

# Accommodation Complaints Procedure

We are committed to providing a high level of customer service. We work hard to ensure an excellent experience for all of our residents and are continuing to develop and improve our services. All feedback is extremely important to us.

With the number of residents living with us, it is inevitable that from time to time maintenance issues, community issues and complaints will arise in our accommodation. To ensure we are able to respond to these issues as quickly as possible, please follow this procedure. This complaints and feedback process relates to all residential properties owned or managed by the University.

If you have a maintenance issue please make sure you have also submitted a maintenance form at <u>www.le.ac.uk/maintenanceform</u>. Details of the priority definitions are available with the form.

If you have a complaint, please let us know as soon as the issue or concern has occurred. If you do not register your complaint within 28 days of the issue occuring, your complaint may not be dealt with under this policy. To make sure your complaint is recorded please email **accommodation@le.ac.uk**.

If you require additional support during your time at university or stay in residences you can contact the University's Student Support Service. Details for all these services are available at <a href="https://le.ac.uk/study/student-support">https://le.ac.uk/study/student-support</a>

## How to Complain

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## 1. Informal Residential Complaints

### The first step is to contact the

Accommodation Team. Please find a member of our team in person at your site reception. If possible, we will always try to resolve the problem on the spot. If we have been unable to resolve your issue in person, please contact us by emailing <u>accommodation@le.ac.uk</u>

You will receive acknowledgement of your complaint within 48 hours (excluding weekends, public holidays and University closure days). We will provide a resolution to your complaint within 10 working days or with an update on the progress of your complaint if additional information is required.

## 2. Formal residential complaints

Following informal resolution, should you feel your complaint requires further investigation, you may wish to submit a <u>Formal Complaint</u>. Please be aware you will be expected to have made an attempt to resolve the matters you are concerned about informally, through the previous steps before submitting a formal complaint.

In order to submit a formal complaint you must complete the Complaints Form and return it to the Accommodation Management Team.

FAO: Accommodation Management Team, accommodation@le.ac.uk

You will receive acknowledgement of your complaint within 48 hours (excluding weekends, public holidays and University closure days). The Estates and Campus Services Management Team, or nominee, will arrange for your complaint to be investigated and will respond back to you with the outcome of the investigation, or you will receive a response updating you on the progress should further investigation be required. This will be within 10 working days.

The Estates and Campus Services Management Team may contact you directly or request to meet with you to discuss the complaint as part of their investigation.

## 3. Formal residential complaints appeal

If you wish to appeal the outcome, please contact the Head of Department. Please include a copy of the Residential Student Complaint form and in your email explain the reasons why you are unhappy with the response to your complaint. FAO: Head of Department, accommodation@le.ac.uk

You will receive acknowledgement of your complaint within 48 hours (excluding weekends, public holidays and University closure days). The Head of Department, or nominee, will provide with a written response. This will be within 10 working days.

### **Further Review**

Following this process, if you feel your complaint has not been resolved by Campus Services you can submit a Student Complaint Form to the University of Leicester for further review. This will be governed by the University's Senate regulations, for further details of the procedure and to access the Student Complaints Form please visit <u>https://le.ac.uk/about/contact/student-complaints</u>

The Advice Service in the Students' Union will also be able to provide help with your complaint. They can be contacted in the Percy Gee Building; or by telephone on O116 223 1132; or by email at <u>advice@le.ac.uk</u>. Note that the Advice Service cannot complete this form on your behalf.

For further information on accessing support provided by Leicester Students' Union please visit their website at <a href="https://www.leicesterunion.com/support">https://www.leicesterunion.com/support</a>

### **Further Information**

If you require additional support during your time at university or stay in residences you can contact the University's Student Support Service to access the Student Welfare Service, Counselling and Wellbeing or the AccessAbility Centre. Details for all these services are available at <a href="https://le.ac.uk/study/student-support">https://le.ac.uk/study/student-support</a>

For further information relating to the Residential Complaints Procedure please see the Accommodation Compensation Policy and access the Student Residential Complaint Form.

Do you have a problem in accommodation and want to make a complaint? Do you have a maintenance issue?

Please make sure you've submitted a maintenance form Step 1: Informal residential complaints

Contact the Accommodation Team to get a quick response

Step 3: Formal residential complaints appeal

If you wish to appeal the outcome of your complaint Step 2: Formal residential complaints

Email the complaint form to the Accommodation Team If you are not satisfied with the response, submit a Student Residential Complaint Form

If you're still not satisfied with the response please contact the Student Conduct Complaints and Resolution Team If you need any additional support during your time at university you can contact the Student Support Service

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