

Comparison of Queen's Standard and En-suite Accommodation versus Private Sector

University Accommodation 2021-22 (38 week contract)		Private Rental 2021/22 (52 week tenancy based on 4 sharing in standard bedrooms)			
Weekly Costs	Standard Room	Malone	Botanic / Holylands	Lisburn Road	Stranmillis
Rent (1)	£110.00	£70.10	£68.75	£70.81	£65.38
Utilities (2)	Included	£20.00	£20.00	£20.00	£20.00
Internet 250Mb	Included	£3.50	£3.50	£3.50	£3.50
TV Licence ⁽³⁾	Included	£0.76	£0.76	£0.76	£0.76
Contents Insurance	Included	£3.50	£3.50	£3.50	£3.50
Off Peak Queen's Sport Membership (9 Months)	Included	£3.34	£3.34	£3.34	£3.34
Weekly cleaning (kitchens, bathrooms and communal areas). 24/7 Welfare and Pastoral care and Residential Life Events Programme 24/7 Reception, security and maintenance	Included	Not Included	Not Included	Not Included	Not Included
Total Weekly Cost	£110.00	£101.20	£99.85	£101.91	£96.48
Annual Total	£4,180.00	£5,262.40	£5,192.20	£5,299.32	£5,016.96
Additional Cost of 52 week private rental tenancy versus University Standard Room 38 week contract		£1,082.40	£1,012.20	£1,119.32	£836.96

Comparison of Queen's Standard and En-suite Accommodation versus PBMSA in 2021-22

University Accommodation 2021-22 (38 week contract)		Queen's Contract 2021-22		PBMSA Rental 2021-22 (short tenancy)		
Weekly Costs	Single En suite Room	Studio	Swanston House (44 weeks)	John Bell House (44 weeks)	Botanic Studios (51 weeks)	LIV Belfast (40 weeks)
Rent	£124.00	£149.00	£135.00	£139.00	£168.00	£149.00
Utilities (2) / Internet 250Mb / TV licence (3) / Contents Insurance	Included	Included	Included	Included	Included	Included
Weekly Cleaning of Communal areas and kitchens	Included	Included	Included	Included	Included	Included
Off Peak Queen's Sport Membership (9 Months)	Included	Included	Not Included	Not Included	Not Included	Included (own gym)
Pastoral care and Welfare support, Residential Life events programme	Included	Included	Not Included	Not Included	Not Included	Not Included
24 Hour Reception	Included	Included	Included	Included	Not Included	Included
24 Hour Security	Included	Included	Not Included	Overnight only	Not Included	Overnight only
24 hour Maintenance Service	Included	Included	Not Included	Not Included	Included	Not included
Total Weekly Cost	£124.00	£149.00	£135.00	£139.00	£168.00	£149.00
Annual Total	£4,712.00	£5,662.00	£5,940.00	£6,116.00	£8,568.00	£5,960
Additional Cost of 44 week PBMSA short tenancy versus University Premium En suite Room 38 week contract			£1,228.00	£1,404.00		£1,248
Additional Cost of 51 week PBMSA short tenancy versus University Studio 38 week contract					£2,906.00	

(1) Average rents for private rental from belfaststudentaccommodation.co.uk/GOC estate agents

(2) Typical utility costs in Belfast from Save the student, October 2021

(3) In communal areas only

Benefits of Queen's Accommodation versus private sector

Managed accommodation with all-inclusive costs and no hidden extras, to include cleaning, heating, 24-hour security and access control to all rooms, television (including licence) in common rooms, all kitchen equipment, and contents insurance.

Enhanced service delivery through adherence to sets of standards for the management and maintenance of student accommodation through membership of the Universities UK code.

Off peak membership of Queen's Sport to support student wellbeing and promote engagement and integration, access to a gymnasium in BT1 and virtual classes being a feature in a managed programme.

A dedicated 250Mb wired internet and Wi-Fi provision in 100% of bedrooms and common rooms, supported by a 24-hour helpdesk. This includes connection to smart TVs in common areas in BT1 and BT2.

Exclusive student services and facilities – 24-hour reception, FOC coffee bars, living room social space, convenience shop, ATM, laundry and dry-cleaning service, housekeeping/room cleaning service, student lounge with open access computers, printing and photocopying facilities and a 24-hour study space. Prompt 24-hour online repair and maintenance service.

A range of Lifestyle Room Options allowing students to choose accommodation which meet their needs : No Alcohol, Quiet Living and Single Sex accommodation (female only floors).

Student focused pastoral support via the Residential Life Coordinators (RLCs) and Residential Assistants (RAs) seven days per week, with additional Student Wellbeing and Students' Union initiatives to support mental health issues.

A varied and student-centred diverse 400+ events programme to support a vibrant student community and a seven-day university experience.