



THE UNIVERSITY of EDINBURGH

Information for International Applicants 2013 Entry

Estimated Living Costs 2012-13

Installation charges

Installation of internet broadband and/or telephone landline in a private flat can range from £35-£50. Check with the two main providers for the best deals with a combination of internet/phone:

- Virgin Media internet service provider: www.virginmedia.com
- BT internet service provider: www.bt.com

Textbooks

Students will need a minimum of £315 each year for textbooks, stationery and photocopying.

Contents insurance

- University accommodation: This is included in your rent.
- Private accommodation: In most cases you will need to purchase this personally.

Endsleigh Insurance offers an online service: www.endsleigh.co.uk/student-possession.html

Travel

University accommodation is all centrally located. Most travel costs will be limited to taking the occasional bus, with fares costing about £1.40 to £3.50.

If you find accommodation farther away from the University, you can budget for a travel card, which costs approximately £13 per week (£40 for four weeks).

Travel costs in Scotland/UK or overseas will vary. Try to plan for visits home by checking on rail/air fares and adding this to your budget.

Student Discount Card (ISIC Card)

The International Student Identity Card (ISIC) gives you thousands of travel, online and lifestyle discounts. It's accepted in the UK and worldwide and is yours for just £9!

Television licence

Licences cost £145.50 per year and are required in all types of accommodation if you want to have a TV in your room or flat.

Social costs

Cinema ticket	£3.50 - £7.50
Haircut	£8 - £30
Take-away meal	£5 - £12
Clothes	£15 (per week)

University social costs

For unlimited entertainment at the student centre, you can buy a EUSA Gold Card for £30 per year: www.eusa.ed.ac.uk

The University Centre for Sport and Exercise membership is around £62- £98 depending on the package: www.sport.ed.ac.uk

Childcare costs

Childcare in the private sector is expensive and can cost approximately £40-£60 per day.

For further information and options, please see the following links:

- Scottish Childcare - www.scottishchildcare.gov.uk
- The University Day Nursery - www.nursery.ed.ac.uk
- UNI-TOTS Nursery - www.unitots.psy.ed.ac.uk

Police registration

For those required to register with the Police on arrival in the UK which will be clearly indicated in your passport, the current cost is £34 per person.

Estimated basic monthly expenditure for couples/families

Note that these costs do not include childcare, which can be expensive.

- Couple £1500
- Couple with 1 child £1700
- Couple with 2 children £1900



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Budgeting for living costs is an important part of planning for university life and you will have to consider the cost of accommodation and daily living expenses as well as the cost of your tuition fees.

Planning your budget will depend on the type of accommodation selected and your own spending habits. Below we provide an estimate of average costs for accommodation and living expenses for 2012/2013. Note that these costs do not include tuition fees.

The following link may be useful in planning your money:
International Student Calculator www.studentcalculator.org.uk/international

Weekly basic living costs

	University room in halls (with meal plan)	University self-catering room	Private flat
Rent	£114- £231	£56 - £135	£70 - £76
Food	£15 for lunches (all other food is included in rent)	£50	£50
Gas/electricity	included in rent	included in rent	£9 - £15
Internet	included in rent	included in rent	£3 - £8
Mobile phones	£7 - £10	£7 - £10	£7 - £10
Laundry/toiletries	£8	£8	£8
Total estimated weekly cost	£144 - £264	£122 - £203	£147 - £167

University accommodation

Many different room sizes, twin rooms and other options are available.

Search University accommodation:
www.ed.ac.uk/studying/international/accommodation/types

Private accommodation

Advice on finding private accommodation:
www.ed.ac.uk/studying/international/accommodation/private-housing

Food and shopping

Food costs will vary depending on taste and dietary needs, but will account for a significant part of your budget.

Use our handy shopping guide to personalise your food budget and check costs of UK and international foods.

Please remember that even in catered halls you will need to buy lunches.

Download our Shopping Guide:

www.ed.ac.uk/studying/international/finance/cost-of-living

Other costs

Deposit for your room

- University accommodation: £250
- Private accommodation: normally one month's rent (around £360) but this can vary

Bedding

- University accommodation: bedding packs
 - Catered accommodation: £20 (includes a duvet and pillow)
 - University flats/self catered accommodation: £25 (includes linen, a duvet and pillow)

Note: Please book in advance (part of on-line accommodation process)

- Private accommodation: £25 - £40