

FINDING A ROOM

Tips & Tricks

Finding a room isn't easy, especially in the big student towns in the Netherlands. Student accommodation providers do everything in their power to expand their offers of accommodation to students looking for rooms, but the reality is, they can't help everyone immediately. That's why we are sharing some tips on how to find a room.

Register with ROOM.NL

There's a one-time fee of € 35 and throughout your time studying, you can respond to offers of self-contained housing in the areas of Amsterdam, Leiden, Delft, The Hague, Groningen, Wageningen and Deventer.

Do not immediately set your demands too high

Respond to rooms that are not necessarily in the centre of town. You can always move again later. Everybody is looking for a large, cheap room. In practice, you'll usually start off in a smaller room. Once you've found somewhere to live it'll be much easier to move to a different room. You will continue to be registered with **ROOM.nl**, and you can continue to respond to all offers.

A suitable response to the offers

You will find new offers every day at **ROOM.nl**. As soon as you respond, you will immediately see how high up on the list you are for the relevant room. This will enable you to assess your chances of getting that particular room. Some rooms that become available from 1 July are offered as a priority to freshman students living further away. Are you not in this priority category? Then your chances of finding a room at the start of the academic year are slim. If you want to increase your chances, then start responding as soon as possible. You can already respond four months before you begin your studies.

Please note: you must start paying the rent from the start date of the contract. The start date is always stated in the advert.



Build up your registration time

The longer you've been registered, the greater the chances of finding a room. You can register from the age of 16. This is not an unnecessary luxury, because in the large university towns rooms are very hard to find. So register as soon as possible, even if you don't know exactly where you'll be studying. Also: if you have already managed to find your first room, the longer you are registered, the more chance you'll have of being able to move to a more spacious, self-contained room.

Voting in new residents

In a number of houses and complexes, voting in a new house mate [hospiteren] is the only way to get a room, often even when there's a short registration time. The residents will invite you to their student house for an introductory meeting to choose the new house mate. If everyone clicks, then there's a good chance you'll be chosen and you will have found somewhere to live. Here are some tips

www.youtube.com/watch?v=66iExtusJqY&t=264s

Use your network, as many rooms are found through people you know

Tell everyone that you are looking for a room. Use your network and be pro active. Many students looking for rooms find somewhere to live through friends or acquaintances. Use various ways to make it clear that you're looking for a room. Post a message on Facebook, send a tweet, or put a message on the notice board of your educational institution.

Do you live far from the town where you'll be studying?

Consider a sublet. From the start, this will save you a lot of travelling time, and from this temporary situation, it won't be so hard to move somewhere else.

