

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, 30th by filling out a student social registration form (Dossier Social Etudiant) online: 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.logementaee@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

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.

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

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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

3rd situation

If you are a student that is enrolled in a French college/university on your own initiative.

No living accommodations are 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 de Nantes, you may then obtain a living accommodation.

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

The 2011-12 criteria of Université de Nantes were subjected to a living accommodation convention co-signed with CROUS. After consultation with the President of Université de Nantes, the below living accommodations will become vacant and allocated to:

- 1) Students enrolled in a first year of PhD, whatever their situation is (1st enrollment at Université de Nantes, already enrolled at Université de Nantes, already got a CROUS accommodation). This applies for one year. The living accommodation will be renewed, according to the terms of the PhD contract after the decision of a specific Commission Universitaire.

In case the 1st year of PhD is repeated, the student will be able to keep their living accommodation for one more year, depending on the vacancy.

- 2) Students enrolled in a PhD under joint-supervision will get a living accommodation for at most 12 months (not necessarily 12 successive months)
- 3) Depending on the vacancy, living accommodations could also be offered to students enrolled in a Masters/Grad school and those who register for the first time at Université de Nantes (new-comers). Those enrolled in a 1st year of Masters, they will be allowed to stay in their accommodation, if they are accepted in a 2nd year of Masters.

Living accommodations will be offered via the internet, in the order of the completeness of the student file; On a first come, first served basis

Whatever your situation is, you *must* fill out the student social registration form (DSE) – international student request for accommodation (DLEI) on Nantes CROUS website from January, 15th until April, 30th 2011: www.crous-nantes.fr

You do not qualify for an accommodation:

- 4) If you enroll at Université de Nantes for the first time and are registered as an undergraduate student, you cannot get a CROUS living accommodation.
- 5) If you are enrolling for your second year at Université de Nantes in a Masters program (M2), repeating your first year in the Masters program, (M1) or enrolled in an undergraduate course (Licence 1, 2 or 3), you will not be able to receive get a CROUS living accommodation.

NB: Whenever you will arrive in your CROUS living accommodation during 2010-11, the possible request of a granting renewal for this living accommodation for 2011-12 will be reviewed according to the criteria explained above.

In both cases, there is no need to ask for a living accommodation, your request will be rejected. Also, there is no need to go to the CROUS office; no waiting list will be drawn up.

What do you need to do?

If you are offered a living accommodation, you must have proof of 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 paying 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, etc.)

If you have not obtained a CROUS accommodation:

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

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

The Locapass :

This help will provide you:

- An advance on your security deposit
- A joint and several guarantees for three years

A convention co-signed by CROUS and Cil Atlantique to make your procedure easy.

For further information: www.cilatlantique.com

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

Since October, 1st 2009, students less than 30 years of age 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

Information:

To find out kind financial aid is offered to international students who plan on coming and studying in France and what they need to do, please check the information on the website www.cnous.fr

Nantes-Pays de la Loire CROUS student life online services :
www.crous-nantes.fr

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