

Policy Title:	Student Housing Policy
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1.0 - Policy Overview

Fleming College (hereafter the College) recognizes that access to safe, affordable, and suitable housing is a critical factor in student success, wellbeing, retention, and equitable access to postsecondary education.

As a publicly assisted postsecondary institution, the College is committed to providing student housing that is safe, inclusive, accessible, and aligned with provincial expectations, while supporting the diverse needs of students across its residential campuses in Peterborough, Lindsay, and Haliburton.

2.0 - Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to:

- Establish formal institutional commitments to student housing
- Ensure housing information, supports, and resources are easily accessible to students
- Provide a suitable and inclusive range of housing options aligned with enrolment and student needs
- Support student wellbeing, safety, and academic success through residence environments
- Ensure compliance with provincial legislation and Ministry of Colleges, Universities, Research Excellence and Security student housing policy requirements
- Support transparency, accountability, and continuous improvement in student housing services
- Align with provincial student housing policy expectations and reporting requirements for publicly assisted postsecondary institutions.

This policy supports the College's obligation to maintain and publicly publish a Student Housing Policy in accordance with provincial direction.

3.0 - Definitions and Acronyms

Accessible Housing: Residence accommodations designed or modified to meet the needs of students with disabilities in accordance with applicable accessibility legislation.

Board of Governors (BoG): The governing body of the College with authority as outlined under the Ontario Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology Act, 2002.

College Residences: College-owned and operated on-campus housing facilities located at the Peterborough, Lindsay, and Haliburton campuses.

Housing & Residence Services: The designated College department responsible for the administration, coordination, and oversight of student housing operations and supports.

Residence Contract: The formal occupancy agreement between a student and the College outlining the terms and conditions of residence living.

Student Housing: On-campus residential accommodations owned and operated by the College for the purpose of housing registered students during academic terms.

Student Housing Supports: Institutional services, resources, and guidance provided to assist students in securing suitable housing, whether on-campus or within the surrounding community.

4.0 - Scope

This policy applies to:

- All College-owned, on-campus residences located at the Peterborough, Lindsay, and Haliburton campuses
- Students residing in College residences
- Housing & Residence Services and associated College staff supporting housing operations
- Institutional housing information, supports, and publicly available housing resources

Oversight and compliance with this policy are the responsibility of the Associate Vice President, Student Experience (or designate), with operational administration delegated to the Senior Director, Facilities Services (or designate).

This policy governs institutional commitments, governance, and guiding principles related to student housing and does not replace operational procedures, the Residence Handbook, or Residence Agreements.

5.0 – General Principles

5.1 Institutional Commitment to Student Housing

- a) The College shall ensure that incoming students, including international students, are provided with access to institutional housing options where capacity permits, or clearly identified housing support services and designated staff to assist in finding suitable housing accommodations.
- b) Student housing is recognized as an extension of the academic and student experience and shall be governed in alignment with institutional policies, risk management practices, and legislative requirements.

5.2 Accessibility of Housing Information and Supports

- a) The College shall ensure that student housing information, services, and resources are clear, transparent, and easily accessible to current and prospective students through:
 - Dedicated housing webpages and communication channels
[Fleming College Housing](#)
 - Clearly identified housing contacts and support services
 - Publicly available housing policy and related documentation

5.3 Suitable and Inclusive Housing Options

- a) The College shall provide a range of student housing options appropriate to institutional size, enrolment levels, and student demographics, including:
 - Accessible housing accommodations
 - Consideration of diverse and equity-deserving student populations
 - Housing environments that support domestic, international, and Indigenous students

5.4 Housing Availability and Capacity Transparency

- a) The College does not guarantee residence accommodation for any specific student cohort, including first-year students.
- b) Residence spaces are limited and allocated based on established institutional criteria, operational capacity, and availability across campuses.
- c) The College shall communicate housing availability, application timelines, and allocation processes transparently and provide guidance to students when demand exceeds available residence capacity.

5.5 International Student Housing Supports

- a) In alignment with Ministry expectations, the College shall support incoming

international students in securing suitable housing accommodations by:

- Providing access to available institutional housing options where capacity permits
- Offering clearly identified housing support services and designated staff contacts
- Providing guidance and resources to assist in identifying suitable off-campus housing when on-campus space is unavailable

5.6 Institutional Housing Infrastructure

- a) The College shall maintain appropriate infrastructure to support student housing, including:
- A designated Housing & Residence Services function and/or housing office responsible for student housing information, guidance, and support
 - Staff responsible for housing information, guidance, and student support
 - Student-facing residence documentation and resources
 - Institutional oversight of residence operations and student experience

5.7 Off-Campus Housing Resources and Community Context

- a) Recognizing local housing conditions in Peterborough, Lindsay, and Haliburton, the College shall provide students with access to off-campus housing resources, which may include:
- Housing search and educational resources
 - General leasing and housing guidance
 - Safety and community resource information
 - Short-term and transitional housing information
 - Institutionally endorsed third-party housing resources, where appropriate
[Off-Campus Housing : Fleming College](#)
- b) The College will consider local community context and may engage with municipal and community partners to support broader student housing outcomes.

5.8 Health, Safety, Accessibility, and Compliance

- a) The College shall operate student housing in compliance with all applicable legislation, including but not limited to:
- Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA)
 - Ontario Human Rights Code
 - Occupational Health and Safety Act
 - Fire Code and applicable municipal regulations
 - Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA)
- b) Student housing operations shall prioritize safety, security, accessibility, and inclusive living environments.

5.9 Governance, Accountability, and Continuous Improvement

- a) The College shall:
- Maintain a publicly available Student Housing Policy

- Participate in Ministry housing data reporting and surveys
- Monitor housing demand, capacity, and student needs
- Continuously improve housing services in alignment with institutional and provincial priorities

6.0 - Related Documents

Legislation:

- Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act (2024)
- Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (2005)
- Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, R.S.O. 1990 c. F.31
- Ontario Human Rights Code, R.S.O. 1990 c. H.19
- Occupational Health and Safety Act, R.S.O. 1990 c. O.1

College Policies and Procedures:

- Residence Handbook
- Residence Contract
- College Policy 3-300, *Code of Conduct*
- College Policy 3-341, *Accessibility for Persons with Disabilities Policy*
- College Policy 4-412, *Health and Safety Policy*
- College Policy 4-423, *Campus Security Policy*
- College Policy 5-506, *Student Rights and Responsibilities Policy*

History of Amendments/Reviews

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