

INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR ACCOMMODATION

Ramsay Development

Q: What is provided in my accommodation?

A: Your study bedroom is equipped with the following items:

- Small double bed (4ft)
- Study desk, chair & lamp
- Bedside shelving
- Mirror
- Waste paper bin
- Ensuite shower room
- Mattress and Mattress Protector
- Data point
- Wardrobe
- Pinboard
- Blind

The communal area in your flat is equipped with the following items:

- Iron & ironing board
- Electric cooker
- Washer/Dryer
- Microwave oven
- Toaster
- Kettle
- Fridge/Freezer
- Dishwasher
- Chairs/stools
- Breakfast bar
- Television
- Lounge furniture
- Vacuum cleaner
- Kitchen bin
- Pinboard

Q: What do I need to bring with me?

A: We **do not** supply towels or bedding (sheets, duvet, pillow etc.), or kitchen items such as cutlery, crockery and cooking equipment, so you will need to provide these items yourself.

You will also probably want to bring photos and other personal items to make your room quickly feel like home.

You may want to join up with your flatmates when ordering kitchen items so that you can share the costs and avoid having duplicates. Join our facebook group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/rguaccom2018/> to make contact with your flatmates before you arrive.

Please **DO NOT** bring strobe lights, chip pans, deep fat fryers for use on the hob, candles or any items with a naked flame, or portable heaters as these are all prohibited due to health and safety reasons.

Q: What are the communal areas like?

A: Each flat has an open plan kitchen/lounge area with a TV provided for residents' use.

Q: **What bathroom facilities are provided within the flats?**

A: These flats are ensuite so there are no communal bathroom facilities. Each bedroom has an ensuite bathroom area with shower, sink and toilet.

Q: **How much storage space is there?**

A: In your bedroom, you get a wardrobe, desk, shelf and bedside storage.

Q: **What colour are the walls in my bedroom?**

A: Your walls are cream so you are free to accessorise.

Q: **What floor am I on?**

A: The block is 3 storeys (floors) high. Flats 7 & 9 are on the ground floor, 11 and 15 are on the first floor, and 17 and 19 are on the second floor.

Q: **Is there a lift?**

A: No, there is no lift in the block.

Q: **Can I get items delivered before I arrive?**

A: Parcels must include non-perishable items only and are delivered at your own risk to arrive no earlier than Thursday 6th September. Items should be sent marked with your name, flat and room number c/o Robert Gordon University, Garthdee House Annexe, Garthdee Road, Aberdeen AB10 7QB.

Q: **What internet facilities are there?**

A: Internet access is included in your rent and is delivered via wireless facility in your bedroom and communal areas. There is also a wired (Ethernet) connection in each bedroom. Students must provide their own basic Ethernet/CAT5 cable for the wired connection.

When you arrive you will be given details of how to set up your devices for wifi access.

Q: **What is the procedure for moving in?**

A: Shortly before your lease start date, you will be e-mailed details of our online induction process. As part of the induction, you will be able to book an arrival slot and print off a Key Release form. Please ensure you bring this with you when you arrive along with a passport sized photo with your name and flat number clearly marked on the back. You will not be able to obtain your keys without providing this identification. The photograph is retained in the site office to check identification for collecting parcels or dealing with lost keys.

Your key collection point is at Garthdee House Annexe, Garthdee Road, AB10 7QB (accessed via Entrance 3 off Garthdee Road). The office will be open from 7am to 7pm

Monday to Friday and from 9am to 6pm at weekends (between 8th September and 16th September only). Outside of these times, a member of the Reslife Team will be available to assist you. Contact details are provided on the Key Release form in the induction.

Please note that your accommodation is located approximately ten minutes' walk from the key collection point so if you are arriving by taxi, we suggest that you ask the taxi to wait for you. When you arrive at the key collection point, a member of staff will check your Key Release form and photograph and issue your keys. There will be someone available to meet you at Ramsay Development once you have your keys.

There is very limited parking at Ramsay Development and it is strictly for residents only. You may park your car to unload for no longer than half an hour. Please note that the accommodation is located in a Residents Parking Zone.

Q: Do I need a TV Licence?

A: The television provided by the University in the communal lounge area is covered by a TV licence provided by the University. You must be covered by your own TV Licence to:

- a) watch or record programmes as they're being shown on TV or live on an online TV service, [such as All4, Sky Go and YouTube](#), or
- b) download or watch [BBC programmes on iPlayer](#).

This could be on any device, including a TV, desktop computer, laptop, mobile phone, tablet, games console, digital box or DVD/VHS recorder.

The cost for a license is currently £150 - please see the TV Licensing authority website for further details: <http://www.tvlicensing.co.uk>

Q: Are there car parking & bicycle storage facilities?

A: For the 28 residents at Ramsay Development there are only 6 parking spaces (including 1 space for a disabled resident). There is no charge for these spaces and they are first come first served on a daily basis to residents only. You can apply for a resident's permit which must be displayed in your car but does not guarantee you a parking space. The accommodation is located in a Resident Parking Zone so if there are no spaces available, residents will have to buy vouchers to park on the street at a cost of £4.50 per day. These can be purchased on campus or from local shops in Garthdee.

There is a lockable cage for bike storage which is secured by a combination lock available from the Reslife team.

Q: What is included in my rent?

A: Your rent is fully inclusive of utilities (electricity and heating), internet and basic personal contents insurance. Your rent also includes cleaning of communal areas but not your bedroom or ensuite bathroom.

Q: What laundry facilities are available?

A: Each flat has its own washer/dryer in the kitchen for your use free of charge. You just need to supply the washing powder/liquid.

Q: Who am I sharing with?

A: We know students are very keen to find out who they will be sharing with, however due to Data Protection legislation, we cannot tell you who will be in your flat. However, we have set up a Facebook group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/rguaccom2018/> where students can post where they are staying and find others staying in the same flat or accommodation. This is a closed group which is only open to confirmed students with an offer to study at RGU.

Please feel free to join this group and share where you will be staying if you wish. We would advise that for security and privacy reasons, you do not disclose your new address in any public forum such as open Facebook pages or groups.

Q: What about Freshers?

A: For many students, the Freshers period events are the perfect opportunity to get to know new people and your new home. RGU:Union organise a number of events before lectures start and these are advertised through their website www.rguunion.co.uk/freshers and Facebook page www.facebook.com/rguunion.

The Reslife team are based at the accommodation sites and organise activities throughout the year, not just during Freshers. They advertise on the noticeboards around site and we would encourage you to follow their Facebook page for up to date information - www.facebook.com/rgureslife

Don't worry if you are under 18 or not into alcohol, Freshers is not all about club nights and there are a large variety of events that are not based around alcohol such as bowling, trips around the local area and cinema nights.

Whilst on the topic of social media, please be wary of joining groups claiming to be for Freshers or students in Aberdeen. The only official RGU Freshers pages are those given above – the rest are most likely to be marketing and PR pages.

If you have any questions that are not answered here, please see more information online at www.rgu.ac.uk/accommodation, chat with us online, email accommodation@rgu.ac.uk, phone 01224 262130 or text/WhatsApp us on +44 (0)7500 071207.