



Accommodation in Christchurch New Zealand

Homestay

Homestays are where you stay with a host family and is arranged for you by Computer Power. The homestay family will provide a separate fully furnished room of your own in a suburban house, usually with garden and lawns. Interacting with your host family and friends is an excellent way to improve your English! Your host family provides breakfast and dinner each weekday and three meals on the weekends. Fresh linen is also provided and your laundry is done for you. Staying in a homestay is not like living in a hostel. Some 'give and take' is expected, as you become part of the family.

The cost is up to \$210.00 per week. There is a one off placement fee payable to the homestay company of \$200.00 approximately so that they can visit every home and interview every family. Many families have hosted students for many years. Computer Power has signed and supports the Code of Pastoral Care for International Students. We use the services of an Approved Homestay Agent to monitor Homestay families. Homestays hosting students aged under 18 years are police vetted.

The Following are links to homestay providers.

www.homestaymum.com

www.nz-education.com

Student Hostels

The city has many commercial hostels where you can rent a room either short term or long term. The hostels are not run by Computer Power and anyone can stay in a hostel. Remember that some are for students only. They have single, double or twin share rooms and are always furnished. The commercial hostels have a communal kitchen where you can cook your own meals.

The cost is up to \$230.00 per week. Some areas have self-catering private or independent hostels. The cost for a furnished room, with shared kitchen and lounge facilities, is about \$130.00 per week share or \$230.00 per week single (plus application fees).

YMCA/YWCA accommodation

Males only

Right in the 'heart' of Christchurch city is good quality accommodation for all. Well furnished single and twin rooms for both short and long term accommodation.

<http://www.ymcachch.org.nz/accommodation/student/>

Females only

Affordable and quality accommodation for all budgets in central city Christchurch, offering single and twin rooms for both short and long term accommodation.

<http://www.ywca.org.nz/christchurch/index.html>

Other Accommodation Options

Urban Rooms - Christchurch

Make Urban Rooms your home away from home and become part of a vibrant exciting urban community of fun people from all over the world within a safe, clean and friendly atmosphere. Urban Rooms houses provide the best compromise between backpacker accommodation and a Kiwi flat for cost conscious travelers intending to stay four or more weeks. The central location of these houses gives easy walking access to the fabulous Christchurch City working, entertainment, shopping, and recreation opportunities - taking five minutes on foot to the central Cathedral Square.

- <http://www.urbanrooms.co.nz/>

Flatting

Many students enjoy the independence and challenge of sharing a house (flat) or apartment with other people. You can find flats by looking in the newspaper, on local notice boards (such as the supermarket), through the internet www.flathunt.co.nz or www.flatfinder.co.nz or going through a rental agent. You will probably have to pay a bond and some rent in advance when you first move in. Costs can be between \$120.00 and \$200.00 for a room and then you must pay for food, electricity, water etc.

Temporary Accommodation

When you arrive in Christchurch, it is best to have something ready for you before you leave home. You may like to stay some where temporarily until you find your ideal accommodation or you may just come to Christchurch for a short course.

Steps to finding the right accommodation for you:

1. Choose the accommodation type that you like
2. Most accommodation choices have websites – check out the links below for some possibilities
3. If you require assistance with accommodation and / or airport transfers please contact our International Student Services department.

Temporary accommodation close to the Christchurch Computer Power campus is:

- a. Dorset House <http://www.dorsethouse.co.nz/>
- b. New Excelsior Backpackers
<http://www.bbh.co.nz/listings.aspx?bbh=detail&aid=221&hid=6026>

Or you can search one of these New Zealand accommodation sites:

<http://www.bbh.co.nz/listings.aspx>
<http://www.discovernewzealand.com/new-zealand-accommodation.aspx>
<http://www.destinationnz.co.nz/directory.php?category=accom>

Airport transfers

If you are living in a homestay situation – an airport pickup can be arranged for you at the time of your accommodation booking.

If you are wishing to make your own way into Christchurch city try:

Red Bus-Airport Bus from Christchurch International Airport (CIA) to city centre approx \$7.00 <http://www.redbus.co.nz/flyer.htm>

Airport Super Shuttles from CIA to city centre approx \$15.00
www.supershuttle.co.nz

Taxi from CIA to city centre approx \$35

<http://www.gold-band-taxis.co.nz/>

Notes

- *** If you are under the age of 18 when you start studying at Computer Power and are an international student you must contact International Student Services at the school to discuss your options. This is in accordance with the **Code of Practice for the Pastoral Care of International Students** (<http://www.minedu.govt.nz/index.cfm?layout=document&documentid=6902&data=!>)
- *** *If for any reason whilst studying at Computer Power you change your address, emergency contact information or type of accommodation, you must notify the Student Services Department.*