ACCOMMODATION IN LILLE

It can be very difficult to find housing upon arrival in Lille. For this reason, we strongly recommend that you make sure to have found housing before your arrival in France.

You can either choose:

- to stay in a residence hall
- or to look for a private accommodation.

RESIDENCE HALLS

⇒ A.E.U - Association d’Entraide Universitaire

www.asso-aeu.fr

AEU manages dorms situated on Lille Catholic University’s campus but also within the city and off campus. These dorms usually accommodate both French and International students.

The residences consist of rooms of various sizes (from 9m² to 16m²) that are furnished with a bed, a closet, a desk and a washbasin. Toilets and bathrooms are shared in some residences. Students also share a kitchen. AEU is in charge of the cleaning and maintenance in the residence. Life in AEU residences is supervised by a team: a warden/caretaker, housekeepers and student leaders.

Various facilities can be provided depending on the residence: breakfast, a kitchen for students, a laundry room, a TV room, ping-pong tables... However pillows, linen and towels are usually not provided.

Please be aware that choosing accommodation in a residence hall requires a personal commitment to community life. You can work in groups and can help each other as well. Various events bring the residents together (sports, thematic parties and competitions...)

Details of accommodation fees *

- AEU housing application fee: 235 Euros to be paid upon application
- AEU housing deposit: about 615 Euros. It will be returned at the end of the year if no material damage has been caused to the room.
- AEU student services card: 11 Euros
- AEU charges (includes electricity and water): 39 Euros (monthly) **
- **Annual services fees** (Includes reception, provision of breakfast, laundry, maintenance of common areas and equipment, technical assistance...): about 360 Euros
- **Membership fees (Annual contribution)**: 96 Euros
- **Insurance for accommodation**: about 40 Euros (annual)
- **Monthly rent**: amount depending on the residence

HEI International office usually liaise with AEU to make sure rooms are booked for incoming students who choose to apply for AEU residences.

/A/ Please note that we have no involvement in housing placements which are under the responsibility of AEU. **However, we require that you inform us when you have booked your room online so that we can provide your name to AEU.**

We do not however liaise with any other organisation. If you consider another housing solution, you will have to do the whole procedure on your own.

**⇒ Estudines Residences**  
*(Procedure to do on your own)*

http://www.estudines.com/uk/

Estudines Artois and Flandres-Gambetta are located off campus, about 15 minutes’ walk to HEI and close to shops and subway station.
These student residences offer furnished studios and one-bedroom apartments (from 19m² to 41m²). Each apartment has a fully equipped kitchenette (sink, hotplate, microwave, and refrigerator), bathroom, WiFi...

Many included or optional services are provided, check the page of each residence to find out more.

**Details of accommodation fees:**
- **Monthly rent**: 532 to 788 Euros
- **Processing Fees**: 240 to 526 Euros
- **Security deposit**: one month rent. It will be returned at the end of the year if no material damage has been caused to the room.
- **Electricity**: you will have to open an account with the French Company of Electricity (EDF). Electricity bill depends mostly on the size and equipment of the accommodation.
- **Insurance for accommodation**: about 40 Euros (annual)

**Estudines can be a good alternative to AEU residences!**

Monthly rent may be higher but there are fewer additional charges.

You can also check for other private residences on this website: [www.adele.org](http://www.adele.org)

⇒ **CROUS** (Centre Régional des Œuvres Universitaires)

*(Procedure to do on your own)*

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

CROUS residences are located outside campus. It can take up to one hour to go from CROUS residence to HEI by public transportation.

Please note that applications from Catholic University and HEI students are not given priority.

**PRIVATE ACCOMMODATION**

*(Procedure to do on your own)*

Finding private accommodation is often difficult. It is almost impossible and not recommended to book this type of housing before arriving in France.

Flat sharing

« Coloc », which means flat sharing with other students, might help you integrate into the French way of living more easily and it is a way to lower all the standing expenses, such as electricity, heating, telephone, local taxes.

A few useful links to find advertisement posted by people looking for housemates:


www.lacartedescolocs.fr

Please note that some of these website require the payment of fees.

Also many private owners rent apartments or houses to students. You can find many rental advertisement on Facebook.

SHORT STAY ACCOMMODATION

(Procedure to do on your own)

To find a hotel:

www.lilletourism.com

Hotels close to HEI:

www.residhotel.com  and  www.adagio-city.com

You might also consider Youth Hostels:

Auberge de Jeunesse HI Lille
235 Boulevard Paul Painlevé - 59000 LILLE
☎: +33 3 20 57 08 94
http://www.hifrance.org/

Gastama Hostel
109 rue Saint-André - 59000 LILLE
☎: +33 3 20 06 06 80
http://gastama.com/

HOUSING SERVICES

(Procedure to do on your own)

You can also choose housing services that help students find accommodation. For fees of a few hundred euros, they offer full assistance in finding a flat, including legal advice, administrative support...
and many other personalised services.

www.livinlille.com

www.francecorentstudents.com

OTHER LINKS TO HELP YOU FIND ACCOMMODATION

(French only)

http://www.crij-npdc.fr/site/publication-du-crij-nord-pas-de-calais/guide-se-loger-dans-la-region-nord-pas-de-calais/

http://www.crij-npdc.fr/site/se-loger/je-recherche-un-logement-a-lannee

Housing allowance:

Like French students, international students are entitled to housing allowance (APL/ALS) from the French Government (Caisse d’Allocations Familiales, CAF). The amount varies according to the amount of the rent and the student’s status.

Application for CAF requires that you open a bank account in a French bank.

Application for CAF should be done as soon as possible, after your arrival. HEI international office usually helps students with their application. You do not need to wait to obtain your residence permit before sending your application; you can send your residence permit afterwards.