

This guide has been created to support especially international students at Linnaeus University searching for accommodation. Here you find info on tenancy agreements, housing links and general info. Read all the points, 1-11, for a well-planned "house" hunting.

1. Removed housing priority for most international students

Linnaeus University is decreasing the number of dorm rooms/shared flats that have been available for international students. Exchange students from overseas and scholarship holders are prioritized from fall 2021. At <https://lnu.se/en/student/preparing-for-your-stay/accommodation/> there is a bit more information about what applies for different student categories in terms of housing. The Linnaeus Union has not (yet) been fully informed in the matter. As soon as we know more we will update this guide.

- The biggest change for international students is that there will be much fewer furnished accommodations on the market. If you are only searching for furnished options read more under point 8.
- Another change is that applying directly to housing companies as a regular student (without the intermediate contact with the university) it is no longer allowed to be asked to pay the total rent in one payment (unless you get university-arranged accommodation).

2. Register for housing through Linnaeus University (if you meet the requirements)

To receive housing via the university you must: 1) Meet the new requirements 2) Have made a housing application through the university and 3) Most importantly paid your tuition fee before the deadline. Contact the university to learn if you should apply or not: If you are paying tuition fees and/or aren't an exchange student use internationalstudents@lnu.se If you are an exchange student email to inexchange@lnu.se

If you have a chance to receive housing and will seek that opportunity keep in mind that you can only live by yourself in a student accommodation with shared spaces. Students arriving with family must secure accommodation themselves.

After two semesters you are no longer entitled to the university-organized accommodation. By then you will have to apply for a regular student accommodation, either at Kalmarhem or with any other housing company. Read more under point 4.

The moving-out date for the university provided accommodation is June 15 (and Jan 15 if you move in a spring semester. This means that from June 16 (or Jan 16) you need to have arranged a new accommodation on your own, **in advance**, and there are no exceptions.



3. Register for housing on your own

If you do not meet the requirements to apply for housing through the university, or if you have already stayed in university-organized accommodation for two (2) semesters, you need to register for accommodation by yourself. The biggest housing provider for students in Kalmar is Kalmarhem, <https://kalmarhem.se/>

International students who wish to apply for a student accommodation at Kalmarhem must:

- Be admitted to full-time studies based at Kalmar Campus.
- Be admitted with the same social security number that you have registered with at Kalmarhem.

To apply for student accommodation with Kalmarhem, you need to register to start collecting points with which you are applying for housing at the website.

How do I register at Kalmarhem.se?

Register at <https://minasidor.kalmarhem.se/mina-sidor/registrera-dig> Use the translate function for easier navigation).

- If you have a Swedish social security number, you cannot register with the number you got from Linnaeus University. Please register with your full Swedish social security number (YYMMDD-xxxx). Each x is equivalent to a number in a proper personal number.
- A personal number where the first x is a letter may only be used by the university and the student union.

If you do not have a Swedish social security number, you need to check the box "No" to get a new fictive social security number from Kalmarhem. When or if you get a Swedish social security number after registering, please visit Kalmarhem at Larmtorget 3 with your new ID and it will be changed on your tenancy agreement and on "My Pages".

Please note! Once you have registered to classes you need to e-mail Kalmarhem your letter of admittance that you find in LADOK or at <https://www.universityadmissions.se/intl/start> .

International payment to Kalmarhem

For payment by credit card, we recommend Forex Bank. Bank details for making payment from a foreign bank:

- IBAN: SE52 95000099603403768264
- BIC/ SWIFT: NDEASESS
- You should always (if possible) write your name and OCR number on the payment. Also, please note that you need to pay in SEK, not in EUR/USD.

4. Other (student) housing companies in Kalmar

Besides Kalmarhem there are other companies providing (student) accommodation. You find other landlords at <https://kalmar.se/bygga-bo-och-miljo/bostader/hitta-bostad.html> (use the translate navigation).

Often, there is also the possibility to sublet a room or an apartment. Read more under point 8.



5. Home insurance

When signing with Kalmarhem you must have a valid home insurance, and it is often required also when signing with other housing providers. The Linnaeus Union has a cooperation with the company Hedvig to offer a cheap home insurance for students. Go to <https://linnek.se/eng/med-hedvig-forsakring-blir-du-karmedlem-for-1-kr/>

Only students with a full Swedish social security number may use the offer from Hedvig. If you do not have a Swedish personal number, look into the possibility to use the home insurance that you have where you live now (in your home country). There are also a few insurance companies offering a home insurance to students (temporary or permanently) without a Swedish personal number, for ex. *Trygghansa, Dina* and *If*.

6. Tenancy agreements

All regular tenancy agreements for (student) accommodation (not provided by the university) are until further notice and with three-month period of notice. When you wish to cancel your tenancy agreement you must fill a termination form. Housing companies usually rent out accommodations three months in advance so to get a new home for example from June 1 you need to apply for a new accommodation well in advance, as early as February.

7. The student housing guarantee

From July to September, and November to January, Kalmarhem has an ongoing student housing guarantee for new Swedish students at LNU so you will not be able to apply for student accommodation until the student housing guarantee is completed. This is why looking at other options, besides Kalmarhem, is a good idea.

8. The Linnaeus Union housing portal

Looking to sublet? The Linnaeus Union has a housing portal where you find sublets and rooms with private owners. There is no registration on this site, instead contact each landlord/subletter. When both a phone number and an email are listed in the ads, phone even if that is expensive from where you are. When landlords are approached at speed you reach them faster with a phone call which can make all the difference.

Find the ads at <https://linnek.se/eng/bostadsportal/> where you can make filtered searches on types of accommodation, areas, maximum rent etc.

9. Housing links

The Linnaeus Union also provides a few housing links at <https://linnek.se/eng/bostadsinfo/> (scroll to navigate among the links provided for Kalmar). There is also a form for feedback and questions about housing.



10. Beware of housing frauds!

Sadly, there are those who try to take advantage of international students or other newcomers trying to navigate on the, sometimes tough, housing market. Think very carefully before sending money or sharing personal information. This is especially important if someone asks you to transfer money to an international account. Landlords who claim to be abroad, or who require large deposits to foreign bank accounts, are often scammers. When a transaction is done to a foreign account it is often not possible for the Swedish police to investigate it. Read more at <https://bopoolen.nu/en/beware-of-frauds/>

If you suspect that you are a victim of a fraud, contact us at the Linnaeus Union and we will do our best to help you.

11. Rules and obligations once you have secured accommodation

Once you have secured accommodation, do you know what rules and obligations you have as a tenant? Go to <https://kalmar.se/bygga-bo-och.../bostader/boendemiljo.html> and translate the page(s) to your preferred language 😊

Anything you are wondering about? Do you need further guidance?



Don't hesitate to contact the Student Coordinator at the Linnaeus Union at karin@linnek.se or

contact the Linnaeus Union's administrators at info@linnek.se

