

Accommodation in Auckland 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 \$220.00 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 Auckland city is good quality accommodation for all. Well-furnished single and twin rooms for both short and long term accommodation.

www.nzymca.com/accommodation/index.php

Females only

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

www.akywca.org.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 Auckland, it is best to have something ready for you before you leave home. You may like to stay somewhere temporarily until you find your ideal accommodation or you may just come to Auckland for a short course. Temporary accommodation very close to the Computer Power Auckland campus includes:

Auckland Central Backpackers www.acb.co.nz

Base Backpackers www.stayatbase.com

Steps to finding the right accommodation for you:

1. Choose the accommodation type that you like
2. Most accommodation choices have websites
3. If you require assistance please contact our International Student Services department.

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 Auckland city try one of the following:

- Air Bus from Auckland International Airport to city centre approx. \$15.00 www.airbus.co.nz
- Airport Super Shuttles from AIA to city centre approx. \$25.00 www.supershuttle.co.nz
- Taxi from AIA to city centre approx. \$75.00 www.cooptaxis.co.nz

Notes

Computer Power are unable to accept any international under the age of 18 years as in accordance with the Code of Practice for the Pastoral Care of International Students www.minedu.govt.nz

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.

All rates and information correct as at 3rd August 2011.