

# International students studying abroad

## Qualifying criteria for CROUS accommodation

International students looking for accommodation, start with us ;-)

## Qualifying criteria for CROUS living accommodation 2011-12

### First living accommodation application or renewal:

You cannot directly address the residence halls ('cités' or 'résidences').

You must be enrolled in a course which qualifies for student social security.

**If you are an international student and your parents have been living in France for at least two years, you need to put in an application for a living accommodation before April, 30<sup>th</sup> by filling out a student social registration form (Dossier Social Etudiant) online: [www.crous-nantes.fr](http://www.crous-nantes.fr)**

**If you are an international student and your parents have not been living in France for at least two years : Nantes – Pays de la Loire CROUS puts aside 25% of the students living accommodation for international students who represent 9% of the whole student population.**

### Three different situations:

#### 1st situation:

**If you are a French Government grant holder (BGF) or a grant holder from your country and your scholarship or grant is handled by the Centre National des Œuvres Universitaires et Scolaires (CNOUS) or EGIDE : you have first priority in receiving a CROUS living accommodation.**

#### **How to ask for a CROUS accommodation?**

For your first stay, CNOUS or EGIDE will handle the accommodation booking. To better prepare for your arrival, e-mail to [crous.clouangers@crous-nantes.fr](mailto:crous.clouangers@crous-nantes.fr)

Filling out the student social registration form (DSE) – international student request for a living accommodation (DLEI) on the Nantes CROUS website will expedite the request: [www.crous-nantes.fr](http://www.crous-nantes.fr)

For your future stays, you *must* apply for a DSE-DLEI (student social registration form – international student request for accommodation) through [www.crous-nantes.fr](http://www.crous-nantes.fr).

#### **What do you need to do?**

There are some necessary procedures to perform in order to obtain living accommodations from CROUS;

- You must have proof of a joint and several guarantee certificates from someone who lives and works in the European Union and who stands surety for you. This person has to commit to paying rent and other expenses on your behalf, that you would not have paid yourself to Nantes CROUS. In most cases, the CROUS itself stands surety for you.
- You must supply a certificate of insurance: fire, water damage, civil liability (the student private health insurance, banks, etc.)

#### 2nd situation

If you are an exchange student that is part of an exchange program (including Erasmus):

Booking conventions have been established between CROUS and certain schools (universities/colleges)

#### **How to ask for a CROUS living accommodation?**

You must ask your school international relation services if you can apply for a living accommodation within these conventions

You must apply for a DSE-DLEI (student social registration form – international student request for accommodation) to accelerate the request: [www.crous-nantes.fr](http://www.crous-nantes.fr)

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If you stay longer than initially planned and you are not part of an exchange program anymore, your request will be considered as a third situation request (student individually enrolled).

You can regularly check the status of your request and find answers to your questions online: [www.crous-nantes.fr](http://www.crous-nantes.fr)

### 3rd situation

You are an individually enrolled student and you come on your initiative to complete your education in a French school/university.

No accommodation is put aside by CROUS for individually enrolled students.

According to the vacancies and within the 25% of international student limit and according to the criteria of Université d'Angers, you may then obtain an accommodation.

### Can you get a CROUS accommodation ?

You can ask for an accommodation if the following criteria apply to you:

The 2011-12 criteria of Université d'Angers were subjected to an accommodation convention co-signed with CROUS. After consultation with the President of Université d'Angers, the accommodations that will become vacant will be allocated as follow:

- First, PhD students, for three years maximum
- Then, newcomer students, for one year maximum, in the chronological order of the requests at the International Student Service, Angers CLOUS. (Newcomer students are the ones coming from abroad and enrolling for the first time at a French school/university)

### How can you get a CROUS accommodation?

As soon as possible, Fill out the student social registration form (DSE) – international student request for accommodation (DLEI) on Nantes CROUS website will accelerate the request: [www.crous-nantes.fr](http://www.crous-nantes.fr).

Upon your arrival in Angers, register at Université d'Angers. Then, go to the International Student Service, Angers CLOUS with your student card 2011-12, in order to add your name on the waiting list.

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If you are offered an accommodation, you must supply a joint and several guarantee certificate from someone who lives and works in the European Union and who stands surety for you. This person commits to pay rents and other expenses that you would not have paid yourself to Nantes CROUS. You must supply a certificate of insurance : fire, water damage, civil liability (the student private health insurance, banks ... supply this kind of insurance)

### If you did not get a CROUS accommodation:

Nantes CROUS website offers free access to a file with private housing.

Please note that from September, fewer and more expensive accommodations are offered (300€/months). The best offers are already available in June. **Do not wait!**

Most of the time, tenants have to give a security deposit, i.e. two to three month-rents and a joint and several guarantee certificate before moving in.

### Information:

To know what kind of financial aid can be offered to foreign students who are planning to come and study in France and what they need to do, please check the information on the website [www.cnous.fr](http://www.cnous.fr)

**Housing assistance:**

Rent allowance (Aide au logement social: ALS) applies for rooms in cités-residence halls. It is directly transferred to CROUS and you will have to pay the residual rent. The APL (Aide personnalisée au logement) – another kind of rent allowance) applies for the residences. This allowance will be directly transferred to you.

Further information: [www.caf.fr](http://www.caf.fr)

**The Locapass :**

This help will provide you:

- a free advance for your security deposit
- a joint and several guarantee for three years
- a convention co-signed by CROUS and Cil Atlantique to make your procedure easy.

Further information: [www.cilatlantique.com](http://www.cilatlantique.com)

**The Région des Pays de la Loire joint and several guarantee:**

Since October, 1<sup>st</sup> 2009, under 30 year-old students can apply for the regional rent allowance to encourage young population housing, a new operation created by the Conseil regional and which will be handled by the URHAJ. For further information:

[www.paysdelaloire.fr](http://www.paysdelaloire.fr)

**Nantes-Pays de la Loire CROUS student life online services :**

[www.crous-nantes.fr](http://www.crous-nantes.fr)

To know what the qualifying criteria of Université du Maine (Le Mans- Laval) and Nantes are, check the CROUS website.
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