NSCC STUDENT HOUSING RENTAL CONSIDERATIONS

NSCC LIVING IN NOVA SCOTIA GUIDE: A RESOURCE GUIDE FOR STUDENTS

This is a 7-Module Guide covering topics of:
- Introduction to Nova Scotia,
- Cost of Living,
- Protecting House & Home,
- Searching For Accommodations
- Securing Your Accommodations,
- Community Responsibilities,
- Understanding your Community

Property owners can ask NSCC Students for a Statement of Completion! This is helpful if students do not have a reference!

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LIST YOUR PLACE

Places4Students.com

An online listing service that allows students to search for properties for rent near their campus.

happipad

An online home sharing site that allows property owners to list their spare rooms for students to rent.

NSCC HOUSING

Provides information and resources to help NSCC students navigate their search for safe and affordable housing options.

Provides education to students on the Residential Tenancy Act and their rights and obligations.

Encourages student to be active and positive citizens in their local communities.

STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

63% of NSCC students had previous post-secondary experience in 2023

The average age of NSCC students is 26 years old. **26**

More international students are choosing NSCC than ever before. Nearly **90%** are actively planning to apply for a post-graduate work permit.

Many students courses at NSCC are very structured and scheduled Monday - Friday from 8AM - 4PM.

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CHOOSING YOUR RENTAL TERMS

*An ideal rental length for students is approximately **8-10 months.***

Many students prefer month-to-month leases.

PRICING YOUR PLACE

Students attend class for approximately 40 hours per week. If working after class, students often work 20 hours per week at minimum wage; making about $1200/month (before taxes).

Most student budgets are between $500-$1000. Students are encouraged to use the NSCC Cost of Living Resource to create a budget.

STUDENT CONSIDERATIONS

Affordability

- Students prefer pricing that includes utilities.
- Students may be willing to use skills that they gain through their program (or already had) in consideration for a discount on their rent.

Physical Space

- Private bedrooms that can be secured.
- Private or shared washrooms that can be secured.
- Shared or common space
  - A space that can be used as a "living room", study space or dining space.
- Private or shared kitchen spaces.
  - Students need access to affordable and healthy food options and having access to kitchen spaces helps secure this need.
- Walking distance or close to public transit routes, or parking available
  - Many students do not have vehicles, so walkability or public transit is important.
- 37.9% of Nova Scotians live with one or more disability. Please be up front regarding any limitations of the property with tenants.

Amenities

- Access to good internet service (either included in the rent or able to be coordinated by the student). Many students rely on internet for not only their academic program success but also to stay connected with support networks and online communities.
- Laundry – access to laundry services is key, whether it is in house or close by

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