

FAQs for Residence Admission Scheme (RAS)

1. **Q:** What is the Residence Admission Scheme?

A: The Residence Admission Scheme (RAS) is a housing scheme for senior undergraduate students who wish to apply for Halls and Student Residences.

RAS aims to facilitate the allocation of places to senior undergraduate students in a more efficient and transparent manner. The scheme will serve to provide greater recognition to students who contribute to campus life and vibrancy through more defined and effective roles. It allows student groups the flexibility to recognise their members' contributions. It also allows every student a chance to ballot for a place on campus.

2. **Q:** How were students consulted during the development of the scheme?

A: Office of Student Affairs (OSA) worked closely with representatives from the NUS Students' Union and the various student groups during the design and development of the scheme. Their feedback was sought through the different phases of the development process. Dialogue sessions and focus groups were also conducted with student representatives to gather their feedback.

3. **Q:** Is my student group able to participate in RAS?

A: The current participants of RAS are NUSSU, the Constituent Clubs, CFA, OSA Sports and the 7 halls. Only official and active Societies and Interest Groups registered with the Office of Student Affairs (OSA) are eligible for this scheme. These Societies and Interest Groups who have met the criteria and submitted the relevant documents by the stipulated deadline mentioned in the [RAS Terms and Conditions](#), will have to be assessed as "active" by OSA before they are able to participate in RAS. The list of '[Participating Groups in RAS](#)' can be found at the website.

4. **Q:** What are the features of RAS?

A: RAS comprises five categories. Each category comprises a number of sub-categories for which priority for accommodation is provided. Further details on [RAS](#) can be found at the website.

5. **Q:** Why are the members from management committees of NUSSU, constituent clubs, societies and interest groups given priority places under RAS?

A: The University acknowledges that these student groups contribute greatly to student life and campus vibrancy. Hence, the student leaders are given greater recognition for housing under RAS.

6. **Q:** I am a current management committee member of Club XYZ. Will I be given student housing under Category A?

A: Under Category A, a maximum of 10 current members of the NUSSU Executive Committee and 4 members of each Constituent Club's Management Committee will be provided with student housing. Students will need to be nominated by the Executive/Management Committee.

For Societies and interest groups, a maximum of 4 current members of the student group's management committee can be nominated for housing. If the number of nomination exceeds the sub category cap of 200 places, a random ballot will be conducted. In such a scenario, a student group may be allocated with a maximum of 4 places, or none at all if not balloted.

Current members of the Halls' JCRCs will be provided with housing under Category C.

7. **Q:** I recently resigned from the management committee of Faculty Club ABC. Am I eligible to be considered for Category A?

A: In order to be eligible for Category A, a student will need to be a current member of the Executive/Management Committee.

8. **Q:** Why are management committees of Societies and Interest Groups treated differently from NUSSU and the Constituent Clubs?
A: With the current large number of student groups, we are unable to extend the same privileges to the Societies and Interest Groups as the number of places available under RAS are limited. A random ballot will be conducted once the number of nominations exceeds the available places.
9. **Q:** I am a varsity athlete who is interested to join the Varsity Scheme. Who can I approach for more information on this scheme?
A: The Varsity Scheme is managed by OSA Sports section. Interested athletes may approach OSA Sports, located at University Sports Centre (USC), USC-03-02, or contact them at 6516 2384 or send email at sports@nus.edu.sg.
10. **Q:** Under Category C, what is the Master's List?
A: Each of the seven halls has a Master's List managed by the Hall Master. It is primarily used to bring in non-hall students who are able to contribute to hall life, at the discretion of the Master.
11. **Q:** I am a current resident of X Hall. Am I eligible for Category C?
A: Under Category C, students who have stayed in a hall in the current Academic Year are eligible for the Hall residents' list in accordance to respective Hall's Recognition System. Those who are interested to return to their halls are required to indicate the particular 'Hall' as their first choice in their housing application.
12. **Q:** I am a non-hall resident who is interested to stay in a Hall. How can I join the hall?
A: Under Category C, students who are non-hall residents may join the hall through the Master's List. You may enquire with the respective hall of your interest.
13. **Q:** I am a member of interest group XTP? How can I qualify for student housing?
A: Members of NUSSU, Constituent Clubs, Societies and Interest Groups can be selected for housing under Category D.

Under category D, members of NUSSU and the Constituent Clubs will be competing for 300 places under their respective sub category for housing via an internal scheme to be managed by NUSSU and the clubs.

Societies and Interest groups may nominate up to 10 names for housing under their respective sub category. If the number of nomination exceeds the sub category cap of 200 places, a random ballot will be conducted. In such a scenario, a student group may be allocated with a maximum of 10 places or none at all (if not balloted).

All members of the committee are eligible regardless of the position they hold. However, they have to be nominated by their Executive/Management Committee.
14. **Q:** Under Category A and D, how will housing be allocated to the different Societies and Interest groups? Will the larger groups be given more places?
A: The number of places allocated is the same regardless of the size of the student group. Each sub category has a quota. For example, Societies & Interest Groups Management Committee has a quota of 200 places. If the number of nomination exceeds the quota, a random ballot will be conducted. In such a scenario, a student group may be allocated housing for each of their nominations, or none at all.
15. **Q:** Why is membership size of a society and interest group not taken into consideration for Categories A & D. Shouldn't the larger student groups be allocated more places?
A: As the number of hostel places is limited, only a small number of hostel places, 14 places, can be set aside for the leaders and members recommended by the management committee of every student group. This critical

number is needed to support the deserving members in each student group to contribute to its leadership and vibrancy. Currently, there is no additional capacity to allocate more than 14 places to the larger student groups.

Members who are not nominated by their management committee under Category A & D can apply for hostel under Category E.

16. **Q:** I am currently not a member in any student groups or hall? Can I apply for housing?

A: Non-members of student groups or halls may apply for housing under Category E. They will be randomly balloted for remaining vacancies.

17. **Q:** I am unable to participate in CCAs due to my health condition or because I have been away from the university for the entire semester or academic year. How do I apply for housing?

A: Students who have not participated in CCAs in the last semester or Academic year may apply for housing under Category E. If they are unsuccessful for housing, they may submit an appeal to Hostel Admission Services (Office of Student Affairs) with the relevant documents supporting their appeals at the hostel application portal.

18. **Q:** How will the scheme ensure responsibility and accountability?

A: The Executive or Management Committee of a student group is accountable for its endorsement of the members. They are entrusted to ensure that the recommendation or selection process is transparent and above board and that these members are deserving of the recommendation through their contributions to the organisation and its activities. The student groups are to make available to their members, a copy of internal recognition scheme and the names of the selected/recommended members.

19. **Q:** How can I send my queries on RAS?

A: You can send your queries to Hostel Admission Services (Office of Student Affairs) at www.hosteladmission.nus.edu.sg.

20. **Q:** Who will RAS be applicable to?

A: The scheme is applicable to full-time local and international senior undergraduate students. The scheme is not applicable to local and international freshman.

21. **Q:** I am a current undergraduate hostelite. How do I qualify for housing in the next Academic Year?

A: Students who wish to stay in Halls or Student Residences can apply via the categories provided in RAS framework.

22. **Q:** Is RAS applicable only to those wishing to stay in hostels located on the Kent Ridge campus? How about students who wish to stay in Residential Colleges?

A: RAS is applicable to all student accommodation located on the Kent Ridge Campus i.e. the 7 Halls of Residence and PGPR. The Residential Colleges have a different set of entry criteria, given that students will be required to read a number of academic modules when admitted to the college programme. Hence, RAS is not applicable for admission to the RCs. However, students who withdraw from the Residential Colleges may subsequently apply for student accommodation on Kent Ridge campus under the categories provided in RAS.

23. **Q:** With the scheme, how many activities do I need to participate in order to be assured of housing?

A: With RAS, effective contribution is considered. Hence, the number of CCAs may not be critical. The Executive/Management Committee of a student groups is expected to recommend their ordinary members based on their effective contributions to the organization or activities.

24. **Q:** How do I apply for housing under RAS?

A: Senior Undergraduates should submit their housing applications as usual during the Senior Undergraduate housing admission exercise in March annually. Their applications would then be prioritised based on the RAS framework.

25. **Q:** I was nominated for housing by my student group but I missed the application exercise? Can I still be allocated an accommodation?

A: Students who missed the application exercise or failed to complete the necessary application steps will not be considered for housing during that application exercise. They can be subsequently considered and offered an accommodation depending on the availability of vacancies.

26. **Q:** What will happen to vacancies arising from cancellations or withdrawals etc?

A: Vacancies arising from cancellations or withdrawals before the start of the semester will be reallocated to the Category E, general student population and appeals.

27. **Q:** Will RAS be applicable to students wishing to apply for AY21/22 Semester 2 stay?

A: Given the uncertainty of vacancies in Semester 2, RAS will not be applicable for Semester 2 stay. Eligible student groups, however, may submit their recommendation list to Hostel Admission Services (Office of Student Affairs) at least 1 week before the start of the Semester 2 accommodation exercise, for consideration.

28. **Q:** I am a current Executive Committee of NUSSU. Will I be able to use the un-utilised places under Category A to nominate ordinary members for Category D?

A: Any un-utilised places in Category A (Executive/Management Committees) from a group may be re-allocated to other NUSSU Executive/Management Committee/Sub-committee. If there are no further nominations or recommendations, the un-utilised places will be re-allocated to members of the NUSSU Committee/Constituent Clubs/Sub-committee in Category D during the second hostel application exercise.

29. **Q:** I am a current management committee member of Society XKJ. Will I be able to use the un-utilised places under Category A to nominate ordinary members for Category D?

A: Any un-utilised places from participating Societies and Interest Groups in Category A (Executive/Management Committees) may be re-allocated to members in Category D (Members of Student groups), during the second hostel application exercise.

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