



LaSalle College
Vancouver

ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS IN THE GREATER VANCOUVER AREA

Finding affordable and suitable accommodation in Vancouver can be a challenge, especially for international students and students from out of province. As soon as you have planned your education, start looking into housing options so you can make an informed decision.

LaSalle College Vancouver does not provide student housing or placement services at the moment. The information provided here serves as a reference to help you research and get started. The listed companies / websites are not officially affiliated with the college and any communication students may have with them is solely their responsibility.

HOMESTAY

Especially for newcomers, doing a homestay with a local family can be a great choice. There are several homestay placement companies in Vancouver specialized in helping international students. Fees are often charged per week and are generally more affordable than renting your own place. Booking a homestay also gives you flexibility; you can try it out and extend your stay, or use it as your first landing place. The other benefits are that homestay families often provide meals and staying with a local family will help you get acquainted with Canadian culture faster.

STUDENT HOUSING / RESIDENCES

For mature students wanting a more independent living arrangement, student housing is a good option. You will have your own room with shared facilities and common areas. Pricing may vary and availability can be a challenge.

COMPANIES

Arbutus

Canada Homestay Network

Casa Student Housing

CanBe Homestay

Casita

GEC Living

Home Sweet Homestay Canada

Vanmates



SHORT-TERM SUBLETTING AND VACATION RENTALS

Subletting is taking over someone else's rental space and paying the expenses on their behalf. It is recommended you sublet from people who are recommended by a friend or relative as this is an informal agreement. In case of any issue or dispute during your stay, you may have very limited legal protection.

Vacation rental websites such as **Airbnb** can be a helpful option if your budget allows. These are often pre-screened listings with the benefit that you can select your dates and length of stay.

RENTING YOUR OWN PLACE

Lease is the commonly-used local term for a tenancy agreement. It is a legal document between a tenant and landlord/owner that specifies the rights and responsibilities of both parties. There are several websites that lists rentals (**Craigslist** and **Kijiji** for example). Before signing any agreement, ensure you educate yourself on both your rights and responsibilities. **The BC Tenancy Act website has a lot of useful information.**

If you are new to Canada, it is not recommended to sign a tenancy agreement without having physically seen the place. Most students select a short-term stay first and will look for a rental space once they are settled in.

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