

FAQ (Exchange Student Dormitories)

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[Applying for a place in an exchange student dormitory]

Q1: Tell me how to apply.

After you are accepted as an exchange student, the Residence Life Center (RLC) or the person in charge at your University will send you a Housing Questionnaire (HQ). After you have received the HQ, please answer the questions found on the page at the specified URL before the deadline. Please be reminded that you will not be able to apply if you are on certain programs. Please confirm whether you will be able to apply with the person in charge at your University.

Q2: I am a regular student. Can I apply for a place in an exchange student dormitory?

As the dormitories are exclusively for exchange students, a regular student cannot apply.

Q3: How many exchange student dormitories are there?

There are three: Waseda University Student House (Sodai Ryo), Waseda Hoshien (Hoshien), and Nishi-Waseda International Student House (Nishi-Waseda Ryo). Please confirm the basic information including the furnishings and the dorm fee at the following URL.

<http://www.waseda.jp/rlc/exchangedorm/index.html>

Q4: Can I choose a dormitory?

No. Based on the information on the HQ, the RLC will allocate each student to Sodai Ryo, Hoshien, or Nishi-Waseda Ryo. Furthermore, please be advised that once you have entered a dorm, you may not change your room to another one within the same dormitory or one in another dormitory.

Q5: Will I always be accepted to a dorm ?

Please understand that it is difficult for us to accommodate everyone who wishes to stay at an Exchange Students' Dormitory as the number of exchange students is increasing. There are no waiting lists.

Q6: I am planning to stay at an apartment at first. Will I be able to apply for a room in the dormitory afterwards?

You may not enter a dormitory in the middle of the program. You may apply for a place in a dormitory only before the program begins.

Q7: I would like to live in an apartment. What should I do?

Please contact Waseda University Property Management.

<http://waseda-housing.com/fp-4664/>

Q8: I would like to homestay. What should I do?
Please contact Waseda University Academic Solutions.
<http://www.w-as.jp/japan-exp/en-homestay/>

[Dormitory]

Q9: Are there any rules for the dormitories?
There are rules all residents must abide by. In case you violate the rules, you could be asked to leave the dormitory. Please see the page at the following URL for the dorm rules.
<http://www.waseda.jp/rlc/exchangedorm/questionnaire.html>

Q10: Can I invite my family members or friends to my room or have them stay in my room overnight?
The dorm rules prohibit all of the above. Inviting students staying at other exchange student dormitories is also prohibited.

Q11: Is there a curfew?
No. However, please be careful when you return to the dorm late at night so that you will not bother your neighbors or other students staying in the dorm.

Q12: Is bedding provided?
A bed sheet, a duvet, a pillow, and a pillow case are provided in your room. You do not need to bring them.

Q13: Can I use the Internet?
A wired LAN is provided in each room. You can use Wi-Fi in the lounge and the kitchen.

Q14: Are meals provided?
No. You must prepare them yourself. There are supermarkets and many restaurants around the dormitory. If you are cooking for yourself, you can use the common kitchen.

Q15: Are cooking utensils or tableware provided in the common kitchen?
Communal cooking utensils and dishes are available in the common kitchen, so please feel free to use them. However, please be sure to clean up after yourself when you are finished.
*Please be aware that Hoshien does not provide communal kitchen utensils or tableware: residents are required to acquire these items for themselves which can be purchased at the nearby ¥100 store.

Q16: Where can I smoke?
In Sodai Ryo, there is no space for smoking (smoking is prohibited in all areas). In each of Hoshien and Nishi-Waseda Ryo, there is a designated space for smoking. Please ask the dorm manager or an RA (Resident Assistant) for details.

Q17: Can I send my luggage before I arrive at the dormitory?

We do not keep a student's luggage which has reached us before his/her arrival. If you are sending your luggage, please make sure that it will arrive on or after your arrival date.

[Payment]

Q18: Can I pay with a credit card or via overseas remittance?

No. Please refer to the dorm rules as the payment method differs between each dorm.

<http://www.waseda.jp/rlc/exchangedorm/questionnaire.html>

Q19: When will I get my deposit returned? (This applies only to Hoshien and Nishi-Waseda Ryo)

We will check your room before you leave. If there is no problem, we will return the deposit to you on the day you leave the dormitory. If we find any damage(s) to your room during the check, we will deduct from your deposit the amount that corresponds to the actual cash value of the damage(s) incurred.

[Moving out of the dormitory]

Q20: When is the deadline for moving out?

★For students who will move out after spring semester, AY 2017

August 2nd (WED), 2017 *SILS, JLP, GLFP students

August 4th (FRI), 2017 *All exchange students excluding SILS, JLP and GLFP students

August 10th (Thu), 2017 *Double Degree Program students

★For students who will move out after fall semester, AY 2017

February 9th (FRI), 2018 *All students

Q21: Can I move out of the dorm before the end of the program?

In principle, we do not allow a student to leave the dorm while the program is still in progress. However, in case you are leaving the dorm due to some unavoidable circumstances, please submit the notice of moving out to the RLC one month prior to the day you are moving out or earlier. Please be informed that you may move out from 9:00 to 17:00 on weekdays only, and you cannot move out on weekends or holidays.

Q22: What happens if I forget to submit the notice of moving out one month beforehand?

A penalty will be charged to you that corresponds to the dorm fee for the number of days you were late in submitting the notice. The penalty must be paid by the day you move out at the place and in the method specified under the dorm rules.

Q23: Can I temporarily leave my luggage with the dorm after I move out?

No. We cannot look after your luggage after you move out.

[Other]

Q24: How can I open a bank account?

We will be holding an orientation at Waseda University to explain to you how you can open a bank account. We will give you the details on the orientation in the “Orientation for Exchange Students” held by the CIE.

Q25: How should I register as a resident?

If you have entered an exchange student dormitory and have participated in the “Orientation for Exchange Students” held by the CIE, a CIE staff member will come to the Shinjuku City Office with you and help you with the registration procedures. We will give you the details in the orientation.