

HullSTARS Housing Checklist



Helping you find the student property that's perfect for you

PROPERTY DETAILS

Address.....

Number of bedrooms.....

HullSTARS rated?.....

Feedback rating?.....

Have you seen a copy of the contract?.....

You should be able to view this and take it away before you sign up.

Rent per week, per tenant?.....

Are bills included?.....

How much is the deposit/
administration fee?.....

Which company protects the deposit?.....

CHECKLIST

Outside

- Is the property well maintained?
- Who is responsible for the upkeep of the garden?
- Is equipment provided?
- Is the building secure? (working gates/fencing)
- Does the property have a burglar alarm?

Roof

- Are the gutters in good condition?
- Are they clear and firmly attached?
- Is the roof in good condition?
- Are there any loose slates?

Living Room

- Is there communal living space?
- Are you happy with the quality and quantity of the furnishings?
- Are there any signs of damp?
- (musty smell, loose wallpaper, flaking paint, visible mould)
- Do the windows have working locks?
- General aesthetics – Are you happy with the decoration, flooring, carpeting and curtains?
- Is a Hoover included?

Kitchen

- Are appliances such as a fridge freezer, washing machine or oven included?
- If so are they in good working order?
- Do appliances have valid PAT testing stickers?
- Is a fire blanket fixed to the wall away from the oven?
- Are there any signs of pests? (droppings, bait, traps)

Bathroom

- Test the water – do taps and showers work?
- Is the water hot and have a good pressure?
- Does the flush work on the toilets?
- Is there any cosmetic damage to the bath/sink/shower or tiling?
- Is the bath/shower/sink sealed with clean and undamaged sealant?
- Is there adequate mechanical ventilation in bathrooms and WC's?

Bedroom

- Are there enough plug sockets?
- We recommend at least 4 per bedroom.
- Is the bed the right size for the room?
- Are there adequate facilities?
- (wardrobe, drawers, desk, chair, shelving)

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The HullSTARS Guide to House Hunting

We know that finding the perfect student home can be a chore, especially when landlords start advertising as early as November! We're here to tell you that Hull has WAY more houses than students, so there is absolutely no rush!

Your first port of call should be to come along to the annual Housing Fair. You can get more info and start to look at the type of accommodation that is available to you and what you could get for your budget. When you're ready to start your search, take your time, read our reviews (hullstars.com), check out the ratings and you'll be on the right path to and you'll be on the right path to finding your perfect student home.

We recommend that you do lots of viewing and don't just take the first thing you're offered. Print as many copies of our checklist out as you need to help you make a more informed choice.