Are you entitled to financial assistance towards your accommodation costs?

If a standard (wash basin) room in halls cannot meet your disability related needs, you may be eligible for financial assistance towards the additional costs of an adapted room or an en-suite room.

**Accommodation Contribution Eligibility Criteria**

You may be eligible for an accommodation contribution if you meet the three conditions below:

- You have evidence of a disability or long term medical condition
- Standard (wash basin) accommodation does not meet your disability needs or you are able to provide evidence that you would be placed at a substantial disadvantage in standard accommodation
- Your needs cannot be accommodated in other ways

**How much could I get?**

This depends on what type of room you will need:

**En-suite** - The University will reimburse the difference in cost between a standard room (upgraded washbasin with shared bathroom) and a Partially Adapted/Some Adaptations, Premium En-suite or En-Suite room where there is a disability related need for this type of accommodation. The difference in cost is £1,148.00 for 2016/2017 and £1,120.00 for 2017/18.

**Wheelchair adapted rooms** – The University will reimburse the difference in cost between a standard room (upgraded washbasin with shared bathroom) and the fully adapted rooms in Park (6) and Bridges (2) where there is a disability related need. The difference in cost is £1,988.00 for 2016/2017 and £1,965.60 for 2017/18.

**How to apply**

If you think you are eligible, contact DAS to discuss your eligibility and to complete the Accommodation Contribution Application Form.

DAS will need to see proof of disability and a supporting statement outlining how standard accommodation cannot meet your disability related needs (or would place you at a substantial disadvantage) in order to determine whether you will be reimbursed for the difference in cost between an adapted or en-suite room and a standard single room (own wash basin and shared bathroom).

To make an appointment either send an email to disability@reading.ac.uk or contact us on: Tel: 0118 378 8921/6602 or

To complete an Accommodation Contribution Application Form, see the link on Essentials: http://student.reading.ac.uk/essentials/_support-and-wellbeing/disability/funding-support.aspx

To claim, you will need to provide proof of payment and ensure your bank details are up to date on the student portal.
Refunds will be processed termly and all claims must be completed by the end of May of each academic year.