

## International Students Estimated Living Costs: Guide 2017-2018

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Budgeting for living costs is an important part of planning for university life.

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### Estimated monthly costs:

These are the estimated lower and upper costs of living in Aberdeen. The cost of living can vary greatly depending on your lifestyle, budget and spending habits.

These costs are broken down per month and you can use this to calculate your estimated budget based on your duration in Aberdeen. Please note these costs do not include your tuition fees.

	<b>Monthly Costs: Lower Range</b>	<b>Monthly Costs: Upper Range</b>
<b>Rent (private)</b>	£380	£680
<b>Food</b>	£100	£250
<b>Gas/Electricity</b>	£40	£80
<b>Internet</b>	£15	£40
<b>Mobile phone</b>	£10	£40
<b>Laundry/toiletries</b>	£8	£30
<b>Printing/stationery, photocopying and text books</b>	£25	£45
<b>Total per month</b>	£578	£1205

### University accommodation and prices

We are committed to providing safe, secure and affordable accommodation to our students. Our flats have been designed with student needs in mind. Residents have access to staff or Residence Assistants (RAs) to offer advice, assistance and support 24 hours a day.

We know that there is more to University life than studying, so our flats cater for more than your academic needs. Each study bedroom is equipped to provide a private place to relax or revise, and each flat contains a communal living area where flatmates and friends can socialise.

We offer standard and en-suite rooms across several convenient locations. Find out more about the facilities we provide and the costs: <http://www.rgu.ac.uk/prices-payments-and-insurance>

## Food

Food costs count for a significant part of your budget. This will vary on your tastes and dietary needs. We have produced a handy ['food shopping guide'](#) which is a useful tool in planning your budget for food.

## Initial one-off costs

When you begin university life there will be some one-off costs to consider. It is important to plan for these in your budget where necessary.

<b>Temporary accommodation</b>	Around £28 -50 per night
<b>Deposit for accommodation</b>	Usually equivalent to one month's rent but it can vary. Our University accommodation requires a fixed £250 sum which is rent advance rather than deposit.
<b>Furniture</b>	If you rent an unfurnished flat you will need to purchase your own furniture.
<b>Bedding Packs</b>	Can be purchased from the university but also online through <a href="http://www.unikitout.com">www.unikitout.com</a> . A discount is available when you follow the link from our accommodation pages.
<b>Insurance</b>	In university accommodation it is included in your rent. In private housing you will need to arrange personally.
<b>Police Registration</b>	£34 - If you are required to register with the police on arrival in the UK it will be clearly indicated in your passport.
<b>Internet and phone installation</b>	£30-£50 – you can compare prices via comparison websites when reviewing internet, mobile, phone providers.
<b>TV Licence</b>	£145.50 - If you watch TV in your accommodation this licence is required on an annual basis. This can be paid in instalments.

## Additional costs to consider

Depending on your lifestyle and living arrangements there maybe additional costs to consider. It is important to plan for these in your budget where necessary.

<b>Travelling</b>	Travel costs to Scotland will vary – by planning in advance through research you are more likely to secure lower rail/air fares.
<a href="#">Bus fares</a>	£18 carnet ticket – 10 journeys. £15 for a week pass to travel as many journeys as you need. £3.50 for a day pass.
<b>Internet/TV package</b>	£35 to £70 per month – there are good deals for students during fresher's week with packages at a reduced price.
<b>Clothing</b>	£0 -£50 per month – dependant on requirements.
<b>Gym membership</b>	£14 - £30
<b>Childcare</b>	£40 - £60

## International student calculator

You can use this online tool to help you plan a budget before coming to the UK. [International student calculator](#)