THE BOOKING MANUAL
FOR STUDENTS
BOOKING ROUND: FALL 2023
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HOW TO MAKE A BOOKING

In the manual, we will describe how you can successfully make a booking and make changes to the booking. Please log on to your Housing account by clicking on the link in the invitation email and the login details.

1. DECLARATION OF CONSENT

Upon gaining access to the booking system, you will have to declare that you accept our procedure for sensitive personal data as well as that you have read the Booking Manual and agree with the terms and conditions of The Housing Foundation Copenhagen’s rules.

2. TENANT INFORMATION

In this section, you must fill out your personal details. If you have been invited with your KU-email, 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, it will be your new communication email but your username will remain the same (used for logging onto your housing account).
TENANTS HOME ADDRESS

The section “tenants home address” is your permanent home address which will be stated on your rental contract.

3. BOOKING

SPECIAL NEED

DISABILITY FRIENDLY HOUSING
If you are physically disabled, have limited mobility or any other disability that requires you to book a certain type of room then you can apply for it in this section. You can only apply for disability housing within the first week of the booking round and the deadline for applying is 26th of June 2023. You are welcome to contact us directly outside of booking rounds.

You will need to upload documentation of your disability for example, a document from your doctor or home university confirming your special needs. Please also include a personal description of your needs (though this description cannot be a stand-alone).

Proceed with booking the most suitable accommodation from the list of available options, as we cannot guarantee your application will be approved. You will receive an email after the deadline with an approval or rejection of your application.

FINANCIAL NEED

You can only apply for financial need within the first week of the booking round and the deadline is 26th of June 2023. Please make sure to book a room even if you apply for financial need in case your application is rejected.

Financial need students are normally provided with shared rooms, which are slightly cheaper than most of our other rooms, these are not visible in the booking system. Please upload your documentation in English. It can be an application explaining your situation or any other documentation providing proof of your need for financial housing.

We will get back to you one week after the booking round regarding your application.
START AND LENGTH OF STAY

We offer accommodations for fixed semester periods to students. Exchange students can rent for one or two semesters while Full degree students can rent up to four semesters. It is also possible to select an option and then later on extend your contract as long as the room is available. You can only extend once during your tenancy. At the moment, it is only possible to rent for a maximum of two semesters (it will be possible to extend your stay later).

The dates under "Specification of your stay" are non-editable and they are simply search dates and the exact contract start dates are shown for the different rooms under the 'Vacant accommodations' section.

VACANT ACCOMMODATIONS

To see the type of rooms and detailed description of our accommodations please click here to go to our website. You will find the different options under the ‘Housing options’ category as shown below on our website.
In the **Vacant accommodations** section you can see all the rooms that are vacant for booking. Initially, the system will automatically pre-select the cheapest room available and reserve it for 30 minutes. This pre-selected room is marked with this sign in blue 🔄.

Please pay attention to the **Contract start** date for your selected room, as this is will determine the start date of your rental contract. 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 selected room and a new page will pop-up.

![Vacant Accommodation Section](image)

**Important**

Always remember to refresh the **Vacant Accommodation** section to make sure you are seeing the latest updated information. As someone else might have booked the room, you have selected if you have waited for more than 30 minutes before clicking ‘**Reserve selected room**’.

**STEPS FOR BOOKING ROOM**

- **Select the room** you would like to book by clicking on the left column. The room you have selected becomes red and you can also see the selected room on the top row.
- **Click on Reserve selected room**
- **You will then be directed to the Booking confirmation page**
BOOKING CONFIRMATION

In this section, you are confirming your booking and acknowledge that you agree to our terms and conditions. Therefore, please read the information in this section very carefully including the contract start and end dates as well as the information of the room that you are about to book. **Please note, the selected room is only reserved for 30 minutes after which it is released back in the booking system for others to book.**

If you do not wish to book this room then DO NOT click "Booking confirmation". Instead, simply click on Back to go back to Vacant accommodations section.
DASHBOARD

This is your page where you can see a summary of your booking(s) and information related to your booking(s). It also allows you to cancel your booking, extend your bookings, add new booking, make payments etc.

4. CONTRACT & OTHER DOCUMENTS

Once you have successfully made a booking, you will receive an email within an hour for signing the Rental Contract online via digital signature or MitID. Check your spam folder if you do not receive it on time. The email will contain:

- the rental contract in Danish (required as per Danish Law)
- Supplemental document which is a translation of §10 and §11 of the rental contract (a demo contract in English can be found on our website here)
- Declaration of Consent
- Fee List
- House Rules
- a Service Contract (only for rooms in Signalhuset, Øresundskollegiet & Tietgenkollegiet)

SIGNING CONTRACTS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS

Once we send the contract email to you, you have to digitally sign the documents within three days. If you made a booking with an immediate start date (today), then you will have to sign and pay within 24 hours. After you have signed the documents you will receive a copy of all the documents by email.

If you do not respect the deadline, you risk that your booking is cancelled without further notice. This might imply a cancellation fee.
REJECT SIGNATURE
If you click on the Reject signature button then your booking will automatically be cancelled.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING BOOKING
Please consider the following information thoroughly before making a booking:

- **Sign the contract and other documents** within three days. Otherwise, you risk losing your booking. You risk cancellation of your booking without any further notice if you do not sign your contract on time.

- **Pay on time:** Please refer to the Account section in your Dashboard where you can see your next payment due date as well as access your Payment plan.

IMMEDIATE BOOKINGS – CONTRACTS THAT START THE SAME DAY AS MAKING THE BOOKING
If you book a room where the contract begins immediately (the same days as making the booking), you must abide by a number of additional parameters. Before you make a booking, please be aware of the following:

- **The contract must be signed 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 want to cancel the booking and a cancellation fee will apply.

- **You must confirm your booking within 24 hours.** You will receive a separate e-mail regarding your ‘Booking Confirmation’. You need to reply to this e-mail immediately to confirm your booking, otherwise you risk losing the booking.

CONTRACTS THAT START LESS THAN 14 DAYS AFTER MAKING THE BOOKING
If you book a room that starts within 14 days after making the booking then you must abide by the following:

- **The contract must be signed within 3 days and before the contract start date,** otherwise you risk losing your booking. The three-day rule does not apply if the booking starts before three days.

- **The payment must be made before the contract start date.** You may check the due date on your flow once the booking has been made.

- **You cannot cancel your booking manually.** You will need to notify our office immediately if you want to cancel the booking and a cancellation fee will apply.

- **You need to confirm your booking.** You will receive a ‘Booking Confirmation’ e-mail separately and you need to reply to this e-mail to confirm your booking.
**PAYMENT**

It is important to pay the first payment (3 months’ rent + deposit) within the deadline otherwise, the booking will be cancelled and you will also have to pay a fee. (Paying after a deadline will first result in a late payment reminder fee after 7 days. If you then also do not complete the payment within 10 days after receiving the late fee then your booking will be cancelled and you will be charged the relevant cancellation charges.)

**Bookings with more than 14 days before contract start date:**
You must pay the first instalment (3 months’ rent + deposit) within 14 days of the initial booking.

**Bookings with less than 14 days before contract start date:**
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 here.

**Bookings with immediate start date:**
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.

It is your own responsibility to follow the payment plan, as you do not receive an invoice from the Housing Foundation. Failing to pay on time will result in late payment reminder fees.

**PAYMENT METHODS**
The Housing Foundation offers three different payment methods; via credit card, bank transfer and by using Mobile Pay app. Please read about these methods to see which is best for you.

1. **PAYMENT VIA CREDIT CARD**

A separate company called Teller/Nets provides the online payment platform for this. Teller/Nets accepts all kinds 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 have 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 Payment Plan, as they are not paid to The Housing Foundation Copenhagen. However, they will appear on your credit card or bank statement.

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 card if the amount paid equals to your deposit amount**, if the amount you paid with the latest used credit card is less than your deposit refund amount we will not be able to refund via credit card. Please have that in mind when you make your last payment.
If it is not possible to refund to your credit card we will have to return the deposit to your bank account, which will entail a transfer charge. Please find more information here.

**HOW TO MAKE YOUR PAYMENT BY CREDIT CARD:**

- Click on the Pay online button in Dashboard or go directly to the Payment section via the left-side menu.
- The first time you click on Pay online or Payment you will be requested to agree to the Terms and conditions.
- Click on the Payment amount box and type the amount you wish to pay and click on Pay online now. (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)

![Payment screenshot]

- A new window for paying via credit card will appear.
- When you pay via credit card we receive the money immediately and this will be shown on your Payment plan under Credit (money paid) column.

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2. **PAYMENT VIA BANK TRANSFER**

You can find The Housing Foundation bank details on our website. It is important to type your Tenant ID when making the bank transfer in the message to sender box so that we can identify your payment.

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.

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3. **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.
CHANGING ROOMS

Everyone is allowed to change rooms once during their tenancy but only after they have signed their first contract and the 14 days cooling-off period has passed. When changing rooms, the system will create a combined booking where your contract for your current room will be shortened to match the start date of the next booking. You are financially responsible for both bookings. If you do not sign your rental contract within the 3 days deadline, we will cancel your new booking and your initial booking will be changed back to its original date.

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

Note, that you cannot change rooms if living in Bikuben, Øresundskollegiet, or Tietgenkollegiet, as these dorms wish to have only long-term tenants. RMC & ITU students are also not allowed to change rooms.

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.

HOW TO CHANGE ROOMS:

- Go to Dashboard and select Add new booking.

- You will be directed to Vacant accommodations page where you can see the available rooms and their contract start dates.
- Select your desired room and click on Reserve selected room
- In the Booking Confirmation page you will be asked to accept moving to this room or not.
- Please note, if you change rooms your current booking will be shortened to match your new booking and you will have a 7 day gap between both bookings.
- You finalize the booking by clicking on Booking confirmation.
- You will receive an email with an hour to sign the contract digitally.
- Once you accept the room in the Booking confirmation sections, the change is instantly in effect and the end date of the old room is shortened. You will be able to see both your bookings and the changes in Dashboard.
CANCELLATION OF BOOKINGS

The possibility to cancel your booking free of charge 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 from the date you make your booking during which you can cancel a booking. However, this only applies if:

- The rental period has not yet begun
- It is not an immediate booking

If there are less than 14 days from the date you make your booking until the contract starts:
If you have confirmed your booking then your cooling-off period lasts until the rental period begins (Then it is less than 14 days).

HOW TO CANCEL YOUR BOOKING:

- Go to Dashboard and select the Cancellation button

A new box will appear with information about the booking(s) you are about to cancel.
- Type in YES in the text box and click Cancel booking

- Your booking is now cancelled unless a message appears explaining why it cannot be cancelled
- In Dashboard you will see the booking has been removed.
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 signed the rental contract. Please see the fees list here.

ROOMS WITH AN IMMEDIATE TENANCY START DATE
If you have confirmed your booking then 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 signed the 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 signed the 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.

ROOM CHANGE CANCELLATION
If you do not sign your rental contract within the 3 days deadline, we will cancel your new booking and your current booking will be changed back to its original date.
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. Keys can be picked from your contract start date but only within our office hours. This means should that date be a Saturday, a Sunday, or a holiday, keys can be picked up 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.

Find all the information needed for key pick up here http://housingfoundation.dk/your-stay-arrival/

MOVE IN INSPECTION
When you have picked up your keys, you will be called in for a professional move in inspection, which is not compulsory to attend. Our professional inspectors will come to your accommodation and inspect it (if you can’t make the date, they can do this in your absence – The time for the inspection is not negotiable). They will make a move in inspection report and mark any damages, missing things or things to remark. Hereafter they will send you the move in inspection report by email to you. The reason why they are making the inspection is to know the state of the room and make sure you will not be responsible for any damages or missing things by move in.

At the end of your stay, you will have a move out inspection where the inspector again reports the state of the room. You will also be called in for that inspection. If you can’t attend the inspectors will still make the inspection, make the report, and send it to you. If any damages has happened during your stay or the cleaning was done insufficiently, you might have to pay for it. This might be deducted from your security deposit depending on the damage and price.

MOVE-IN ISSUE REPORT
Besides from the professional move in inspection you also have 14 days from the day you pick up the keys to report issues.

For example, if you picked up your keys on 1st September, your last day for reporting issues is 14th September.

If you believe something is missing or damaged, or if your room is not in a satisfactory condition that was not already noted in your move in issue report made by the inspectors, please take photos and place these with descriptions in "My Move in Issue report template". You can download the template at our home page under the section called Arrival.
How to make the issue report:

- Go to Dashboard and click on Create issue report (this button is only visible once keys have been handed out to you).

![Dashboard screenshot]

- Type a small description of the issue/issues.
- You can only upload one file therefore please use the "My Move in issue report template". You may find it by clicking here.
- After uploading the Move in issue report, you can make changes to your report within the first 14 days after which it will be locked.
- Finalise the report by clicking Submit issue report.
- By selecting Reset it will delete everything and you may start from the beginning.

Our inspector will respond to your report at the next opportunity. You can read the response from the inspector on your Housing account. Either our inspector will 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 inspector 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 email 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 straightaway. But please note, the cleaning company may in some cases not be able to come on the same day.

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.

In some cases, it might be that the cleaning company finds the issue is simply wear and tear and they might not be able to fix it. You will not be held responsible for this during move out.
EXTENSION

If you are already admitted for two semesters but selected to book for one semester, to begin with you can extend your contract yourself. It is only possible to extend your contract once. If you are a student from RMC or ITU you are not allowed to do an extension. Contact the coordinator in your university in order to get more information.

HOW TO MAKE AN EXTENSION:
• Go to Dashboard and select Extend booking.

![Dashboard]

• You will be directed to the Start and length of stay page, where you can select one of the provided options for extension and then click Next.
• In the Vacant accommodations page you need to re-book your own room.
• Please make sure you are booking the correct room and then click Reserve selected room.
• In the Booking confirmation page check the correct room has been booked with the correct dates, then finalize your booking by clicking Booking confirmation.
• In Dashboard you can see your booking and a new email for signing contracts will soon be sent to you.

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SHORTENING 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 if you have not moved in.

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. Only if another student has booked your room can your rental contract be shortened.

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

- **There is a fee** for making the shortening offer. The fee covers the actual administrative time used for making the rearrangement of your booking. [See a list of fees here.](#)
- 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 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

- **Shortening offers cannot be made for rooms at Bikuben and Øresundskollegiet.** Students from RMC and ITU are also not allowed to do a shortening offer.
- **The offered date can only be the last date of a month.**
- **The offered date needs to be made at the latest a month before the date.** For example: If you wish for your contract to end on 31st December, you must make your offer by end of 30th November.
- **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-May in the spring semester and mid-October in the fall semester, but a precise date will be announced to all tenants by email.
- It is forbidden to sublet your room and advertise the room on social media or any media webpage. Private subletting and advertising for subletting is seen as a breach of the contract and will have serious consequences.

ONCE YOU HAVE MADE THE OFFER

- You need to follow your payment plan until someone books your room
- If your offered date is close and no one has yet taken up your offered room, we will move the offered 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.
• You will be informed via e-mail when someone has accepted your offer and you will be charged for our handling of this extra service. You can see the exact amount here.
• If the shortening offer is accepted then it is binding to both you and that person.

**IF YOU WANT TO CANCEL OR CHANGE YOUR SHORTENING OFFER**

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. You can also change the date of the shortening offer. In both cases, you must email The Housing Foundation Copenhagen. Your offer is not withdrawn or changed until The Housing Foundation Copenhagen has confirmed that it is.

**HOW TO MAKE A SHORTENING OFFER**

• Go to Dashboard and click on the Shortening offer button

![Dashboard](image)

• Then click the Offered end date box and select the date you wish to offer to shorten your contract. (You can only select the last date of a month and the date has to be minimum one month ahead.)

![Shortening offer](image)

• You need to agree to the terms for making a shortening offer and then click SAVE. Other users of the housing system will now be able to see your room.

• We will contact you as soon as the shortening offer has been booked and finalized.
MOVE OUT

RETURN OF KEYS & DEPARTURE DATES

Please make sure to carefully read the departure information on our website well in advance of your departure, 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.

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 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.

RETURNING DEPOSIT TO YOUR CREDIT CARD

The system has pre-selected to get your deposit refunded on your credit card and this means if you do not select another option then we will automatically refund to your credit card.

The option to have your deposit returned to your credit card will be active, if:
- You paid with a credit card
- The last payment you made is equal to or more than your deposit amount
- The card is still valid 6 months after your contract end date
RETURNING DEPOSIT BY BANK TRANSFER

If you do not wish to have the deposit returned to your credit card, you can opt to select a bank account. Please note the deposit to a bank account involves a transfer fee.

- Click on Returning your deposit from the left-side menu
- Select the Bank transfer option
- Then fill in all the necessary information required and click SAVE

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.

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