



**18-05-2023**

**NOTICE 15: ACCREDITATION OF HOUSES, COMMUNES AND SMALLER BUILDINGS**

Dear Landlord

The accreditation of houses, communes and smaller buildings has been completed and the list of those that qualify will be made available by close of business on the 19<sup>th</sup> of May 2023. Please note the following about the process:

1. The deadline for the submission of applications was the 24<sup>th</sup> of March 2023.
2. The submitted applications generally fell into the following broad categories:
  - a. Those applications that were submitted before the deadline, which included the following required documents: proof of payment, occupancy certificate, buildings plans, public liability cover, Health and Safety certificate, electricity certificate, etc. The relevant houses, communes or buildings were also inspected and a majority of them met the minimum norms and standards. However, there were a few that did not meet the minimum norms and standards and they were disqualified.
  - b. Those applications that were submitted before the deadline, but which did not have all the required documentation. The mentioned applications were disqualified.
  - c. Those applications that were submitted after the deadline. The mentioned applications, as specified in the notice, were not considered.
3. The accreditation process will not be extended.
4. There will be no accommodation allowances paid to students who stay at home or in other non-accredited houses or buildings. Those students will only receive transport allowances.
5. As indicated earlier in the year, the transfer of NSFAS sponsored students from one accredited building or house to another will not be allowed, unless there are exceptional cases that are sanctioned by the Director – Student Accommodation.
6. Landlords are prohibited from offering money to students in order to entice them to come and stay in their houses or buildings. Such practice feeds into fraudulent activities and any evidence of such will lead to the de-accreditation of that particular building, house or commune.
7. Landlords are not allowed to accept deposits or upfront payments from NSFAS sponsored students.
8. There are ample spaces available for those students who still need accommodation in all accredited buildings, houses and communes. The Student Accommodation Department has the information.

Kind Regards,

Residence Management

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