

SUBJECT	STUDENT HOUSING POLICY
<p><u>BACKGROUND</u></p> <p>Northern College (the “College”) is dedicated to providing housing options and related services that support the academic success and well-being of all students. In alignment with the Ontario <i>Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act (2024)</i> and <i>Strengthening Accountability and Student Supports Act (2024)</i>, this Policy outlines the College’s principles, commitments, and available resources to support students in finding suitable housing on and off campus.</p> <p>POLICY</p> <p>Northern College is committed to providing housing options and services that support academic success and the well-being for students within all campus communities.</p> <p><u>SCOPE</u></p> <p>This policy applies to all student housing services offered by the College, including on-campus residences, off-campus housing resources, and support services. The Policy is designed to guide the provision of housing options and related services to all students.</p> <p><u>DEFINITIONS</u></p> <p><u>Off-Campus Housing Resources</u>- Services and supports provided to students seeking or residing in housing not owned or operated by the College.</p> <p><u>Student Housing</u>- Residential accommodations provided or facilitated by the College for students, including both on-campus and off-campus options.</p> <p><u>Student Resource Coordinator</u>- Designated individual responsible for coordinating student housing services, providing support, and addressing housing-related inquiries.</p>	

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Principles and Commitments:

1. The College will ensure that all information regarding Student Housing is easily accessible to students from the point of offer through to graduation. Students will be able to access housing services, supports, and resources, whether online or through direct engagement with the Student Resource Coordinator.
2. The College will provide students with a suitable range of housing options in line with its enrolment levels. This includes on-campus residences, as well as support for students seeking off-campus accommodations.
3. The College is committed to developing options for housing that supports students of all circumstances and backgrounds.
4. The College will consider the local community environment and context and develop community partnerships when appropriate.

Institutional Infrastructure:

1. The College will have staff dedicated to providing personal support, information, and guidance to students regarding housing options. The Student Resource Coordinator(s) will serve as the primary contact(s) for all housing-related inquiries and provide the appropriate referrals to other College and community partners as required.
2. The College will maintain the Housing webpages and digital resources that include but not limited to information on how to source and access Student Housing, community resources, College partners, legal rights and responsibilities, and contact information for the Student Resource Coordinator(s).

Off-Campus Housing Resources:

1. The College will maintain and continue to establish partnerships with third-party housing platforms and databases to assist students in finding safe and reliable off-campus housing.
2. Students will have access to resources and support for their housing search, including workshops and/or information on tenant rights, referrals to legal consultation for lease agreements, and general education on navigating the housing market.
3. The College will provide students with on-campus and off-campus safety information and other resources to support their housing search and living experience, such as neighbourhood safety information, transportation information, and emergency contact information.

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4. The College will offer information and support for students needing short-term housing during transitional periods.
5. Students will be provided with resources on financing opportunities and assistance for securing housing.
6. The College will assist in providing temporary emergency housing support to students experiencing homelessness due to an acute life challenge (e.g. domestic violence, family conflict or eviction) when they lack access to alternative housing support from peers, friends, family, or other College resources, and do not have the financial means to secure temporary housing.

Housing Options for Incoming International Students:

1. As required by the Ministry of Colleges and Universities as of September 2024, the College will provide incoming international students support in finding suitable housing. The Student Resource Coordinator(s) are easily accessible and provide all students, including incoming international students, with assistance in finding suitable housing in the community when on-campus housing options are not available.

RESPONSIBILITY

The monitoring, maintaining and annual compliance attestations of this policy will be the responsibility of the Director of Student Services, Institutional Research and Registrar.

APPROVED BY PRESIDENT


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President & CEO

January 10, 2025

Date

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<p><u>REFERENCES</u></p> <p>Financial Assistance https://www.northerncollege.ca/admissions/financial-assistance/</p> <p>Haileybury Campus Residence Webpage https://www.northerncollege.ca/campuses/haileybury/residence/</p> <p>Off-Campus Housing https://www.northerncollege.ca/students/off-campus-housing/</p> <p>Timmins Campus Residence Webpage https://www.northerncollege.ca/campuses/timmins/residence/</p>	

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