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 £1008.00 for 2019/20 based on a 40 week contract (calculations for longer contacts will be adjusted accordingly)**

**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 £1960.00 for 2019/20 based on a 40 week contract (calculations for longer contacts will be adjusted accordingly)**

How to apply and claim
If you think you are eligible, contact DAS to discuss your eligibility and to register.

Please send an email to disability@reading.ac.uk or contact us on: Tel: 0118 378 4202/6602

You will need to complete the Accommodation Contribution Application Form:

http://student.reading.ac.uk/essentials/_support-and-wellbeing/disability/funding-support.aspx

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).

Disability Advisory Service (DAS)
To claim, you will need to provide **proof of payment each term** and ensure your **bank details are entered and up to date on the student portal (RISIS)**. You will only need to submit the Application Form with your first receipt.

Refunds will be processed **termly** and all claims must be completed by the end of May of each academic year.

The instalments for each payment you have made for your accommodation are weighted at 40% (term 1), 40% (term 2), 20% (term 3) and the refunds will be made to reflect this.