

# Living at Home – The University Experience

So, once you've decided which university you're going to it's time to decide where to live...

## Accommodation Options

There are lots of options: Student accommodation, renting a flat or house or private accommodation. Believe it or not, living at home is also an option, and not a rare one either! A lot of students choose to live at home whilst they study – some of these throughout their whole degree, and some for just part of it.

## Making the Decision

One of the first things to consider is the distance from your home to university. If it is easily commutable for you, then you can consider this option. However, you won't want to be spending 2+ hours commuting in everyday whilst you have lectures because you will get extremely tired.



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Most students are eligible for a student loan, so you can save some pennies by choosing to stay at home and not spending a big chunk of your loan on your accommodation. In almost all cases, living at home is cheaper than living out.

## My Experience

I found that living at home didn't give me any setbacks socially or academically, and personally, I think it helped me transition into university life a little bit easier. Looking back, I was only 17 when I got my offer into Newcastle University, and I had just turned 18 a month before I started university. So, if you don't feel ready to move out or simply don't want to – don't let it put you off coming to study!

I was lucky enough to commute easily to Newcastle University. It is important to remember every student you meet at uni will have a different experience to you and living at home may just be one of them. So many people have different reasons for staying at home, and you shouldn't let it put you off university and student life. There are plenty of things you can get involved in and engage in, from a social and academic point of view.

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