



Accommodation Options Northern Territory





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Acknowledgement of Country

Charles Darwin University acknowledges and respects the many Australian First Nations traditional custodians of the lands upon which our campuses and centres are located.

We acknowledge and pay our respect to the Larrakia who are the traditional custodians of the lands upon which our Education and Community Precinct, Casuarina, Waterfront, and Palmerston campuses and centres are located.

We acknowledge and pay our respect to the Arrernte who are the traditional custodians of the lands upon which our Alice Springs campus is located.

We acknowledge and pay our respect to the Jawoyn, Wardaman and Dagomon who are the traditional custodians of the lands upon which our Katherine campuses are located.

We acknowledge and pay our respect to the Gadigal who are the traditional custodians of the lands upon which our Sydney campus is located.

We acknowledge and pay our respect to the Turrbal and Yuggera who are the traditional custodians of the lands upon which our Brisbane centre is located.

We acknowledge and pay our respect to the Warumungu who are the traditional custodians of the lands upon which our Tennant Creek centre is located.

We acknowledge and pay our respect to the Yolngu who are the traditional custodians of the lands upon which our Nhulunbuy centre is located.

We also acknowledge and pay our respect to the Mirrarr (Jabiru), the Kungarakana and Warrai (Batchelor and Adelaide River), the Anindilyakwa (Groote Eylandt) and the Tiwi (Tiwi Islands) people.

We acknowledge Australian First Nations peoples' long tradition of sustaining their communities and environments over thousands of years. They are the first educators and first innovators.

They are the holders of knowledge that makes an important contribution to the improvement of our local, national and global communities.

We extend our respect to Elders - past, present and emerging - and to all First Nations people.



Welcome

Welcome to Charles Darwin University (CDU). We congratulate you on making the decision to study at this unique and vibrant university, located in Australia's tropical north.

Finding the right place to stay is more than just choosing a room; it is about discovering a community where you feel comfortable, connected, and supported.

Whether you live on-campus or off-campus in Australia depends on your personal preferences, finances, and lifestyle. Living on campus offers convenience and easy access to university facilities, providing a safe, comfortable environment while helping you balance academics and social life. Off-campus accommodation offers more independence and flexibility, allowing you to choose a living arrangement that suits your budget and lifestyle.

Both options will shape and enrich your university experience, offering unique opportunities to grow, connect, and make the most of your time at CDU.



On-campus accommodation

If you choose to live on-campus, Charles Darwin University Village Casuarina Campus (CDU Village) offers a great range of facilities, along with cultural support, that gives students an ideal base to immerse themselves in all aspects of university life. If you need to travel to other campuses, CDU offers a free shuttle [bus service](#) to ensure you can easily get to your classes and study sessions.



CDU Village Casuarina

CDU Village is the only provider of on-campus accommodation for CDU's domestic and international students. Community is at the heart of CDU Village, and making friends and getting involved is easy. At CDU Village, there is a range of events throughout the year exclusively for residents. With an extensive calendar filled with social, sporting, and cultural events, there is something to interest you and help balance your study time. It is important that you take the time to get to know your fellow residents while also dedicating enough time to studying. Make the most of university life and experience the opportunities that CDU Village's vibrant community has to offer.





Life at CDU Village

CDU Village provides a supportive living environment for residents, where living on-campus makes it easy to get to classes and study. It offers both domestic and international students the opportunity to experience our unique territory lifestyle. Reliable public transport from the campus can take you to the city centre and many other areas of Darwin and the surrounding suburbs. CDU Village is also located just a short walk from Casuarina Beach and is not far from the Nightcliff foreshore.

There are up to 360 students across 17 low-rise buildings, and it has a variety of rooms available to suit different needs. All rooms are fully furnished with:

- > air-conditioning
- > desk and chair
- > ceiling fan
- > small fridge
- > desk lamp
- > king single bed/double bed
- > wardrobe

CDU Village benefits

- > located on the CDU Casuarina Campus
- > easy access to all CDU facilities
- > save on transport costs by living on-site
- > rates include all utilities
- > exclusive events and activities for residents
- > 24-hour on-site support provided by the CDU Village team and CDU security
- > multicultural environment with 30-40 nationalities represented in the CDU Village community
- > the full academic year contract provides cheaper rates, with charges applying for early lease breaks

Room types & rates

2025 LONG-TERM CONTRACT RATES

Please refer to the website for full terms and conditions.

Single standard room (single occupancy only)	\$210 per week
Standard room – apartment (single occupancy only)	\$230 per week
Medium room – apartment (single occupancy only)	\$245 per week
Medium room with ensuite – apartment	\$280 per week
Large Room (applications from couples accepted)	\$240 per week
Large room – dual occupant (applications from couples accepted)	\$290 per week
Single room large with ensuite (single occupancy only)	\$265 per week
Single room large with ensuite – dual occupancy (applications from couples accepted)	\$315 per week

* All rates include electricity, water, and Wi-Fi.

* Students can choose between a full academic year contract, weekly rates and daily rates.

2025 SHORT TERM CONTRACT RATES

Daily rate applies to any stay less than four (4) consecutive weeks	
Standard room (single occupancy only)	\$65 per night
Standard room – apartment (single occupancy only)	\$75 per night
Medium room – apartment (single occupancy only)	\$85 per night

How to apply for CDU Village accommodation

1. apply directly [online](#)
2. sign the residential agreement
3. pay the deposit and initial fees
4. move in

Students should familiarise themselves with the Terms and Conditions of Residency and the CDU Village Code of Conduct before submitting an application online.

CDU Village contact details:

P: 00 61 8 7928 5050 (International)
08 7928 5050 (Australia)

E: live.casuarina@cduvillage.com.au

W: campuslivingvillages.com

Katherine Student Accommodation

Katherine Student Accommodation (KSA) is owned and operated by CDU on the Katherine Rural Campus. The campus is located 16 kilometres north of Katherine’s CBD in a rapidly developing mining, agricultural, horticultural and tourist region.

KSA is designed to accommodate groups or individuals seeking comfortable and communal short-term stays. It is perfect for students, staff, and visitors who are doing placements, training, teaching blocks, research projects, field trips, relocations, and other related activities.

There are 94 rooms in nine single-storey buildings across KSA, and each room is fitted with a desk, air conditioning, ceiling fan and long single bed. KSA provides all guests with bed linen and a towel for your convenience.

A large multi-purpose common room is equipped with a pool table, table tennis, television, lounge and a swimming pool.

For an additional fee, you can hire a communal kitchen and dining room. External catering services are also available.



For enquiries, please contact:

P: 08 8973 9948

E: katherine.accommodation@cdu.edu.au

W: cdu.edu.au/locations/katherine-campus/katherine-accommodation

Room type	Short-term rate
Single standard	\$75 per night*
Ensuite	\$100 per night*

Alice Springs Student Accommodation

Alice Springs Student Accommodation (ASSA) is owned and operated by CDU on the Alice Springs Campus. The campus is located 2 kilometres from Alice Springs’ CBD and Alice Plaza, where you will find supermarkets, specialty shops, restaurants and a cinema.

ASSA provides accommodation for CDU students, students from other universities undertaking placement, CDU staff, visiting guests, and groups.

It can accommodate up to 30 guests across 2 single-storey buildings. All rooms are fully furnished and fitted with an air conditioner, bar fridge, television, two king single beds, a desk, chair, and wardrobe. ASSA provides all guests with a towel and bed linen for their convenience.

Guests have access to a communal kitchen and dining room in each building.



Facilities are provided:

- > on-site laundry service
- > Wi-Fi via CDU network or eduroam
- > ensuite bathrooms
- > on-site parking
- > undercover BBQ facilities
- > table tennis
- > communal kitchen facilities
- > cafeteria (during business hours)

For enquiries, please contact:

P: 08 8959 5311

E: alicesprings.accommodation@cdu.edu.au

W: cdu.edu.au/locations/alice-springs-campus/alice-springsaccommodation

Room type	Short-term rate	Long-term rate
Twin share	\$50 per night*	\$210 per week*
Solo occupancy	\$100 per night*	\$300 per week*

*Please note that there is a minimum two-night stay

*Prices are subject to change



Off-campus accommodation

Off-campus living entails renting or sharing a private apartment, house, or room located outside the university's campus. It can offer greater independence and a more personalised living experience; however, it also requires careful planning to manage costs, commuting, and household responsibilities. If you choose to live off-campus, we strongly recommend that you familiarise yourself with your rights and obligations when renting in Australia.

It is always wise to visit a property in person before signing a contract. If you are moving abroad, viewing a house or studio can be difficult. One option is to rent a hotel or hostel room for a week or two upon arrival, search for accommodation during that time, and then move in.

All off-campus accommodation is privately owned and is not controlled by the university. The [Accommodation Officer](#) at CDU is happy to discuss your accommodation options, but is unable to book or arrange accommodation on your behalf.

CDU StudyStays

CDU StudyStays is an online noticeboard provided free of charge by CDU to connect students and staff seeking accommodation with local accommodation providers.

The off-campus accommodation database is an informational service. While every effort is made to assist students in identifying suitable accommodation, any lease or other housing arrangements entered into are at the discretion of the student and accommodation provider.

The university does not inspect properties, so it is vital that you check and inspect any property you are considering renting before moving in or signing any agreements.

You should always research your rights and responsibilities thoroughly before signing a lease agreement or any related documents. Queries regarding visitors, internet/phone connections, pets, and food arrangements should be discussed with the landlord and/or other tenants before signing any agreement.

If you are still unsure, you can book an appointment with our [Accommodation Officer](#) to discuss possible options prior to your arrival.

Register as a student or staff member using your CDU email address to view available accommodation and provider details. If you are looking for short-term accommodation in Katherine or Alice Springs, you can also find off-campus options on CDU StudyStays.

Looking for a tenant or co-tenant?

If you have a spare room or property and are looking for a tenant or housemate, simply register as an accommodation provider, post your available accommodation, and connect with students and staff searching for a place to stay. You can also browse existing listings by clicking 'Search' to view other advertisements before posting your own.

Visit studystays.cdu.edu.au to find out more information.

**** Please note: Accommodation listed on this website has not been inspected by CDU****



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"Finding accommodation through StudyStays was such a great experience. It helped me a lot with no issues. I hope it helps other students find their new home too!"

Tarik, Master of Information Technology (Artificial Intelligence)



UniLodge Darwin

UniLodge Darwin is an ideal home away from home for students seeking convenient and safe accommodation, located around a ten-minute walk from CDU Casuarina Campus.

It adjoins Casuarina Square shopping centre, covering all your entertainment needs with state-of-the-art cinemas, coffee shops, restaurants, a gym, and over 190 specialty stores for great retail therapy. And, of course, with all this food and retail, there are plenty of job opportunities at Casuarina Square for students looking for part-time work.

For convenient transport, the darwin bus interchange is also located at Casuarina Square. UniLodge Darwin understands that most students like to be mindful of their spending, so the eight-storey building is designed to cater to a variety of budgets. You can choose from studio, 2 - bedroom, or 4 - bedroom apartments. The apartments are modern, fully self-contained, air-conditioned (a must in the tropics!), and include a flat-screen TV, study desk, kitchenette, and bathroom.

The games room has pool tables, table tennis, video games and vending machines for when you have worked up a thirst.

Show off your culinary skills by cooking up a storm in the communal kitchen, which is equipped with ovens, four-burner cooking hobs, a dishwasher, refrigerator, freezer, and microwaves. Or perhaps you would prefer to grill a great steak for your friends on the BBQ.

Each floor offers study spaces equipped with a TV for laptop display extension. To help you unwind after a busy day at university, the student media lounge is designed in a cinema format with a 70-inch LED television, perfect for watching movies or major sporting events with friends.

Residents can join the weekly activities which are organised as part of our Residential Life Programme, including movie nights, trips to the waterpark, crocodile watching, laser tag, and bubble soccer competitions.



Dedicated student accommodation

To keep you safe, UniLodge Darwin maintains a high level of security with personal intercoms, CCTV cameras in communal areas, electronic card access for all public spaces, and individual locks for apartments and rooms. Feel secure with 24-hour on-site assistance.

Your apartment will include:

- > air conditioning
- > all utilities
- > television
- > unlimited internet for any lease period (provided by an external service provider)
- > refrigerator
- > microwave
- > glass cooktop
- > wardrobe/closet and storage
- > sofa and dining table (2 & 4 - bedroom apartments only)
- > king single, double, or queen bed with mattress included
- > bathroom with rain showerhead (private ensuite in studios and shared bathroom in 2 & 4 -bedroom apartments)
- > intercom phone system
- > study desk
- > individual electronic key card access

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"A great community event on every week, and wonderful management support which literally helped me solving issues from top to bottom, it was incredible amount of help I received, and I was overwhelmed by generosity from manager."

**Wen Sun/UniLodge
Darwin Resident**



Residential *Life*

The Residential Life Program is UniLodge's structured engagement and support initiative, offering a broad range of opportunities to help residents grow and succeed during their time at university. It aims to foster inclusive communities through diverse events and initiatives that support academic success.

Name an activity, whether it is music, sports, debating, study groups, leadership training, environmental awareness, special interest groups, or charity work, and chances are we already have an opportunity for you to join or will support you in getting it started.

Accommodation options

Room type	Details	Price
Studio	<ul style="list-style-type: none">> perfect for students who enjoy both privacy and communal spaces> studio apartments available with or without a balcony> private rooms with a double, queen, or king single bed> includes a private bathroom, shower, and kitchenette> accessible studios available for those requiring mobility assistance	From \$310* per week, including utilities.
2 & 4 bedroom shared	<ul style="list-style-type: none">> ideal for students sharing with friends or making new connections> private bedroom with secure access> shared bathroom> multi-share apartments available with or without a balcony> all rooms include a king single bed	From \$255* per week including utilities.

*Prices are subject to change

UniLodge Darwin

Address: 6 Dripstone Road, Casuarina NT 0810

P: + 61 8 8942 0706

E: reception.darwin@unilodge.com.au

W: unilodge.com.au/student-accommodation-darwin



Homestay

Homestay programs connect international students with host families to exchange cultures and experience local life. It offers an affordable way for international students to improve their English and immerse themselves in Australian culture and lifestyle.

Who can use homestay and what is included

Homestay students can be of any age, but if you are under 18, your booking process will be more detailed. You must stay in a homestay for a minimum of one month.

Agencies will match you with an appropriate homestay host. You will meet the host and see the house for the first time when you move in.

All homestay arrangements include:

- > a furnished private room in a supportive environment (with desk, chair and study lamp)
- > access to bathroom and laundry facilities
- > household utilities (electricity, gas, etc.)
- > meals provided based on your chosen meal package
- > homestay host and student support
- > an easy online payment system

The main agencies in Darwin are:

W: homestaynetwork.org

W: globalexperience.com.au

Darwin Student Accommodation

Choose to live on or off campus while you study at CDU. Whether you are moving from interstate or arriving in Australia from overseas, you will find your home away from home. Use this table as a quick guide to help you decide which accommodation best suits your needs.

	ACCOMMODATION TYPE		
	CDU Village Casuarina (on campus)	UniLodge Darwin (off campus)	Private rentals (off campus)
Description	Standard and large furnished rooms for individuals and couples. Shared kitchens, bathrooms and laundries in various multi-level buildings.	Single studio apartments or 2 and 4-bedroom multi-share apartments, all furnished with kitchenettes and bathrooms.	Renting a room in a house or a unit shared with other tenants (available on CDU StudyStays or other real estate websites).
Accommodation Features	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > on campus > university security, gated community > couples' accommodation > Swimming pool, games room, and BBQ > computer lab and study rooms > 24-hour on-site assistance > free permit parking > lots of group activities on-site > short walk to the beach > close to public transport > contract/lease break restrictions apply 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > walking distance to CDU casuarina campus > adjoins Casuarina Square shopping centre > recreation room and outdoor terrace, great for BBQs > 24-hour on-site assistance > secure swipe card access with CCTV cameras > includes all utilities > free high-speed internet > contract/lease break restrictions and charges apply 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > independent living > own space > cost effective > meet new friends > shared household cleaning tasks > may be allowed pets > living with different people who have different lifestyles > transport to campus > contract/lease break restrictions apply
Contact Length	Long term and short term	Short term, semester and 6 month, up to 12 months	Varies
Cost per week per person	From \$210* per week > contract rates include electricity, water and Wi-Fi	From \$255 - \$472* per week > contract rates include electricity, water and Wi-Fi	From \$240 - \$340* per week > shared utility bills



ACCOMMODATION TYPE			
	CDU Village Casuarina (on campus)	UniLodge Darwin (off campus)	Private rentals (off campus)
Procedure	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. apply directly online 2. sign residential agreement 3. pay deposit and initial fees 4. move in 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. apply directly online to UniLodge 2. receive letter of offer 3. pay deposit and initial fees 4. move in 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. locate property 2. inspect property 3. sign the tenancy agreement 4. pay security deposit/bond and rent 5. connect utilities (if needed) 6. move in
Contacts	W: campuslivingvillages.com E: live.casuarina@cduvillage.com.au T: 00 61 8 7928 5050 (Int'l) 08 7928 5050 (Australia)	W: unilodge.com.au/student-accommodation-darwin E: reception.darwin@unilodge.com.au T: 00 61 8 8942 0706 (Int'l) 08 8942 0706 (Australia)	W: studystays.cdu.edu.au W: realestate.com.au/rent W: gumtree.com.au W: easyroommate.com W: roommates.com.au W: flatmates.com.au

*Prices are subject to change

Useful information

Study NT International Student Accommodation Grant

Study NT has established the international student accommodation grant to assist international students moving to Darwin, Northern Territory (NT).

The grant will cover six weeks of accommodation fees at CDU Village Casuarina Campus, located on-campus at CDU, or at UniLodge Darwin.

For more details, please refer to the Study NT website.

W: [Accommodation grant](#) | [Study NT](#)

Cost of living calculator

The cost of living calculator is designed to help students broadly estimate how much it could cost to maintain the lifestyle they choose in Australia. You can compare accommodation arrangements, transportation options, and other lifestyle choices.

W: [Cost of Living Calculator](#)



Important tips:

Do not sign up for any accommodation without prior inspection in person, and do not rely on friends to secure accommodation for you before your arrival. However, you may consider asking a friend to send you information and prices of available accommodation beforehand to help you understand the rental market, but do not commit to a property based solely on a friend's advice.

When applying for a house or unit through a real estate agency, you will need rental references from properties you have previously rented. Remember, real estate agents will contact your referees. If you do not have rental references, you can provide personal references, such as from a previous employer.

There is high demand for rental properties in Darwin, so it is best to come prepared with all the necessary information to secure accommodation.

WARNING: SCAMS

Accommodation providers and websites around the world have been targeted by scammers.

The scams may include:

- > a falsely advertised property (which may not even exist)
- > scammers requesting payment to view a property
- > scammers requesting funds for various other reasons before the property has been thoroughly viewed

If a property seems too good to be true, it probably is.

If you have good reason to suspect that a property is part of a scam, please contact CDU Accommodation Services or reach out to Consumer Affairs directly using the contact details provided.

CDU Accommodation Services

E: accommodation.assistance@cdu.edu.au

Consumer Affairs NT

Darwin

P: +61 8 8999 1999

E: consumer@nt.gov.au

W: consumeraffairs.nt.gov.au

Alice Springs

P: 1800 019 319

Rental terms explained

Who is a landlord?

A landlord is the person who grants the right of occupancy to premises under a tenancy agreement and includes an agent of the landlord. An agent could be a real estate agent, a friend, a family member, or a live-in caretaker. It makes no difference whether you deal with a landlord or an agent; the law is exactly the same, and your rights and responsibilities remain the same.

Who is a tenant?

A tenant is the person who is granted the right of occupancy to premises in return for the payment of rent.

Types of agreements

It is advisable to have a written tenancy agreement.

There are 2 types of tenancy agreement:

- > Fixed term
- > Periodic

Fixed Term

A fixed-term tenancy agreement is an agreement to rent a property for a set period (such as 6 or 12 months). If you remain in the property after the expiry date without signing a new tenancy agreement, and the landlord does not ask you to leave, the tenancy becomes periodic.

Periodic

This type of agreement is usually on a weekly, fortnightly, or monthly basis for an indefinite period.

The most important thing to do once your tenancy agreement is prepared is to read and understand it. Pay close attention to any special conditions added to the agreement and ensure you are happy with them **before** you sign. If you do not understand any clauses, seek assistance from someone who can help.

If there is no signed, written agreement between the landlord and tenant, a prescribed agreement under the Residential Tenancies Regulation will apply.

Payment and receipt of rent

Rent must be paid in advance as outlined in your Residential Tenancy Agreement (Lease). You will be required to pay a security deposit/bond (normally four weeks' rent) and at least two weeks' rent in advance. Additionally, you may need to arrange and cover other costs, such as electricity and telephone connection.

Make sure you understand the payment amounts and due dates.

Property condition report

The landlord should complete and sign a condition report within three days of the tenancy commencing. They are required to provide you with the report so that you can make any amendments and sign it. It is important to check the contents carefully before accepting it by signing. If you take no action, it will be deemed that you have accepted it.

Breaking a tenancy agreement/lease

If you need to break a tenancy agreement for which you are responsible, you must continue paying rent until the property is re-let to a suitable tenant or until the agreement expires. It is advisable to read the tenancy agreement carefully and ensure you understand all the conditions outlined.

If you need assistance understanding the tenancy agreement or require legal support, please contact:

NT Consumer Affairs:
consumeraffairs.nt.gov.au

Darwin Community Legal Service: 1800 812 953



You make CDU



Student Accommodation Service

E: accommodation.assistance@cdu.edu.au

W: cdu.edu.au/accommodation-services

cdu.edu.au