

## 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](http://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 9m<sup>2</sup> to 16m<sup>2</sup>) 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) \*\*

#### ***Please note:***

*Residence halls are generally **mixed**, you will be sharing **bathroom and eating areas** with opposite sex.*

- **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

**AEU requires students to pay all fees and first month's rent before arrival.**

*\* Information based on fees for academic year 2016-2017.*

*\*\* If you get a room at residence Saint-Omer, you will have to pay for annual water fees (120€) and open an account with the French Company of Electricity (EDF). Electricity bill depends mostly on the size and equipment of the accommodation.*

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

**⚠ 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.

**Some words you should know**

***Dépôt de garantie***

Deposit for your lodging corresponding to one or two months' rent. It will be required in addition to your rent. The deposit will be cashed and returned to you at the end of your stay if the place is the same as you found it on arrival.

***Contrat de location ou bail***

Contract indicating the duration of the rent, the name of the tenant and the owner, a description of the lodging, the amount of the rent, the amount of the deposit and the notice leave.

***Etat des lieux***

Inventory before you enter the flat and before you leave it. If the place is the same as you found it on arrival your deposit will be returned to you.

***Assurance multi risques habitation***

Whatever your mode of housing, it will be necessary to subscribe an insurance policy which will cover at least water damage and fire.

You can find a company of your choice or contact the student mutual insurance company: SMENO/LMDE... or contact your bank.

These student residences offer furnished studios and one-bedroom apartments (from 19m<sup>2</sup> to 41m<sup>2</sup>). 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.

[www.paruvendu.fr](http://www.paruvendu.fr)   [www.topannonces.fr](http://www.topannonces.fr)   [www.pap.fr](http://www.pap.fr)   [www.leboncoin.fr](http://www.leboncoin.fr)

### **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.macoloc.fr](http://www.macoloc.fr)      [www.colocation.fr](http://www.colocation.fr)      [www.appartager.com](http://www.appartager.com)      [www.easycoloc.com](http://www.easycoloc.com)

[www.lacartedescolocs.fr](http://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](http://www.lilletourism.com)

Hotels close to HEI:

[www.residhotel.com](http://www.residhotel.com) and [www.adagio-city.com](http://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](http://www.livinlille.com)

[www.francecorentstudents.com](http://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.