

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION ON STUDENT ACCOMMODATION IN PARIS
 (PLEASE READ CAREFULLY)

The HOUSING CRISIS IN PARIS

In Paris, there is a **general shortage of accommodation**. Most universities do not have on-campus housing and state-funded student halls are in such **high demand**, that it is very difficult for international students to secure a room.

However international EFREI students can benefit from the housing service provided by the school if they officially request it. (See below)

FINDING ACCOMMODATION VIA EFREI

EFREI has developed **relations with several non governmental residence halls** that are located either in Paris or in the suburbs within reasonable distance of the school. The placement of our students in these residence halls is based on mutual **trust, understanding and respect** of a certain number of **criteria and rules**:

- **Age**: Some of these residences do not accept residents over the age of 24.
- **Diversity**: In order to promote diversity, the residences in which our students are placed welcome a diverse population (students, young workers and interns). They insist on mixing nationalities, genders and status.
- **Availability**: These residences cannot guarantee availability of a specific type of room until one week prior to arrival.
- **Minimum length of stay**: Students recommended by EFREI must stay in the residence for a minimum of 3 months.
- **Minimum rent**: Monthly rents are due on the first day of the month. Students must pay a whole month rent even if the length of their stay in the first or last month is inferior to one month.
- **Residence refundable deposit**: Students must pay, in advance or upon arrival, a deposit equivalent to approximately one month of rent. (This fee is different from the EFREI refundable security deposit requested below)
- **Residence registration and administration fees**: Costs vary depending on the residence and **are not refundable**.
- **Housing insurance and personal liability** : Both these insurances are mandatory and must be subscribed in France.

International students requesting housing service from EFREI, are expected to respect and follow these rules.

TYPE OF ACCOMMODATION PROPOSED BY EFREI TO INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Depending on the residence and on availability, students may be provided with:

- a single furnished room (approx. 12m² to 15m²) with a wash basin
- a single furnished room with wc, shower and wash basin
- a double shared room
- a furnished studio apartment (approx. 25m²) for one or two persons with wc, shower and kitchenette
- a room in a shared apartment

Note: Unfortunately, due to the shortage of student housing in Paris, EFREI **cannot** guarantee the reservation of any **specific** type of room .

COST OF ACCOMMODATION

A single room in a "foyer" costs approximately 380 € to 540 € (these amounts often include a meal plan)

On average students pay no more than 300 Euros per month for housing once they have been awarded the state-funded accommodation allowance (APL/ALS).

ACCOMMODATION ALLOWANCE

- All our partner residences have an agreement with the state-funded CAF (Caisse d'Allocations familiales) which allows foreign students (for a stay of a minimum of 7 months) to apply for an accommodation allowance (APL/ALS) and to get a monthly refund on their rent. www.caf.fr
- The amount of the allowance varies according to the amount of rent paid and personal income (it may cover up to 50% of the rent). For non-European students, the allowance will be granted after the delivery of the residence permit.

HOW CAN I REQUEST HOUSING SERVICE FROM EFREI ?

To request housing service from EFREI, students should send the following items, 3 months prior to the beginning of an academic period at EFREI

* *Warning : EFREI cannot guarantee housing service to students sending documents and payments late*

- A completed Housing Application Form
 - A signed Housing Agreement Form
 - EFREI Security deposit of 400€: to be paid either with a French bank check, by postal money order or bank transfer to AG EFREI (transfer fees to be paid by students). This fee is different from the residence refundable deposit.
- * *Warning: This security deposit will not be refunded if the students cancel their request for housing less than a month prior to arrival.*

EFREI HOUSING RULES

In order to benefit from EFREI's housing service, international students must agree to respect the following rules :

1. **Application deadline:** In order for EFREI to secure a student's accommodation, the following items **MUST be received 3 months before** the beginning of the academic period at EFREI
 - a. Completed "housing application form"
 - b. Signed Housing Agreement form
 - c. EFREI security deposit of 400€: to be paid either by bank transfer to EFREI (transfer fees to be paid by students) or with a French bank check.
 - d. A proof of payment is to be sent by post or by email to the international office at EFREI , Engineering Institute.

PAYMENT MUST BE MADE BY BANK TRANSFER			
EFREI			
BANK : - SOCIETE GENERALE VILLEJUIF			
CODES			
BANK	BRANCH	ACCOUNT	RIB
30003	03861	00050227274	55
SWIFT : SOGEFRPP			
IBAN : FR76 30003 03861 00050227274 55			

2. **Confirmation by EFREI of the student date of arrival:** EFREI will inform students of housing availability and confirm an appropriate arrival date.
Note: students not respecting the arrival date given by EFREI will be responsible for finding another form of accommodation between the effective date of their arrival and the date confirmed by EFREI
3. **Pick up service:** Availability of pick up service will be confirmed by EFREI
4. **Cancellation Policy:** The 400€ EFREI security deposit **will be not refunded** if the students cancel their request for housing less than a month prior to arrival.
5. **Notice of departure:** Students **MUST** inform EFREI International Office of their departure date **before** informing the residence and **at least one month** in advance.
6. **Extension of stay:** If students wish to extend their reservation, they should inform EFREI international office ahead of time. There are a limited number of rooms available in each residence and EFREI **must** be kept informed of departure dates and possible extensions of stay, in order to guarantee housing to future students.
7. **Residence rules:** International students placed by EFREI must comply strictly with the residence's rules.
8. **Changing accommodation:** Students are allowed to move to another accommodation as long as they respect the minimum length of stay and give notice to EFREI and to the Residence within imparted deadlines. EFREI cannot be held responsible for finding another type of accommodation for students wishing to move.

COMMITMENT TO EFREI HOUSING RULES AND PRINCIPLES

I, the undersigned,

Family name:

First Name:

acknowledge that I have read the present housing agreement. I understand that my responsible personal conduct will contribute to the positive image of EFREI and of my culture in the residence where I shall be placed, enabling future international students to be placed in the same residence. I therefore commit to respecting the rules stipulated herein and to respecting deadlines and to behaving with courtesy and consideration towards local staff and the premises.

Date and signature
including the phrase "Certified correct and agreed to"