

SA19 Student Housing

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PURPOSE

This policy is to ensure information on student housing is easy to access, including student housing options, services, supports, and resources.

SCOPE

This policy provides guidance and information on student housing for Algonquin College students.

DEFINITIONS

Word/Term	Definition
Algonquin Students' Association	A non-profit corporation governed by a Board of Directors to represent Algonquin College students. All members of the association are Algonquin College students in postsecondary programs
Campus Services	Campus Services is a department that provides commercial services to the Algonquin College community including Food & Conferences, Retail, Print, Parking, and Residence.
Off-Campus Housing	Off-campus housing refers to student accommodation located outside the college premises, without the activities, supports or services typically associated with on-campus housing.
On-Campus Housing	On-campus housing refers to student accommodation provided by a college within its grounds. This type of housing is often called dormitories or residence halls and may include a range of activities, supports or services for students.

Residence	Residence refers to student living accommodations at Algonquin College's Ottawa Campus.
Student Housing	Student Housing refers to student accommodation specifically designed to meet the needs of students during their academic years. It includes various types of living arrangements, supports and services.
Student Support Services	Student Support Services is a department that provides resources, services, and support to Algonquin College students.

POLICY

Access to housing is an important factor in the well-being and success of students. Algonquin College is committed to ensuring equitable access to safe, affordable and culturally appropriate housing information and supports, particularly for students from equity-seeking groups. The College acknowledges that students from historically and structurally marginalized communities may face systemic barriers in securing housing and will provide targeted information and supports where appropriate. This includes:

- Information on Student Housing options.
- Support for students seeking housing including on-campus and off-campus options, as regionally applicable.
- Resources and general education for students seeking housing information.
- Consideration of the local community environment and, as appropriate, community partnerships.
- Dedicated webpage to provide information and resources on Student Housing options, including emergency housing options.
- Housing information will include information on accessibility features such as mobility access, sensory friendly environments, and proximity to transit and services.
- The College will maintain and communicate pathways to short-term, and emergency supports for students experiencing housing instability, domestic violence, or sudden displacement.
- Housing Information will include resources to support students experiencing discrimination in the housing market and will highlight culturally supportive and inclusive environments where available.
- All housing information will be provided in accessible formats consistent with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA).

RELATED POLICIES

PM06: Residence Admissions

RELATED MATERIALS

Housing and Accommodation Information and Guidance

On-Campus Residence — Ottawa Campus
Off-Campus Housing Resources — Ottawa Campus
Off-Campus Housing Resources — Pembroke Campus
Short-Term, Emergency Housing Support
Financial Aid and Student Awards
Student Support Services