



**Trinity College Dublin Students' Union
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Press Release on Hilary Accommodation Update

To whom it may concern,

After working closely with the Accommodation Office and College Management, TCDSU are delighted to announce new measures for accommodation for Hilary term. The following terms currently only apply to Trinity owned accommodation (i.e. Trinity Hall and Campus), but we're actively working to support students in Trinity-partnered Accommodation (i.e. Binary Hub and Kavanagh Court).

The following measures have been made available as a response to the current situation regarding level 5 lockdown and the high numbers of daily cases. It is hoped that by introducing these measures we can keep students safe and avoid unnecessary travel.

College Accommodation will remain open for all who need it this term, but the College is asking students to consider whether it's necessary to return to their accommodation if they can engage in semester 2 teaching from home. International Students are also being asked to contact the Global Office before they travel to clarify the current situation regarding visas and online teaching.

Refund Policy for new tenants:

If you are due to arrive in College accommodation for the first time but have not decided to travel, you can be released from your accommodation contract without penalty. I.E. you will not be charged if you decide not to take up accommodation this term.

If you have already arrived in College accommodation as a new resident but wish to return home for any reason and cease your contract, you will only be charged up to the date you vacate your room (including your belongings). This applies to all permanent departures between 24th Jan - 28th Feb inclusive! There will be no administration fees or advanced notice period.

Refund Policy for existing residents:

If you decide not to return to campus after Christmas, you will be charged for Term 1 only. (up until 23rd Jan inclusive).

If you opt to leave College accommodation prior to the 28th Feb, no admin fees will be incurred and you will be charged up to the date you vacate your room only. You will be released from your accommodation contract without penalty once the outstanding bill has been paid.



Refund policy applicable to all residents:

If you opt to leave before the 28th of February 2021 inclusive, you will only be charged up until your date of departure.

If you opt to leave after the 1st of March, special measures as outlined above will not apply and you'll be subject to fees and liable for payment based on your existing license agreement.

We're asking that all those wishing to cease their license agreement for this coming term to contact either trinity.hall@tcd.ie or residence@tcd.ie.

Item Collection for those unable to collect their belongings:

A packaging and shipping service will be made available to students at the cost of €200 + cost of shipping via UPS.

Students who leave belongings in their accommodation but do not return may still incur a charge and we would recommend that students would opt for this packaging and shipping service if possible.

TCDSU hopes that these measures will allow students to prioritise their safety without incurring any penalty or fees. We ask that every resident consider their options carefully and make a decision based on their personal circumstances. We reiterate that College Accommodation will remain open for all who need it this term. Our Welfare and Equality officer, Leah Keogh, can be contacted at welfare@tcdsu.org if you need any advice or assistance.

Kind Regards,

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