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PRACTICAL INFORMATION ABOUT HOUSING IN TARBES

LOCAL CONTEXT AND REALITY OF THE HOUSING STOCK IN TARBES

The demand for student housing is high during the university enrolment period *(August - September - October), both in public and private residences, as well as with private landlords. To prevent students from ending up in an emergency situation, this information provides insights on the housing conditions in Toulouse to help them anticipate their search and facilitate their installation.*

Monthly costs of living in Toulouse

- **The average monthly budget is 1241€**[1], of which a significant portion is dedicated to housing
- The median[2] monthly rent in Tarbes's private rentals housing is **369€ for a T1** (excluding utility charges)[3]
- Housing in Crous student residences is less expensive, but the average monthly rent is **between 247 and 332€**[4] **for a T1**[5], and can be much higher depending on the type of residence and the services offered
- In 2025, the average cost of back-to-school expenses for a non-scholarship student was **3226€**[6]

Access to Crous accommodation

International students are not eligible to receive social criteria-based scholarships from Crous.
Access to Crous university residence housing for international students is very limited and depends on the internal allocation policy of the host institution (often prioritized for Erasmus students, Master's level 2, and PhD students). Applications must be made through the international relations office of the host institution or via Campus France for Campus France scholarship holders. **Any creation of a Student Social File (housing and scholarships) will therefore be rejected by the Crous Toulouse Occitanie**. Given this restricted and conditional access, it is essential to explore other housing options as early as possible to avoid complications once in Tarbes.

Services to support you

Despite the difficulty of looking for housing from a distance, it is necessary, as soon as you obtain your visa, to anticipate the steps of this search and define your budget. For this purpose, several services are available to students:

- L'Accueil - Welcome Desk : a unique place to complete your procedures and to be accompanied (on site or remotely)
- Toul'Box : a paid personalized support program to facilitate your installation before your arrival in France
- The Tarbes Youth Information Office (CIDJ) : lists the housing offers adapted to your needs in the region
- Lokaviz : a platform managed by the Crous that features housing ads from private individuals
- MonLogementEtudiant : Government website to find housing, prepare your budget, and identify financial aid.
- Campus France : the Toulouse office provides support to international government scholarship recipients

Other housing options and arrangements exist (shared accommodation, homestay, intergenerational housing, etc.). You can find more information in the Housing Search Guide and on welcomedesk.univ-toulouse.fr > daily life > finding housing

Stay vigilant

Beware of fraudulent ads on private housing websites (rent too low for the area, ideal photos, money transfer requests via Western Union). Also, be aware of the condition of the housing to avoid renting unsanitary accommodation.

- ADIL 65 : free and personalized advice for any legal and financial issues related to housing
- CDAD65 : the Department Council for Access to the Law of Hautes-Pyrénées offers free consultations for any legal issue (lawyer, bailiff, notary, right defender, etc.)
- Tarbes City hall : provides assistance in reporting unsanitary housing conditions

[1] FAGE : 23e Indicateur du coût de la rentrée étudiante ; Edition 2025
[2] half of the units have a rent below this value, the other half have a rent above
[3] *Source :* Average calculated based on 30 studio-type listings in April 2026
[4] *Source :* Hors T1 PMR ou T1 couple – Tarif loyer Crous
5 Source : Hors T1 PMR ou T1 couple – Tarif loyer Crous
[6] FAGE : 23e Indicateur du coût de la rentrée étudiante ; Edition 2025

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ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES RELATED TO HOUSING, TO BE DONE UPON ARRIVAL

***It is necessary to have a postal address before arriving in France**, even if it is temporary, for the visa application (such as a reservation for several weeks in a hotel or Airbnb) and for carrying out the necessary procedures once you are in France (such as opening a bank account, affiliating with the social security, residency permit, etc.).*

Anticipating the steps

01 Build your rental file: DossierFacile is a free public platform that aims to facilitate the creation of a rental file by standardizing the process. The system is not mandatory.

02 For students with a disability: each institution at the University of Toulouse has a disability advisor who provides all the information needed to organize your studies: such as accessibility of the premises, adapted educational equipment, assistance with administrative procedures, etc.

03 Finding a guarantor: mandatory regardless of the type of accommodation found. In the absence of a physical guarantor, the Visale system is free and accessible to French and international students. However, a landlord has the right to refuse it and to require a physical guarantor**. Please note: The Visale guarantee is not available to minors and students over 30 years old.** If you are not eligible, other private solutions exist (Garantme, Cautioneo...)

04 Financing your security deposit: The security deposit is a sum to be paid to the landlord or the real estate agency upon entering the accommodation (1 month's rent if unfurnished - 2 months if furnished). **Attention: You must have the financial capacity to advance at least two months' rent.** In addition, you may have to pay agency fees, which can be quite high.

Settling into the accommodation

01 Subscribing to home insurance: this is **mandatory** to obtain the keys and access the apartment. Preferential rates exist for students (about 30 to 110 € per year).

02 Eligible students can receive the **Personalized Housing Assistance** from the CAF (APL - see conditions), if : they have signed a rental agreement, the accommodation meets the legal standards, and the tenant has submitted an online application on the CAF website.
Please note that the processing time for an application is **3 months in Hautes-Pyrénées**, and the first month of moving into the accommodation **never** qualifies for APL payment.

> ***From July 1, 2026**, the eligibility conditions for APL (Personalized Housing Assistance) will change for international students. This measure is part of the 2026 Finance Law, but its precise details (including eligibility criteria) will be defined by an upcoming implementation decree.*
> ***International students from outside the EU/EEA/Switzerland** are advised to inquire before their arrival with their educational institution, the Caf de Hautes-Pyrénées, or the Welcome Desk.*

03 Registering with the Health Insurance: this is mandatory and free in order to benefit from healthcare coverage during the duration of your studies. You must register online as soon as you arrive in France! It takes 1 to 2 months to register and obtain a social security number. **It will not be possible to engage in salaried employment in France without obtaining this number.**

It is therefore imperative to be able to support yourself independently upon arrival in Tarbes without being able to rely directly on housing assistance or a job during the first months.

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