostel keys to another person			
9	Leaving visitors unattended			
10	Visit by non-residents of the hostel during quiet hours			
11	Misconduct (including disorderly or disruptive behavior that interferes with the privacy, rights and well-being of other residents)			
12	Alcohol possession or consumption in the hostel or disorderly conduct/drunkenness at the hostel			
13	Smoking, inhalation, or oral consumption of tobacco products (cigarettes, shisha, chewing tobacco, Heat- Not-Burn tobacco etc) and/or using or possessing of vaporisers e-cigarettes, e-pipes, e-cigars) in Hostel			
14	Solicitation, sale or promotion of any goods or services using the hostel premises without permission	6	9	9
15	Removal of common furniture and fixture, appliances, food and personal items belonging to other residents			
16	Swapping of rooms			
17	Stay-over in the room of another resident in the same hostel			
18	Excessive noise during 'Quiet Hours'			
19	Activities that may cause fire, explosion or any kind of hazards (e.g. usage of candles, open-flame, 3D printers)			
20	Placing of items that cause obstruction of common areas (e.g. passageways, stairs)			
21	Possession or use of unauthorised electrical appliances, personal refrigerators or coolers/air-conditioners without permit from the Management Office.	3	6	6
22	Leaving any personal mobility device (PMD) unattended when charging the PMD.			
23	Littering and/or failure to upkeep cleanliness of common areas/room			
24	Keeping of Pets			
25	Failure to shut or secure the fire-exit door/cluster door			
26	Leaving lights/fans/appliances switched on when not in room	3	6	6
27	Non-Compliance with Safe Management Measures (for COVID-19) in NUS Hostels (Refer to Appendix on page 2)			

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Appendix to DPS

Offences under Clause 27 relate to non-compliance with prevailing university guidelines for safe management as provided on <https://nus.edu.sg/osa/student-services/hostel-admission/housing-agreement>. Examples of offences under Clause 27 include but are not limited to: not wearing a mask/wearing a mask improperly, failure to observe safe distancing rules, gathering of more than the number of persons permitted, breaching rules regarding non-resident visitors, etc. as specified in the relevant circulars. Each act of non-compliance is considered a separate offence in the issuance of demerit points.

Please note that:

1. Further actions may be taken at the discretion of the Master where breach involves use of hostel's common facilities.
2. Egregious breach(es) may result in students being penalized under Clause 6 of the DPS or referred to BOD.
3. Students are responsible for checking their official NUS email accounts and will be deemed to be notified once the outcomes have been delivered via email.

Non-compliance with Fast and Easy Testing (FET) Requirements will be tracked from Sunday, 6 February 2022 and students will be informed via email of failure to meet requirements. All hostelites are expected to comply strictly with the University's FET regimen for weekly or twice weekly self-testing, regardless of whether you are physically on campus on the day the test is due. Students are fully responsible for checking their official NUS e-mail accounts in a timely manner and taking note of these notifications. Accumulation of three non-compliance notifications within one semester (including the vacation period) will result in immediate termination of housing (which carries a 12-month housing suspension).

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