

Housing Choices and Opportunities for International Students at ATC Surrey

1. Introduction

Finding a comfortable and affordable place to live is an important part of preparing for your studies at the Automotive Training Centre (ATC) in Surrey. Whether you prefer the independence of renting an apartment or the support of living with a local family, there are several housing options available near the Surrey campus.

2. Homestay Accommodation

Homestays offer international students the opportunity to live with a Canadian family and experience local culture firsthand. This option provides a safe, welcoming environment and is ideal for students who are new to Canada.

Benefits:

- Fully furnished private bedroom
- Two to three meals per day (depending on plan)
- Access to laundry and Wi-Fi
- English-speaking environment to practice language skills

Average Cost: CAD \$1,200 to \$1,500 per month (including meals)

Recommended Providers: Canada Homestay Network (www.canadahomestaynetwork.ca), Homadorma (www.homadorma.com)

3. Shared Accommodation

Many students choose to share a house, apartment, or basement suite with other students or young professionals. Shared accommodations allow you to reduce costs while enjoying a more independent lifestyle.

Benefits:

- Lower monthly rent
- Opportunities to meet new people
- Flexibility in location and lease terms

Average Cost: CAD \$800 to \$1,200 per month (depending on size and location)

Where to Search: Facebook Marketplace, Kijiji, Roomster, Craigslist Vancouver

4. Private Rentals

For students who prefer full privacy and independence, renting a studio or one-bedroom apartment is an excellent option. These are typically unfurnished, so you may need to budget for furniture and utilities.

Average Rent:

- Studio Apartment: CAD \$1,600 to \$1,900 per month
- One-Bedroom Apartment: CAD \$1,800 to \$2,200 per month

Popular Areas Near ATC Surrey: Whalley / City Centre, Guildford, Newton

Where to Search: Rentals.ca, Zumper.com, PadMapper.com

5. Temporary Housing

Students arriving before the start of their program may need short-term housing while they look for permanent accommodation.

Options Include: Airbnb, local hotels and motels, or student residence platforms like 4Stay (www.4stay.com)

Average Cost: CAD \$80 to \$160 per night (short-term)

6. Tips for Housing Success

- Start searching at least 6 to 8 weeks before your arrival.
- Use Google Maps to check distance to ATC Surrey (12160 88 Ave, Surrey, BC).
- Always sign a written rental agreement.
- Avoid paying deposits before visiting or verifying the property.
- Ask if utilities (electricity, water, internet) are included in rent.

7. Support from ATC Surrey

Our Student Services team can assist you with:

- Referrals to trusted housing agencies
- Orientation sessions on living in Canada
- Guidance on transportation, shopping, and community integration

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Welcome to Surrey! Finding the right home is the first step to a successful and comfortable student life in Canada. ATC Surrey is here to support you every step of the way.