VOAS

VOAS – Student accommodation in Vaasa

Housing info for new students

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About VOAS

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- The student housing organization in Vaasa VOAS was founded in 1972.
- We currently have about 2500 tenants.
- Our apartments are safe and affordable for students.
- When living at VOAS, you become a member of a community!

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Apartment types and furniture

- Shared apartments:
 - You have your own bedroom only you can access with your key.
 - 2-5 rooms/persons per shared apartment
 - Furnished options available, most of the apartments are unfurnished
 - Only one person is allowed to live in a shared apartment room!
- Studios, 2r and 3r apartments are always unfurnished.

You can check the layout of the apartments on our website.





Getting an apartment from VOAS





Applying for an apartment

Housing application



- The application can be filled online
 - www.voas.fi
 - > Application
 - Housing application

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Housing application

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Housing application -form

I'm looking for *	Apartment	type *	Area		Application prog
O A student apartment	🗌 Shared a	partment	Choos	ie area 🔹	Application Details
An apartment change	Studio apartment				Application Details
O An apartment for student exchange	Two-room apartment Three-room apartment				Applicant Information
					Summary of Applicatio Submission
Maximum rent *	Features			House type	
Maximum rent	Requirement	Wish		Apartment building	
Max 2000 €	0	0	Furnished apartment	Loft	
Squares (m²) Min - Max Max 100	0	0	Electricity included in rent	Rowhouse	

- This is what the application itself looks like.
- After this, fill out your information carefully.
- If you're coming with family, add the information of the family members clearly to the application.
- Remember to attach a certificate of your studies!
 - Acceptance letter etc.
- When the application has been sent successfully, you will receive a confirmation email.



Apartment offer

Apartment offer

- Offers are sent by email.
 - Please also keep an eye on your junk folder!
- Hundreds of applications in the queue -> not every applicant will get an apartment offer this fall ⁽³⁾
- We cannot give multiple offers to same applicant due to equality



Apartment offer

- If you get an offer, we recommend that you accept it to ensure your housing in Vaasa for the fall semester. Even if it does not check all your criteria – it will be difficult to get an apartment!
- You can decline the offer, but you most likely will not get another one from VOAS.
- The housing office will answer any questions you have regarding the offered apartment.





Accepting the apartment offer

Accepting the offer

- An apartment offer is accepted by paying the security fee of 200 euros to our account.
 - Further instructions are in the offer email.
- Security fees can only be paid by bank transfer, no cash or cards
 - International bank transfers are okay
- Remember to attach the reference number!
- Paying the security fee is a binding preliminary tenancy agreement!





VOAS Signing the tenancy agreement

- Once the security fee is paid, we will send you your tenancy agreement by email
 - Signing a PDF document
 - Signing the agreement on paper in our office
- Once you've signed the agreement, you're officially ready to become a VOAS tenant!



Some additional information

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Benefits for VOAS tenants

- Internet connection is included in the rent in all houses.
- Electricity is included in the rent in all shared apartments and some studios/bigger apartments.
- Free use of laundry rooms and saunas (some houses do not have a sauna)
- Electric cars for tenants to rent
- Use of the VOAS Study & Chill common space
 - VOAS Chill common spaces in five houses, available for the house's tenants
- Renting useful items from Lainappi vending machine for €1 per day!
 - Sewing machine, textile washer, outdoor games, window washing equipment...









Events for tenants

- VOAS has three active tenant boards that host events for our tenants.
 - Sushi course, VR games, bowling, movie nights...
- Board members are elected in our yearly tenant meeting in the end of the year.







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