# THE BOOKING MANUAL

FOR STUDENTS
BOOKING ROUND: FALL 2021









## Booking with the Housing Foundation Copenhagen

The Housing Foundation Copenhagen is an independent non-profit organization. The Foundation's purpose is to provide students from abroad with flexible and competitive housing opportunities for the time they study at The University of Copenhagen. All our income is used for paying the costs involved in providing our services.

We help international students and researchers at the University of Copenhagen find accommodation for up to one year. We offer a variety of housing options across all parts of Copenhagen: We reserve dormitory rooms as well as private and shared apartments around the city and rent them out via our booking system. Currently we rent out approximately 1250 rooms and are able to offer services to approximately 2500 persons a year.

In order to secure a residence through The Housing Foundation Copenhagen, you must book accommodation via our online booking system, otherwise known as the Online Flow.

This booking manual explains how to operate the Online Flow. It also includes our policies, so it is paramount that you read this manual before you enter the Online Flow.

We recommend that you have the manual beside you when you log in. Once you have made your booking, it can also be useful to refer back to the manual.

You can also refer to our website for more information: www.housingfoundation.dk

We hope that you will be happy with our available housing options and that you will enjoy your stay in Copenhagen.

#### COVID-19 precautions

When booking a room we expect you to take all the necessary precautions to avoid COVID-19. We also expect you to have a good level of hygiene and cleaning in your room and common areas for your own sake and your peers'. If you have any symptoms related to COVID-19 then you should take a COVID-19 test immediately.

Please note that if you are tested COVID-19 positive, then you must isolate yourselves in your room according to the recommendations by the authorities. The Housing Foundation will not provide any compensation or rehousing.

It is not possible to book shared rooms for the fall 2021 due to covid-19 and the safety of our tenants. It is still possible to book 2-persons rooms.

#### You can find information about how to get tested in the links below:

- Coronaprover.dk
- Corona tests for the public
- Corona hotline and guidance





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## **PREPARATION**

#### **IMPORTANT INFO**

Before using the booking system, please read the below points to ensure you have a full understanding of the system, rules, and options. This will help you make an informed and quick booking once you are invited into our booking system.

- Review this Booking Manual carefully, as during the booking process you must declare that you have read and understood the content of the Booking Manual.
- Familiarize yourself with the information, rules, and various housing options on the <u>Housing Foundation</u> website. When you start booking, please make sure you have several housing options on your mental wish list, as housing options are booked out quickly. Try to include larger residences on your wish list to ensure some choice.
- Think about housing funding in advance. We do not provide subsidies, and we only provide cheap housing to a very select few who successfully pass our financial-need application process.
- We send out invitation emails with links to our booking system on specific dates, which are announced in advance by email. Unfortunately, we can never provide an exact time for when you will receive your invitation on the day.
- Use your personalized invitation link soon after receiving it. The longer you wait, the fewer housing options you are likely to find available. If you wait too long, there may be no options left. You can also ask a friend or family member to do this for you. In this case, make sure to provide them with your link, log-in details, and permission to book housing on your behalf.
- Ensure that you have access to a printer and a scanner when making a booking, as you must sign and upload your housing contract right after booking.
- Any contract you enter into is legally binding and not dependent on changes in personal circumstances (incl. getting an Entry Visa to Denmark).
- CPR-registration

Please be aware that it is mandatory to register your address in Denmark with the relevant authorities. Your CPR-registration has to be done on the exact address of your accommodation.

#### PERSONAL ACCESS LINK

Once you have received an invitation email, please use the personal link provided in the email to log in to the booking system—also called your *online flow*. If you cannot find the invitation email, **check your spam** filter to see if it ended up there.

You must always enter your online flow via the personalised link you have received in your email invitation. The link is also found in all of the automatic email confirmations you receive.

#### **TENANT ID**

When you receive your invitation to the booking system you will also get your **five-digit tenant ID**, along with your user name and password. The tenant ID is your identifier in our booking system, so please quote it in any communications with us.

#### **INTERNET BROWSERS**

Our booking system is best suited to **Google Chrome**. If you have problems accessing the system, make sure that you are using the link provided to you in your first invitation email, and not from any subsequent links or any other main page. It may also help to clear your cache.

#### **NAVIGATION**

Whenever you have completed a step in the booking system, you must press 'Save'. Then click 'Next' to proceed to the next step, or use the left-hand menu to navigate manually to the next page and follow it in a linear fashion. The system will not allow you to continue to the next section if you have not clicked 'Save' in one of the earlier sections.

#### **CONFIRMATION EMAILS**

The system will automatically generate and send auto-emails to you when you complete certain steps or pages. If these emails contain any information you need to act on, please do take action, since otherwise the system will continue to send you reminder emails until the action is completed.

#### TWO SEMESTERS OF SERVICE

We only provide service for two semesters, plus a possible extension over the summer. If you are staying in Copenhagen longer than that, please remember that you have to find housing on your own afterwards. If your contract's start date falls anywhere within the first semester, the system will still regard this as one complete semester.

## **PREVIOUS TENANTS**

Applicants who have previously benefitted from our housing services (or other accommodation services connected to the University of Copenhagen) are obligated to inform us of this when applying – especially if they have entered into the previous contracts under different names, email addresses, or other 'aliases'.

#### **CONTACTS**

For general information, please contact: contact@housingfoundation.ku.dk
For payment information, please contact: finances@housingfoundation.ku.dk

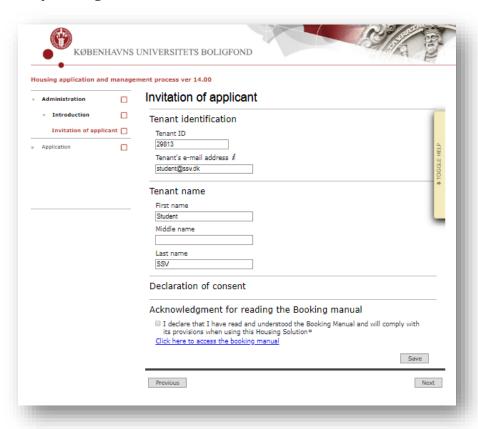
#### **APPLICATION**

We will now walk you through all the sections of the booking system, starting with the Application section.

#### YOUR DETAILS

Upon gaining access to the booking system, you will see your tenant ID and the email address that you have been invited with. In this section you will have to declare that you have read and understood the Booking Manual and you will comply with its provisions when using the booking system.

It is very important that you read the Booking Manual in order to know all our rules and conditions before you do any bookings.



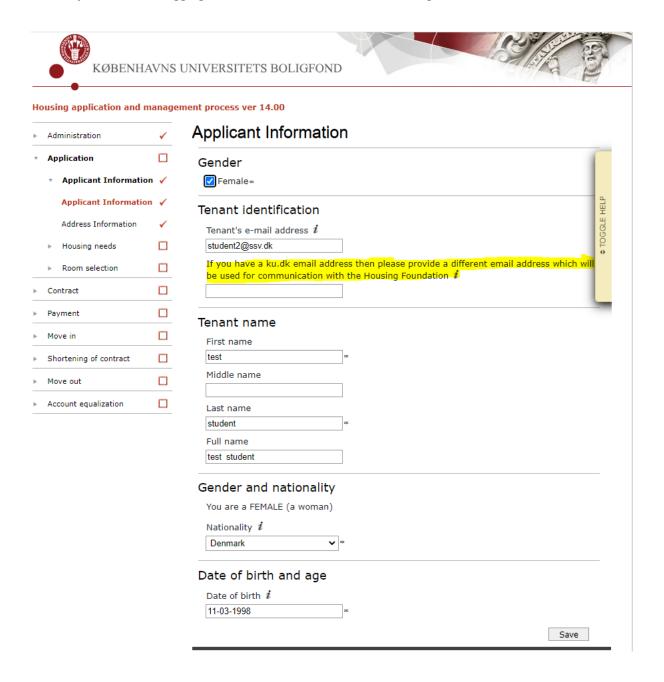
#### **DATA PROTECTION**

According to the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), The Housing Foundation Copenhagen cannot collect your personal data without your consent. On the Invitation of applicant stage of your online flow, you will be able to read about your rights and how we use your personal data.

Without giving your consent here, you will not be able to proceed to the next sections. Once you book a room, you will be emailed a Declaration of Consent form. You have to sign it and upload it alongside your rental contracts. You only need to upload this form once to give your consent. Even if you make future bookings with us, your original consent will still be valid. If you wish us to delete your data, please email us about this once you are no longer using our services.

#### **APPLICATION INFORMATION**

In this section, enter both your 'Application information' and 'Address information.' The information here is what will be stated in your tenancy contract with us. Your gender determines what housing options you can see on your Online Flow. You can only see "shared rooms" for which a roommate has the same gender as you. Please bear in mind that all our available "shared apartments" are viewable regardless of gender. If you have been invited with your KU-email, then you will need to change it to another e-mail address in order to proceed to the next step. As soon as the email address has been changed, the new address will be one you need for logging onto the online flow and contacting us.



#### **HOUSING NEEDS**

#### **DISABILITY**

Tick 'No' to this question, unless you have any physical disabilities that will affect your choice of housing. If you are physically disabled, make sure to read the <u>information here</u> before clicking 'Yes'. Please note that you must indicate this the first time you apply for housing with us.



## The disability application is divided into three categories:

- Wheel chair
- Limited mobility (e.g. if you suffer from arthritis and must have an elevator in your accommodation)
- Other disability (e.g. if you have a special medical need for a private bathroom or a private refrigerator in your room).

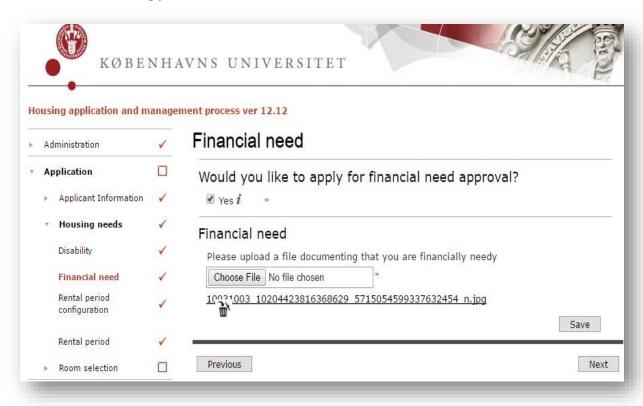
Next, upload documentation of your disability. For example, this could be a document from your doctor or home university confirming you special need. Please also include your personal description of your need (though this should not stand alone).

Proceed with the ensuing steps and book the most suitable accommodation option currently shown on your Flow. You will receive an email when your disability application is processed. If approved, you will receive an offer to be relocated to a more suitable accommodation.

#### **FINANCIAL NEED**

You can only apply for financial need within the first week of the latest booking round. The last date to apply for Financial need for Fall 2021 is 28<sup>th</sup> of June 2021. Please make sure to book a room even if you apply for financial need in case your application gets rejected.

Financial need students are normally provided with shared rooms which are slightly cheaper than most of our other rooms. We have very few housing options available for financial-need students, so please tick 'No' if you are not in **severe** financial need. If you wish to apply, your application should be made within the first week of launching the booking round. Make sure to read the <u>information here</u> and in the Booking Manual before making your selection.



## The steps are the following:

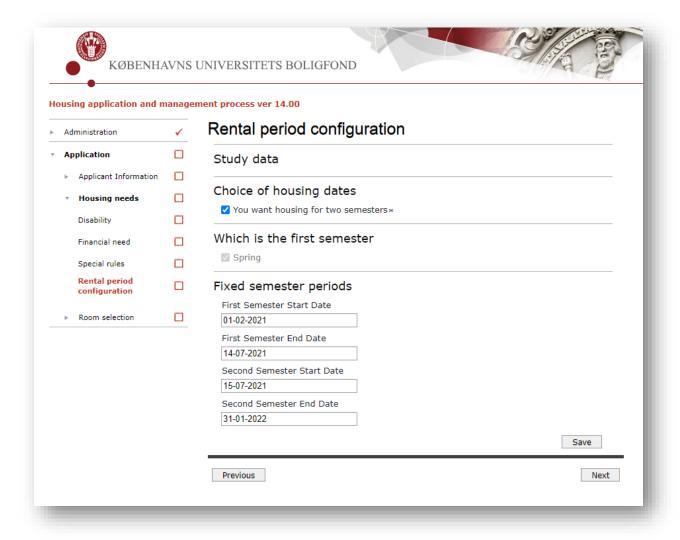
- If your financial situation is particularly severe, tick off 'yes'. This will activate the upload section.
- Upload documentation that supports your personal explanation of your situation. The upload must be in one document. We only accept documents translated into English. It is not enough upload your admissions letter.
- Continue with the rest of the application and book the most suitable available option. If your application is unsuccessful, you will be notified and your booking will remain. If successful, you will be notified that a cheaper room has been made available to you.
- If successful, locate the offered cheaper room on Room Availabilities, click save, and complete the booking in Room Acceptance.

## RENTAL PERIOD CONFIGURATION

We offer accommodation for one or two semesters (max. one year, plus possibly a summer extension), based on your study programme. If you are studying here for at least two semesters and want a housing contract for that duration, please tick the box for two semesters. If you can only see the box for one semester, it means that the university notified us that you are only studying here for one semester.

Even if you are admitted for two semesters, you can choose to tick that you only want to book housing for one semester to begin with. You can always opt to extend to two semesters later on—for this, please see the section on extensions.

However, you cannot change the dates in the page's section 'Fixed semester periods'. These dates are simply search criteria. Later, when reserving a room/apartment, you must always pay attention to the different contract start dates for each available room on the booking system.



#### **FIXED RENTAL PERIODS**

A typical contract rental period will start on either the 1st or the 15th of a month and end on the 30/31st (last day) of a month. The fall semester ends on the 31st of January and the Spring semester ends 14th of July.

There is a 7-day period at the end of your rental period for repairs and cleaning, during which you may not live in the room. So if for instance your rental period lasts to the 31 St, you must move out no later than 12 noon on the 24th. You must remember to take this into account when planning your stay.

#### Examples:

- Contracts ending on the 14th: You depart and return keys by the 7th at 12 noon at the latest
- Contracts ending on the 28th: You depart and return keys by the 21st at 12 noon at the latest.
- Contracts ending on the 29th: You depart and return keys by the 22nd at 12 noon at the latest.
- Contracts ending on the 30th: You depart and return keys by the 23rd at 12 noon at the latest.
- Contracts ending on the 31st: You depart and return keys by the 24th at 12 noon at the latest.

If we have not received the keys at this deadline you will be charged a late move out fee, because not returning the keys on time is a violation of the contract.

If you live in **Sølvgade/Basecamp, Signalhuset** or **Tietgen** or **Nordisk kollegium** you have to hand in the keys directly at the residence in their reception. The same key return rules apply.

## You rent your housing in fixed non-terminable periods.

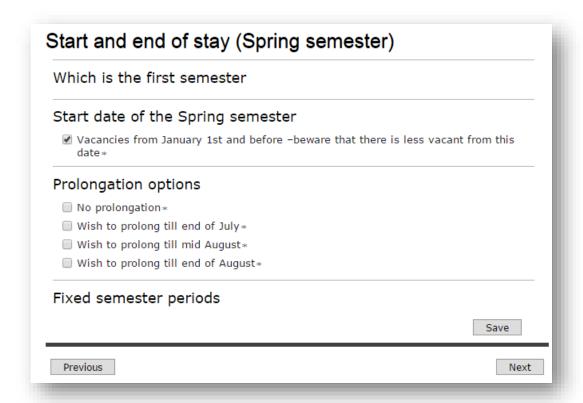
- •In the spring, you can expect most rooms to be available from either 1 January or 1 February and the fixed end date is 14th July (move out 7 days before).
- •In the autumn, you can expect most rooms to be available from 15 July and the fixed end date is 31 January if you book one semester, or 14th July two semesters (move out 7 days before).

You are welcome to arrive later and depart earlier than your contract period, but you are still financially and legally responsible for the entire rental period stated on your contract. We cannot guarantee that the housing options available can suit your travel dates, and modifying the contract start date is not possible.

#### **SPRING SEMESTER ONLY**

If you are simply admitted for the spring semester, then you have various prolongation options. Whatever you choose here will dictate your contract end date.

Please make sure that your selection is set to all vacancies so that you can see the most vacancies.



#### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING BOOKING**

Please consider the following information thoroughly before making a booking:

- Sign and upload the contract within three days. Otherwise, you risk losing your booking. You risk cancellation of your booking without any further notice if you do not upload your contract on time.
- Pay on time: Please refer to the 'Payment Information' section and expand the 'Payment plan' section.

## Immediate bookings - contracts that start the same day as making the booking

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- The contract must be uploaded on the same day, otherwise you risk losing the booking. The three-day rule does not apply. Cancellation fee will still apply.
- The payment must be made on the same day, as the rental period has already begun. You will need to pay the deposit plus three months of rent.
- You cannot cancel the booking manually. You will need to notify our office immediately if you do not wish to keep the booking. If you leave the booking unattended, you will receive a cancelation fee. Please refer to the chapter regarding cancellations.

#### ROOM SELECTION

#### **ROOM AVAILABILITY PAGE**

Here you can see which rooms are currently available to you and make your room selection. Initially, the system will automatically select (and reserve for 30 minutes) the cheapest room available. This preselected room (and all the rooms listed below it) is marked in purple. It will show a radio "select" button (looks like this ) beside it. You may have to scroll down to see more room options. You can change the selection by clicking the radio button field of a different room.

Please pay attention to the *Contract start* date for your selected room, as this is will determine the start date of your tenancy. These dates are non-modifiable, so you cannot request that we change these for you. You can always see more details for each room by clicking on the middle of the row where the room name is, which will make a new page pop-up.



If you enter the online flow during high traffic, please refresh your flow on a regular basis to make sure that you are seeing the latest information. Bookings can occur whilst you are making your decision.

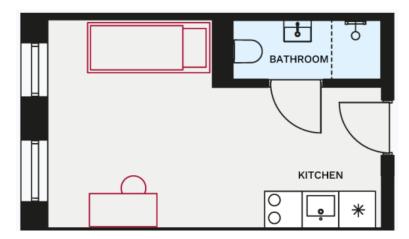
Before making your final selection, please refresh the page. This ensures that the desired room has not been booked by someone else since you last loaded the page. Press 'Save' and 'Next' to complete the acceptance. If you scroll horizontally, you can see how many people can occupy the room/apartment (see below).

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## TYPES OF HOUSING

#### **ONE-PERSON HOUSING**

One-person housing will be marked as 'Single', meaning that only one person can reside in the room. An example can be seen below:



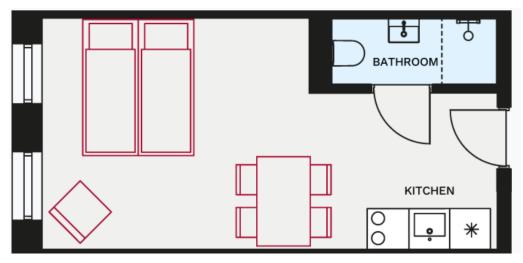
#### 2-PERSON Rooms

In the booking system there are a number of shared rooms and 2-person apartments available.

## Two-person rooms

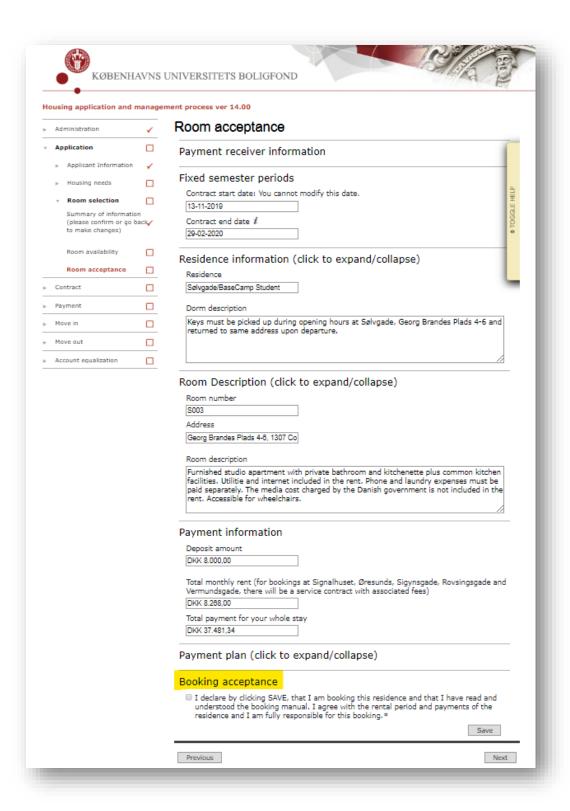
Only one person can book a 2-person room or apartment, but they can have a partner or a family member stay with them if they choose. This will be marked in the booking system as either 1-2 persons room or as a 2-person room. Please be aware that only members of your household are allowed to move in and take address at your apartment according to the Rental Act § 26. Household includes your family and other close relationship. There will only be one contract with the occupant who booked the room/apartment, and this person alone is legally responsible for paying rent, ensuring maintenance, etc. Please read the CPR-registration rules carefully before you book a two-persons room, since you also have to sign a household application in order to register for the CPR: <a href="http://housingfoundation.dk/your-stay-arrival/#cpr">http://housingfoundation.dk/your-stay-arrival/#cpr</a>

This is an example of what a 2 persons room can look like.



#### ROOM ACCEPTANCE PAGE

Once you have reserved a room in Room Availabilities by clicking 'Save' and 'Next', you will be directed to the Room Acceptance page. The booking is not complete until you accept the information here. This section will confirm your contract dates, key pick-up instructions, room description, and payment information.



→ If these details are not what you intended, do not click on 'Save'. Instead, simply click on Room Availability and choose another room option.

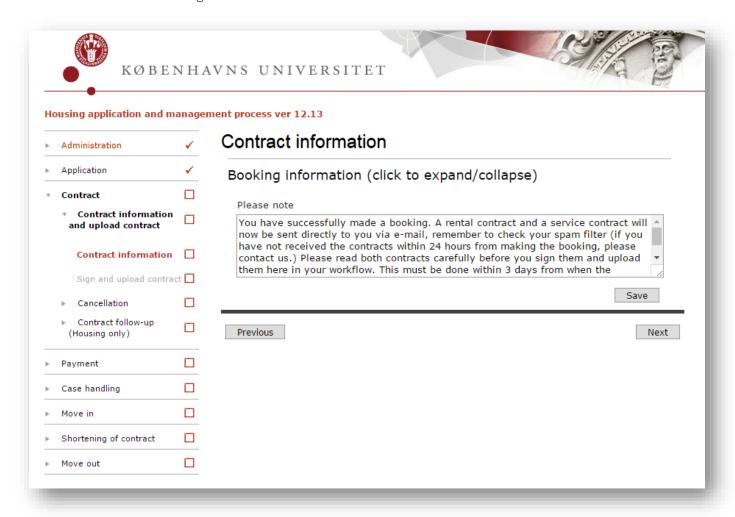
If you do intend to book the room, please read the entire page carefully before clicking 'Save'. A completed booking. If you agree to the details on this page and in the 'Acknowledgment' section, click 'Save' and 'Next' to book the room. Now you have to sign and upload your contracts and make your payments. Failing to upload a contract or not making a payment does not necessarily mean that your booking will be cancelled. Please do not leave any outstanding issues unattended—otherwise this will result in significant financial penalties.

The Housing Foundation Copenhagen reserves the right to contact any relevant parties, such as the University of Copenhagen or a home university or other contact persons, if an agreement is not upheld.

#### **CONTRACT**

#### **CONFIRMATION OF BOOKING**

Once you have successfully made a booking, you come to the booking confirmation step as seen below. Click 'Save' and 'Next' to generate the rental contracts.



If your Online Flow does not confirm that a booking has been made, your booking attempt will have failed and you must go back to the 'Room Availability' page to make a different selection. We cannot guarantee that the same room will be available.

#### **CONTRACT E-MAIL**

Provided that you have made a successful booking, you will receive an e-mail within 24 hours showcasing your contracts. If you have made changes to your booking, always refer to the most recent contract we sent to you. You cannot refer back to old/void contracts.

If you have made a combination booking (where you first move into one flat, then another), you must upload the contract for the new room, as well as a new contract for the old room that now reflects your new move-out date.

## The system will send an email with the following attachments:

- Your Rental Contract for the accommodation
- A translation of paragraphs §10 and §11 which we have made as a service to you. Please pay special attention to this.
- The Declaration of Consent, which allows us to use your data for your booking(s).
- If you have booked a room in **Signalhuset, Øresundskollegiet or Tietgen** you will also receive a service contract that you have to sign and upload to your flow.

The contract is in Danish as required by Danish law. The email will include a link where you can see the basic text translated to English. Use the text to cross-check the information on your Danish contract. You can also find this translation here: <a href="http://housingfoundation.dk/contracts/">http://housingfoundation.dk/contracts/</a>

A booking is not finalised until you have received the final acceptance of your uploaded contracts.

## Special Dorms

If you book housing from **Signalhuset,** Øresundskollegiet, you will need to sign a special rental contract with the owner and also a Service Contract, which details fees for extra services or disregarding rules. Since the owner neither provides furniture nor handles administrative matters, the Service Contract ensures that you can receive these services from us instead.

If you book housing at **Tietgen**, you will have a regular rental contract with us, but you will additionally need to upload a special Service Contract.

#### UPLOAD CONTRACTS AND DECLARATION OF CONSENT

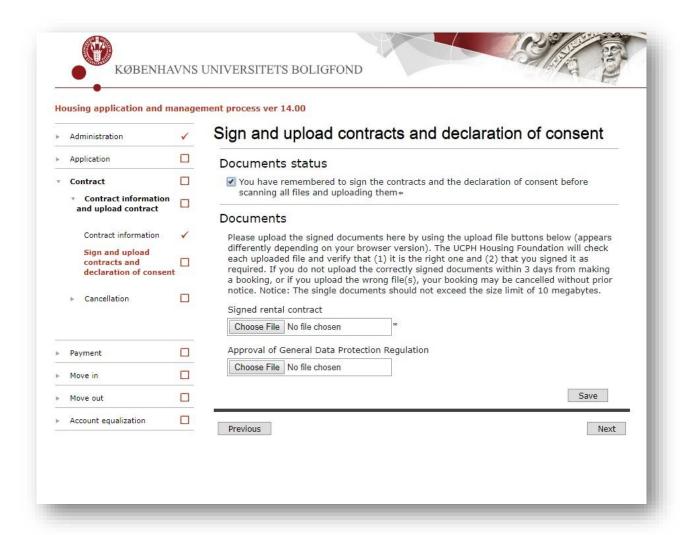
Once we send the contract email to you, you have to upload the Rental Contract, Service Contract, and Declaration of Consent in your online flow within three days. If you did a booking with an immediate start date (today), then you will have to upload and pay within 24 hours.

If you do not respect this deadline, you risk that your booking is cancelled without further notice. This might imply a cancellation fee.

Please do not assume that your booking is automatically cancelled without your upload. **Cancellation charges will still apply.** If you wish to cancel, follow our cancellation steps in this booking manual.

All contracts must be dated and signed with a real signature, which must match the signature in your passport. Some types of electronic signatures can be accepted if they match the signature in your passport. We never accept names typed out on a computer.

Once you have signed all relevant documents, please upload them by doing the following Steps:



First go to the Contract section of your online flow, and click SAVE on 'Contract information.' Then you must proceed to 'Sign and upload contracts and declaration of consent'. Tick the checkbox under 'Document status' to activate the upload fields.

- 1. You must upload **all** pages of your Rental Contract in the first field.
- 2. If you booked a room in **Signalhuset, Øresundskollegiet**, or **Tietgen kollegiet** you will see a box for the service contract. Only uploading the last page with the signature is acceptable.
- 3. The third field is for your Declaration of Consent (General data protection Regulation). Only uploading the last page with the signature is acceptable.
- 4. A fourth field is only visible if you have made a combination booking and need to upload the amended rental contract of your first booking as well as that of your new booking. Each contract upload must include **all** pages.

Without all the required documents, your booking will not be successful.

Once you have made the upload, remember to click 'SAVE'. Then you wait for The Housing Foundation Copenhagen to check and accept your uploads. Once this is done, your booking will be complete.

#### Tips for avoiding upload issues

- If you have issues uploading the files, it may be that your files need to be in a different format. Convert your files to PDFs using the following website: https://smallpdf.com/pdf-converter
- If your PDF file is too big, you can easily compress it by going to the following website: https://Smallpdf.com/compress-pdf
- If you are away from home or on holiday, it can help to use a scanning app on your phone which can make PDF files of your scans (e.g. Genius Scan, which you can download from Google Play).

#### Losing your contract upload

If you make changes that result in losing any tick marks in the left-hand menu of the Application section of your Online Flow, you risk losing your contract upload. The system will think you are making a change and reset previously uploaded documents and may possibly reset your booking.

If you do not intend to make a change, make sure you get your ticks back by going into each section and clicking SAVE at each stage, following the left-hand menu in a linear fashion. You must essentially "rebook" the same room by completing Room Acceptance. Upload your contracts once again within three days.

#### **PAYMENT**

Provided that you have made your booking more than 14 days before the start rental day of the contract, you must pay the first instalment (3 months rent + deposit) within 14 days of the initial booking. If you book a room at Signalhuset, Øresundskollegiet, Tietgenkollegiet, the <u>Administration and Handling Fee</u> must be added to the first instalment. If your contract begins within 14 days of your booking, then you must make sure you pay in time for the contract start date. Please read more about your payment plan <u>here</u>. If you book a room with an immediate contract start date you will have to do your payment and upload your contracts within 24 hours.

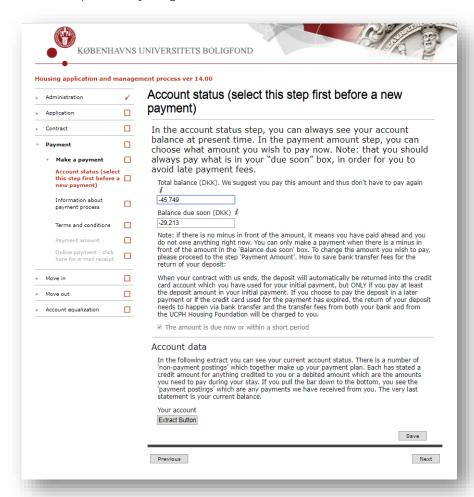
#### **ACCOUNT STATUS - YOUR DUE PAYMENTS**

This section shows two windows: 'Total balance' and 'Balance due soon'. The 'Balance due soon' window shows what you have to pay by the next payment deadline. It usually refers to a charge due within the next 14 days or to an amount still overdue since the last payment deadline. The 'Total balance' window shows the total sum of all the payments you have to make across the remainder of your tenancy.

Amounts you have yet to pay are shown as negative amounts (i.e. with a minus in front). If you have paid charges ahead of time (i.e. before they become due), the money you paid in advance will appear in the 'Balance due soon' field as a positive amount (no minus in front).

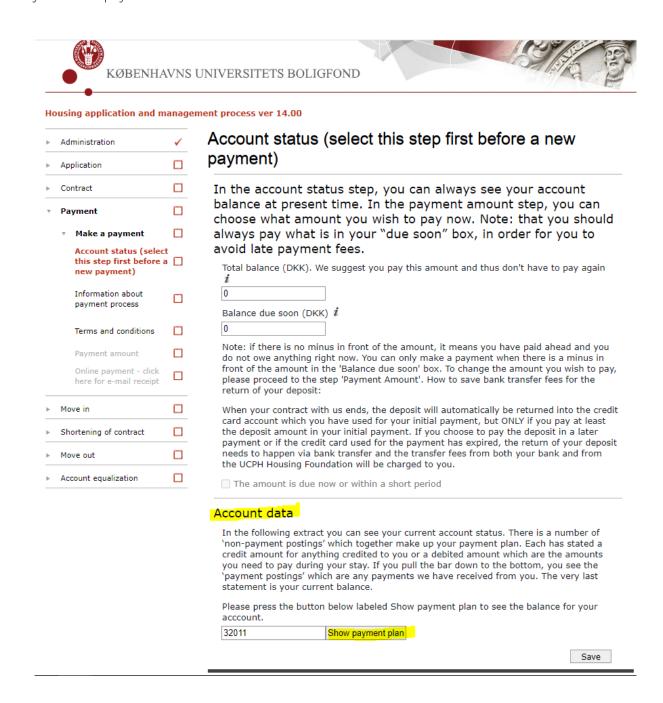
The example in the image shows a student who needs to pay 29,213 DKK soon—i.e. by the next payment deadline. The amount of 45,749 DKK refers to all future payments that the tenant needs to make across his/her entire stay.

If you have paid all remaining charges in advance, the 'Total balance' field will read '0'. The example below shows a tenant who has paid everything in full.



#### **ACCOUNT DATA - PAYMENT PLAN**

At the bottom of the 'Account Status' page there is a section called 'show payment plan". Click on this button to see an overview of all the charges due during your tenancy and their payment deadlines, as well as your made payments.



If you need further clarification about your payment schedule, send an email to our Finance department requesting an account overview.

Please remember the various due dates shown in your payment schedule, as it is not the responsibility of The Housing Foundation Copenhagen to remind you. Furthermore, ensure that you have left adequate time to undertake your payment to accommodate any banking difficulties. This is particularly important when transferring from abroad. Failing to pay on time will result in <u>fees</u>.

#### INFORMATION ABOUT PAYMENT PROCESS

To avoid a series of transfer fees, The Housing Foundation Copenhagen recommends that you pay online using a credit card. If you cannot pay via credit card, you have two other payment options: You can pay via bank transfer or by using the Mobile Pay app.

#### **PAYMENT VIA CREDIT CARD**

#### **RULES**

A separate company called Teller/Nets provides the online payment platform for this. Teller/Nets accepts all kind of credit and debit cards. By using this online payment platform, you avoid paying the fee we charge for receiving bank transfers and manually returning a deposit. Please note that it is not possible to pay via American Express cards.

However, in some rare cases Teller/Nets may apply charges for using a credit card. The charges are automatically added to the amount you selected to pay to The Housing Foundation Copenhagen when you use the online payment platform. These extra charges to Teller/Nets will not appear in your Account Status, as they are not paid to The Housing Foundation Copenhagen. However, they will appear on your credit card or bank statement. Therefore it is up to you to decide whether paying by credit card is cheaper than making a bank transfer or using the MobilePay app.

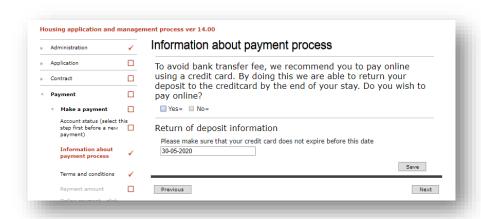
To ensure that we can return your deposit to you without extra costs, please note the following when paying the deposit and first instalments by credit card:

- Ensure that the credit card will still be valid 6 months after the end of your contract, when making the payment. This is when we will attempt to return the deposit directly to your card.
- The deposit will be returned to the latest used credit cards when we return the deposit to you the deposit will be returned to the latest used credit cards. Please have that in mind when you make your last payment.

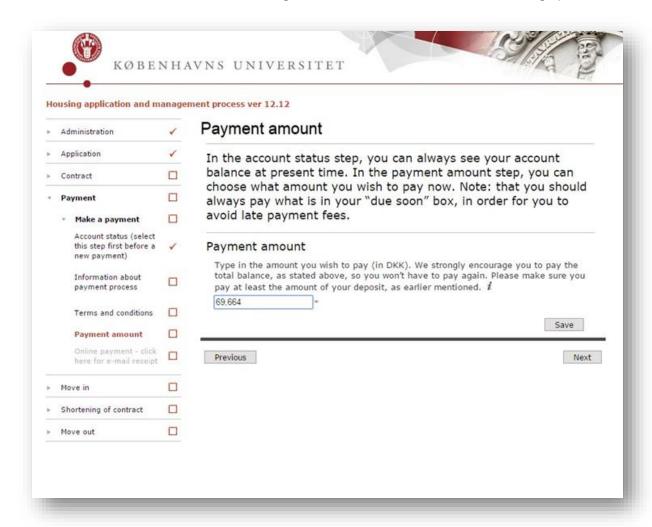
If the credit card used is still valid at the time of the return and if nothing blocks your card from receiving money directly from our bank, we will be able to return your deposit directly to your card without additional cost. Otherwise we have to return the deposit to your bank account, which will entail a transfer charge.

#### STEPS

When you are ready to make a payment, refresh the previous 'Account status' page, go back to the online payment step, and tick 'Yes' if you want to pay online. Accept the terms and conditions on the 'Terms and Conditions' page.



On the 'Payment Amount' page, confirm the amount you wish to pay. You can choose to pay the full amount for the entire rental period or you can choose to pay individual amounts as they become due for each payment deadline. It is also possible to split a due amount into several smaller payments. Please make sure that what you pay fulfils the amount shown in the 'Balance Due soon' field on the 'Account Status' page. It is our experience that students who only pay a self-calculated amount without referring to the 'Balance Due soon' field have often forgotten fees that come with social housing/special dorms.



If you manually calculate a lower amount than what is shown in the 'Amount due soon' box, it is likely that you have forgotten to take some charge into account. Paying less than what is shown in the "Amount due soon" box will result in a late payment <u>reminder/fee</u>.

In case you have any issues making the online payment, please see our tips on what may have gone wrong.

You can always go back to the 'Account status' page to check that your payment has been received and how much is still due.

## **PAYMENT VIA BANK TRANSFER**

Please remember to include both your own bank's fees as well as The Housing Foundation Copenhagen's fee for reception of payments via bank transfer. Otherwise you will find that you have transferred less than the due amount.

#### **PAYMENT VIA MOBILE PAY**

Please remember to type your tenant ID in your text, in order for us to allocate the money to your account.

We encourage you to pay your deposit via bank transfer.

This very first payment should include at least the amount of your deposit, in order for us to have the largest possible criteria for success of refunding you to your credit card, and with that you avoid the fee for refunding you via bank transfer. Please read more <u>here.</u>

#### NO CASH PAYMENT TO US

You cannot pay in cash to us. You can pay in cash to our bank, Danske Bank, once you have arrived in Denmark. However, the banks have a relatively low limit to how much you are allowed to deposit in cash at a time, so you may have to make deposits over several days. Please check with the bank which bank fees you need to add to each cash deposit.

The Housing Foundation Copenhagen's fee for receiving a cash payment is <u>the same as when receiving a bank transfer.</u>

#### SETTLING YOUR ACCOUNT

At the end of your stay, your account with us will be settled. If you have made any excess payments, they will be added to the deposit return. Therefore, if you are in doubt about how much the bank charges to carry out a transfer, it is best to transfer a little more than is needed. You can read more about the deposit here.

## **PAYMENT BY THIRD PARTIES**

If you have an agreement that someone else will pay for you, this is not relevant for The Housing Foundation Copenhagen, as our contract is with you. You must give this party access/information to pay for you and to do so within the payment deadline(s). Any third party you may have an agreement with is not known to The Housing Foundation Copenhagen.

## **SUBSEQUENT PAYMENTS**

Amounts you have yet to pay are shown as negative amounts (i.e. with a minus in front) in the 'Balance due soon' field of the 'Account status' page. If you have paid charges ahead of time (i.e. before they are due), the money you paid in advance will appear as a positive amount (no minus in front).

#### **CHANGING ROOMS**

Different rules apply, depending on whether the contractual rental period for your old room has started or not.

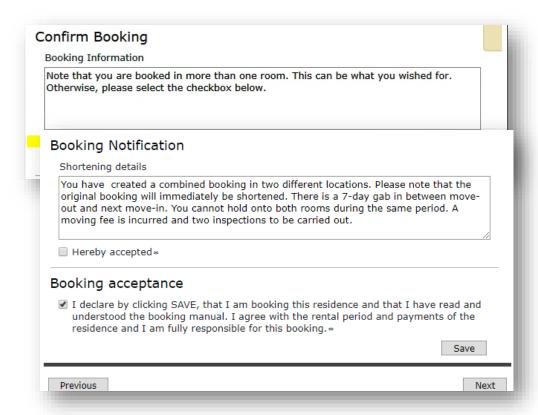
Note that you cannot change rooms if living in Bikuben, Øresundskollegiet, or Tietgenkollegiet, as these dorms wish to have only long-term tenants.

#### IF YOUR RENTAL PERIOD HAS NOT YET BEGUN

If you already made a booking and have not moved in yet, you can make room changes **until 14 days before your contract start date**. After this time you are permitted only one more room change, which can happen at the earliest one month after your first room's contract start date.

- When on the Room Availability page, select your new desired room by clicking its radio select button
- Press 'Save' and 'Next' to proceed to Room Acceptance.
- Room Acceptance will ask you to confirm the room change.
- Tick the box "I want to keep the last room booking only" to ensure that you only keep your latest booking, not the old and new one both.
- You will also need to tick the box under "Booking Notification" (even though you are not making a combined booking, as it says here).
- Then tick the box under "Acknowledgement for reading the Booking Manual". Otherwise the system will not allow you to complete the new booking.

Once you accept the room, the change is instantly in effect and the old room becomes available to others. You cannot hold onto two rooms at the same time or create booking overlaps.



#### IF YOUR RENTAL PERIOD HAS ALREADY BEGUN

#### 1. Rules

Once your rental period with us has already begun, you can only change rooms once. It is not possible to change rooms within your first rental month.

Even after that time, you cannot change rooms immediately: You can only book another residence if there are more than 14 days until the contract for the new room begins. This provides us with adequate time to plan for the seven-day interval between your move-out and move-in.

When changing rooms, the system will create a combined booking where you keep your current room until you move to the next one. You are still financially responsible for the first booking, as well as being responsible for the second booking (regardless of whether you have signed a contract or not).

The system will automatically change your payment plan and transfer any already made payments from the old to the new room booking.

Please be aware that changing rooms this way entails the following:

- A 7-day interval between move-out and move-in: There is a seven-day gap after you move out of your old apartment and before you can move into the new apartment. During this time we conduct any necessary repairs and cleaning. We do not offer alternative accommodation for you during this period.
- A moving fee is only charged if you move from a non-social dorm to another non-social dorm.
- Please see our list of fees here

Keeping all of this in mind, if you wish to move to another room, please undertake the following steps.

#### 2. Steps

First, reserve your desired new room in Room Availabilities. Click 'Save' and 'Next'. The Room Acceptance stage will ask you to confirm the new booking. Ensure that the tick box "I wish to keep both bookings" is ticked.

The new booking will be complete once you read the sections Confirm Booking, Booking Notification, Acknowledgment, and click 'Save' to accept them.

You will receive two rental contracts. The system will send you the contract for your new room for you to sign and upload. It will also send a contract of your old room, with an updated end date in Section 11. You also need to sign and upload this contract to establish your new shortened end date for the first room booking.

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	Save

## No vacancies in 'Room Availability'

If there are no housing options listed on the 'Room Availabilities' page, it could simply mean that everything is currently booked out for your chosen rental period. The system may also show an "Error" message in red stating that there are no current vacancies. If you get such a message, it is **not** a technical error.

**Possible solution:** When someone without a booking logs on, the system reserves the cheapest available vacant room for them for 30 minutes. That is why it can help to check a few minutes later, after the system has relinquished the reservation. Otherwise, you can also check at a different hour or week to see if anyone has cancelled their booking.

#### **CANCELLATION OF BOOKINGS**

The possibility to cancel your booking depends on when you made the booking and when the contractual tenancy period begins.

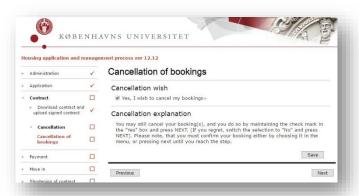
#### **CANCELLING WITHIN 14 DAYS AFTER BOOKING**

In general, you have a 14-day 'cooling-off' period during which you can cancel a booking. However, this only applies if:

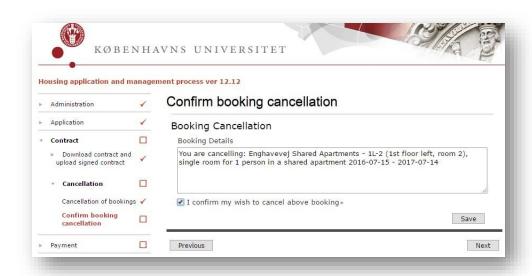
- The room's tenancy period does not start within 14 days of the booking date (if it does, your cooling-off period lasts until the rental period begins)
- The rental period has not yet begun
- You cancel within 14 days of the booking date.

If these three conditions are fulfilled, you can cancel the booking on the system, even if you have already uploaded a contract. You will not have to pay any financial penalties. The room will simply be released back into the booking system for someone else to book.

To do this, **go to the 'Cancellation of Bookings' page**. Change the tick from "No, I do not wish to cancel my bookings" to "Yes, I wish to cancel my bookings" and click 'SAVE'.



Then use the left-hand menu to manually navigate to the sub-step 'Confirm Cancellation'. You tick off 'Yes' and SAVE. If you skip this second confirmation step, then you have not cancelled.



#### OTHER CANCELLATION SCENARIOS

#### BEFORE THE TENANCY START DATE, BUT MORE THAN 14 DAYS AFTER BOOKING

If 14 days have already passed since your booking date, and you wish to cancel, you must email The Housing Foundation Copenhagen explicitly stating that you wish to cancel the booking. You are required to pay 1 month of rent plus the cancellation fee. Even if you have not uploaded a signed rental contract. Please see the fees list here.

#### ROOMS WITH AN IMMEDIATE TENANCY START DATE

The 14-day cooling-off period does not apply if you book a room with an immediate start date. If your rental contract's tenancy period has already begun, and you wish to cancel, you must email us immediately explicitly stating your desire to cancel. You must pay 1 month of rent plus the withdrawal fee. Even if you have not uploaded a signed rental contract. Please see the fees list here.

#### AFTER THE FIRST RENTAL DAY, BUT IN THE FIRST MONTH (WITHOUT MOVING IN)

If your rental period has not yet surpassed 1 month, and you want to cancel your contract, you must email The Housing Foundation Copenhagen explicitly stating that you wish to cancel the booking. You must pay the withdrawal fee plus 1 month of rent. Even if you have not uploaded a signed rental contract. Please see the fees list here.

#### AFTER MOVING IN, OR MORE THAN ONE MONTH AFTER THE FIRST RENTAL DAY

It is no longer possible to cancel the rental contract. Send an e-mail The Housing Foundation Copenhagen or refer to the section regarding Shortening Offers in this booking manual.

## **CANCELLING THE FIRST OF TWO BOOKINGS**

You cannot cancel a booking if you already made a second booking after it. If you make two bookings, it is not possible to cancel the first booking (especially when the rental period begins immediately). You must pay for the first booking and the second one, because you have inhibited others from booking and paying rent on the first room. This applies even if you have not uploaded a signed contract and you haven't physically entered the room.

#### **ROOM CHANGE CANCELLATION**

If you do not sign and upload your rental contract within the 3 days deadline we will cancel your new booking and you will be charged early cancellation fee. Please note, that once your new booking is cancelled it means that your current room will be shortened.

## MOVE IN, KEYS, AND YOUR ROOM INSPECTION

#### MOVE-IN DATE AND KEY PICK UP

You can pick up your keys the first day of your contract start date or later. The lease begins on the date stated in your contract. Should that date be a Saturday, a Sunday, or a holiday, the date on when the lease is transferred to the tenant is moved to the following working day. This information is also written in your rental contract. Before you book your tickets to Copenhagen, you will need to take our opening hours into account since we do not hand out keys outside our opening hours.

Most keys must be picked up at The Housing Foundation Copenhagen office at Njalsgade during our opening hours, (remember that we are always closed between 12 noon - 1pm). Please bring ID (passport or identification card with picture) in order to collect the keys.

Please make sure that you have made all required payments and that your contracts are uploaded and approved by us before you pick up your keys. We will not be able to provide you with your keys if these matters are not handled first.

If you have a contract at the following residences please pick up your keys directly at the residence within opening hours:

- Nordisk kollegium
- Signalhuset
- Sølvgade/Basecamp
- Tietgen kollegiet

Find all the information needed for key pick up here <a href="http://housingfoundation.dk/your-stay-arrival/">http://housingfoundation.dk/your-stay-arrival/</a>

#### **ISSUE REPORT**

If the inspectors missed any damages to the room upon the last room inspection, you are required by Danish law to report it in your Online Flow within 14 days of your keys being handed out. You cannot later claim that a damage was there upon move-in if you did not report it within the initial 14 days.

To make an issue report, go to the 'Move In' section in the left-hand menu and open the page 'Reporting of issues at time of moving in'. Click on the text 'Repair or Complaint' to reveal a tick box, then tick "Yes, there is an issue" to activate the next section. Press 'SAVE' and 'NEXT'.

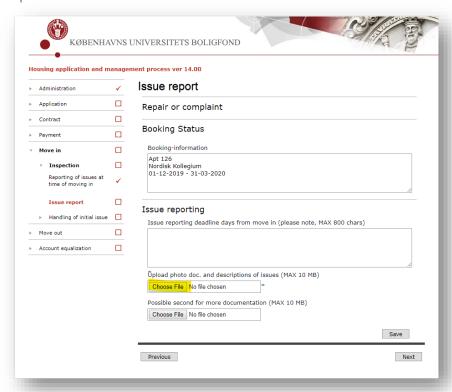


You then proceed to the 'Issue report' page (it will also appear on the left-hand side menu). This is where you actually make your report for our inspectors to see.

Please list your move-in issues in the designated field. Your report must be concise and should detail what specific part is broken. You will receive a quicker service if your report is precise and easy to understand. It is also an opportunity to report any missing furniture from your inventory list.

You must provide photo documentation of all your issues, so it is best to include them in a Word document if you have more than two photos. Check that you included all relevant information. You cannot modify/update your report later on. Finalise the report by clicking 'Save'.

Our inspectors will respond to your report at the next opportunity. You can read the response from the inspector in your Online Flow. Our inspectors will either explain how you can handle the issue yourself, or they will visit your room to look into it. If you report wear and tear, they will simply confirm that you will not be held responsible for these issues.



In peak periods, our inspectors will not be able to respond straight away as they will need to go through a significant amount of reports. Once they know the wider context of all issues, they will prioritize issues according to urgency.

#### **CLEANING ISSUES WHEN MOVING IN**

If you experience that a room is not clean when you move in, **report this to us over telephone or in person within 24 hours.** Please also send picture documentation via email. It is very important that this is reported immediately, so we can send our cleaners to fix the issue straight-away.

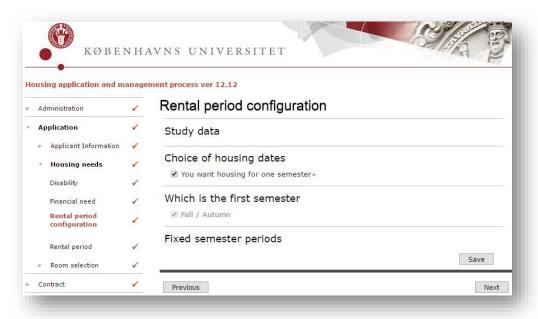
You cannot leave the issue unreported, then leave the room dirty when departing, claiming there was also a problem upon move-in. You are required to report it with photos for documentation—then we can send the cleaners in to fix the problem. Unfortunately, if you chose to do the cleaning yourself before the cleaners arrive, we cannot offer you any refund for your work. We can only send the cleaning company to take care of any remaining issues.

#### CHANGING YOUR RENTAL DURATION

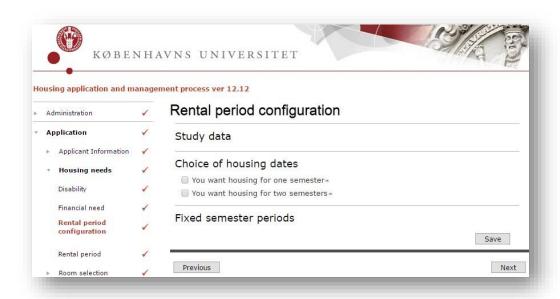
#### **EXTENSION**

If you are already admitted for two semesters but selected to book for one semester to begin with, you can extend your rental search period by going back to the page 'Rental period configuration' and changing your search period to two semesters. If you are a student from RMC, ITU, MIT you are not allowed to do an extension. Contact the coordinator in your university in order to get more information.

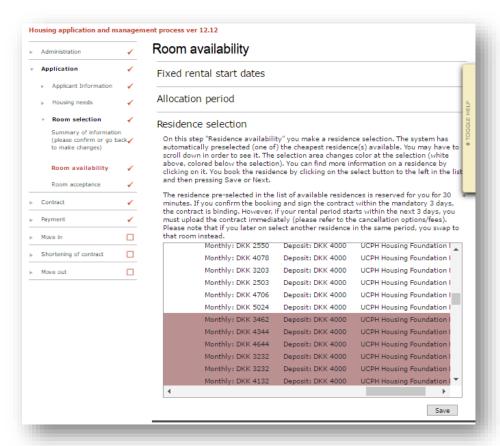
To make an extension:



- Go to Rental Period Configuration
- Un-tick 'You want housing for one semester'. Then select 'You want housing for two semesters' instead. Remember to click 'Save' and 'Next'
  - → No option for two semesters? You may not be able to see options for two semesters on the system. If you were not admitted for two semesters from the beginning, you must first e-mail us documentation of your extended admittance to the University of Copenhagen. We will then change your admittance status and you will then be able to do as described above. Please take care to do this before the extension deadline, which is announced by email every semester.



• Then use the left-hand menu to manually navigate to the 'Room Availability' page. Your room should already be pre-selected. Make sure it is selected, then click 'Save' and 'Next' to book it again for your current rental period plus the new extension period.



• Then use the left-hand menu to manually navigate to the page 'Room Acceptance'. Here you accept and press 'NEXT'. This will then generate a new e-mail to you with contracts attached, which you need to sign and upload as before.

#### MAKING A SHORTFNING OFFER

Your rental periods are fixed and you cannot cancel your contract after moving in, or more than one month after the first rental day.

However, if you wish to move out early, you can make a 'Shortening Offer'. This means asking us if you can 'offer' your room on our booking system with a desired early contract end date. We then advertise it, so that another student might take over the room when you leave early.

We cannot make any guarantees that another student will book your room. If no other student books your room, you are still legally responsible for paying rent for the entire original rental period as it is stated in your contract.

#### THINGS TO CONSIDER

- Shortening offers cannot be made for rooms at Bikuben, Tietgen kollegiet, and Øresundskollegiet.
  - Students from RMC, ITU, or MIT cannot make shortening offers anywhere. Contact the coordinator in your university in order to get more information.
- There is a fee for making the shortening offer. The fee covers the actual administrative time used for for making the rearrangement of your booking. <u>See a list of fees here.</u>
- You can only offer your room with an end date on the last day of any month, so that someone else can move in the following day on the 1st.
- Your room can only be advertised on our booking system, but not on any other websites or social media. Private subletting and advertising for subletting is strictly forbidden.
- If successful, moving out 7- days before contract end still applies: You will still need to move out seven days before your new offered contract end date (by 12 noon).
- If your offered date is close and no one has yet taken up your offered room, we will set the offered move-in date to two weeks later to see if this helps. We will keep doing this until someone books the room or your original tenancy period is over.
- If another student books your room relatively last minute, you might have to vacate at short notice. We do keep the seven-day move-out rule in mind when contacting you.

## **RESTRICTIONS**

- You need to make your offer by the end of the month before that month in which you want your contract to end.
  - For example: If you wish for your contract to end on 31st December, you must make your offer by end of 30th November. If there is less than one month left to your offered contract end date when you make your offer, the system will automatically prohibit this and move your contract end date by one month to the next available date.
- There are deadlines after which you no longer can make a shortening offer. You cannot make shortening offers late in the semester. The closing deadline for making a shortening offer or extending your stay is usually mid of May in the spring semester and mid October in the fall semester, but a precise date will be announced on our web-page and by email.
- Making a shortening offer is not always possible for all our residences. The Housing Foundation Copenhagen will reject a shortening offer if we find that special circumstances apply to your particular residence. Shortening offers are never possible for rooms at Bikuben, Tietgen Kollegiet, and Øresundskollegiet.

Students from RMC, ITU, MIT are not allowed to do a shortening offer.

• It is forbidden to sublet your room and advertise the room on social media or any media webpage. This is seen as a breach of the contract and will have serious consequences.

#### INCREASING YOUR CHANCES

Attracting new tenants for a shortening offer is most likely to be successful with the following end dates:

- 30 June: Attractive for incoming summer students.
- 31 July: Attractive for incoming pre-semester Danish Language course students
- 31 August: Attractive for late-coming semester students.
- 31 December: Attractive for incoming pre-semester Danish Language course students

#### ONCE YOU HAVE MADE YOUR OFFER

If another student accepts the offer, it is binding to both you and the person accepting. A confirmation email will be sent to you, and you will be charged for our handling of this extra service. You can see the exact amount <u>here</u>.

You must keep up with your payment plan; you cannot refrain from paying rent in the expectation of someone accepting your offer. Should someone rent the room, any excess rent you paid is never 'wasted'—you will be refunded the excess amount you paid.

Remember it is illegal to sublet your room and advertise the room on social media or any media webpage. This is seen as a breach of the contract and will have serious consequences.

If you change your mind and want to stay after all, you can only withdraw the offer if no one has already booked the room. In this case, you must email The Housing Foundation Copenhagen. Your offer is not withdrawn until The Housing Foundation Copenhagen has confirmed that it is. You cannot make changes to your proposed end date without getting approval from The Housing Foundation Copenhagen first.



#### SHORTENING OFFER STEPS

To make a Shortening Offer:

- Use the 'Shortening of contract' function on the flow, located on the left-hand menu.
- On the page 'Specification of shortening offer', select that you wish to offer to shorten. Do not change your contract end date here (this will still remain your official end date). Press 'Save'.
- Please proceed to the 'Shortening date' page, where you can input your desired offered end date.
- On the 'Shortening date' page, in the field 'Offered end date', select your desired end date. You can enter any date ending on the 30/31st of a month, as long as that date is more than one calendar month in the future. Be aware that you will need to move out 7 days before that date if your offer is accepted by another tenant.
  - → You cannot make a last-minute shortening offer. You must give us at least one month's warning. This means that if there is less than one whole month left to your desired end date, the system will force you to choose the 30th/31st of the month after.



- Once you have selected your desired end date, click 'Save'. Other users of the booking system will now be able to select your room from this offered date.
- Do not be surprised if you cannot see your room being advertised on the 'Room Availability' page. Only other users of our service can now see your room offer in their Online Flow. If you go to 'Room Availability', you will still see your official contract start date attached to your room.

## **MOVE OUT**

#### **RETURN OF KEYS & DEPARTURE DATES**

Please make sure to carefully read the <u>departure information on our website well in advance of your departure</u>, and remember to leave adequate time for cleaning your room. Remember to take returning the keys into consideration when making departure plans. **The keys must be returned at the latest by 12 noon 7- days before your contract ends** (your final possible departure date).

## Examples:

- Contracts ending on the 14th: You depart and return keys by the 7th at 12 noon at the latest
- Contracts ending on the 28th: You depart and return keys by the 21st at 12 noon at the latest.
- Contracts ending on the 29<sup>th</sup>: You depart and return keys by the 22<sup>nd</sup> at 12 noon at the latest.
- Contracts ending on the 30<sup>th</sup>: You depart and return keys by the 23<sup>rd</sup> at 12 noon at the latest.
- Contracts ending on the 31st: You depart and return keys by the 24th at 12 noon at the latest

If we have not received the keys at this deadline you will be charged a late move out fee, because not returning the keys on time is a violation of the contract.

If you live in Sølvgade/Basecamp, Signalhuset or Tietgen kollegiet or Nordisk kollegium you have to hand in the keys directly at the residence in their reception. The same key return rules apply.

You must always refer to your rental contract for contractual end dates – possibly amended by a confirmed and accepted shortening offer, if such exists.

Along with your keys, you must hand back all the items you were given (such as laundry card, access chips) to the designated location on your move-out day at the latest. You can read more here.

Anyone (a friend, roommate, or other contact person you trust) can return your keys on your behalf, but please just make sure that they do not delay in returning them. Returning keys after the deadline will cause a late move out fee, since not returning the keys in time is seen as a breach of the contract.

#### **CLEANING**

Your apartment should undergo a thorough cleaning before you depart, and there should be no indication of a build-up of calcium, grease, dirt, etc. If any area is left unclean, you will be charged the same cost that our cleaning company charges The Housing Foundation Copenhagen for their services. The cost of cleaning in Denmark is comparatively high to other countries, so please take care.

You will be charged for any broken items. Wear and tear stemming from normal and correct use of the accommodation is acceptable.

Please see our website for more information of how you should leave the room.

#### **DEREGISTRATION OF ADDRESS**

You **must** deregister your CPR number from the address when moving out. This is a legal obligation and a very serious matter—forgetting to deregister will lead to issues with the authorities later. As soon as the next incoming tenant registers, the authorities will know if you did not deregister correctly and contact you.

#### **RETURNING YOUR DEPOSIT**

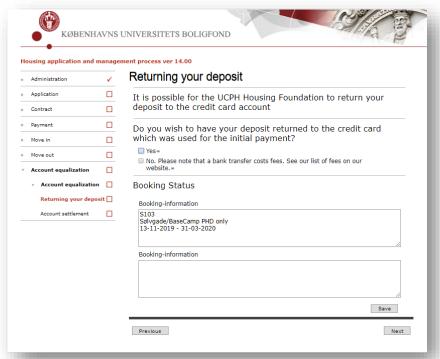
The deposit is subject to deductions as a result of the inspection, unreturned or lost keys, missing rent, or any other damages caused during your stay. Any remainder will be returned to you. The deposit or the remainder thereof is normally returned within 8 weeks of your last rental day, as long as you have provided all the relevant information for us to make the transfer.

The option to have your deposit returned to your credit card will be active, if:

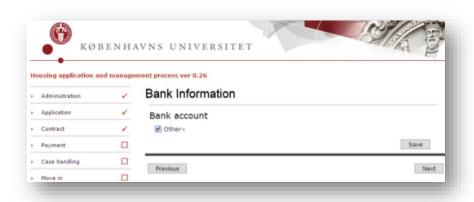
- You paid with a credit card
- The card is still valid 6 months after your contract end date
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#### If you want this:

- Go to the 'Move Out' section in your flow
- Open the 'Returning your deposit' page.
- There, tick off 'yes' and click 'SAVE'.



If you do not wish to have the deposit returned to your credit card, you can opt to select a bank account. Please tick box this option as shown below, and fill in your bank account details on the next page. Returning the deposit to a bank account involves a transfer fee.



Thank you for reading the booking manual. We at the Housing Foundation Copenhagen look forward to welcoming you to Copenhagen and wish you pleasant stay.

## Kind Regards



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