Homestay Application

Congratulations on your offer of study at the University of Tasmania.

The University of Tasmania offers a great Homestay program for students studying in the English Language Centre during their stay. If you would like to live in Homestay while you are studying at UTAS, please complete the forms attached and return them to the University of Tasmania for processing. Please be sure to complete the forms accurately, as these are used to find the most suitable host family for you in Tasmania.

If you are having difficulty with the forms, please ask your agent or email the University for assistance.

Be sure to send your application for Homestay and pay your fees at least 3 weeks prior to your arrival in Tasmania. If these are not received in time, your placement cannot be guaranteed.

Due to Australia’s multicultural society, your Homestay Host/s may not be of Anglo-Celtic descent and may not have a ‘traditional’ family structure with a mother, father and two children. Families in Australia are very varied - some will have only one Host parent (usually the mother) some will have Host parents from another cultural background, and most of the time, the mother will go outside the family home and work during the daytime.

Please find attached the University of Tasmania’s Homestay Refund Policy in the event that you choose to withdraw from your course or leave the Homestay program.

All information collected is strictly confidential and will only be used for the purpose for which it has been supplied. For full details on the UTAS Privacy Policy, please go to: http://www.utas.edu.au/universitycouncil/legislation/pol_privacy.pdf
UNIVERSITY OF TASMANIA
STUDENT PROFILE

Family Name: _______________________________________
First Name: ________________________________________
Student ID number ___________________________
Male [ ] Female [ ] Date of Birth: ____/____/____
Religion: ________________________________
Permanent Address: ____________________________ Post code: ____________
Telephone: ________________________________
Email Address: (not a mobile phone address)

HEALTH CONDITION
1. Blood type: A   B   AB   O   RH
2. Do you have allergies? If yes, what are you allergic to?
[ ] Cats   [ ] dogs   [ ] dust/pollen   [ ] nuts
Food ( ) other ( )
Please describe your allergic reaction: ________________________________

3. Please describe any other current sickness, injury or other medical condition or disability
____________________________________________________________________
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FOOD PREFERENCES
(Please list specific foods or types of food – oily, sweet, spicy etc)

LIKES

DISLIKES
**SELF DESCRIPTION:**

(Your personality) ____________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________

(Your hobbies) ____________________________________ __________________
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__________________________________________________________________

(Your goal for your homestay experience)
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__________________________________________________________________

(Your concern/worries about living in homestay)
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**ACTIVITIES AND INTERESTS**

What sports do you enjoy doing?                          What sports do you enjoy watching?
1. ____________________________ 1. ____________________________
2. ____________________________ 2. ____________________________
3. ____________________________ 3. ____________________________

What musical instruments do you play?  What type of music do you like?
(Singing, guitar)       (Ex. Jazz, pop, rock etc.)
1. ____________________________ 1. ____________________________
2. ____________________________ 2. ____________________________

What special interests do you have?  (Ex. Volunteer, politics, computers, books, animals etc)
1. ____________________________ 3. ____________________________
2. ____________________________ 4. ____________________________

What type of activities, sports etc. would you like to try while you are living in Tasmania?
1. ____________________________ 3. ____________________________
2. ____________________________ 4. ____________________________

What is something that you really hope to do during your stay in Tasmania?
__________________________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________
HOST FAMILY PREFERENCES, please note: not all preferences can be met.

1. Do you like children?  
   - Yes  
   - No  
   - Don’t mind  
   If yes, what age group? ___________________

2. Do you smoke?  
   - Yes  
   - No

3. Would you be happy to stay with a smoking family?  
   - Yes  
   - No

4. Are you prepared to live with a family that has indoor pets?  
   - Yes  
   - No

5. Are you prepared to live with a family that has outdoor pets?  
   - Yes  
   - No  
   (Note: Most Australian families have a pet)

6. Would you like to be placed near to one of your friends?  
   - Yes  
   - No  
   Name of your friend: ___________________________

7. Are any of your friends studying at UTAS? Where do they live? ________________

Please write a message to your homestay host:

(Introduce yourself and your family) _________________________________________

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(Describe your goals for studying at UTAS) ___________________________________

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(Write, if any, special assistance required) ____________________________________

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Airport Pick-up

FLIGHT DETAILS:

Arrival in  
   - Melbourne  
   - Sydney  
Arrival date: _________________

Arrival in Hobart/Launceston: Date _____/_____/_____  
Flight No.: _________________

Arrival time: ________________________  
Airline ________________________
Homestay Student Agreement

Whilst living in Homestay, the Homestay student is expected to:

1. adhere to the guidelines provided by the Homestay hosts for living in the Homestay home; which may include no smoking, no alcohol and agreeing to help with minor household chores such as washing up and keeping their bedroom clean and tidy.

2. be aware of cultural differences and respect the beliefs of the Homestay hosts which may differ from their own.

3. communicate with the Homestay hosts on an everyday basis. Homestay students should be open with their Homestay hosts about their needs/wants.

4. advise the Homestay Coordinator immediately if any concerns arise for their health or welfare in the Homestay home.

5. adhere to the guidelines provided for Homestay students in Homestay literature and other advice given by the Homestay Coordinator.

6. be aware of and obey the laws of Australia.

7. carry a pre-paid telephone card for the use of the telephone in the Homestay home.

8. ask for permission before using the telephone or internet service. You will be required to pay for any use of the telephone and internet services.

9. pay for any damages to the Homestay home or Homestay host’s property caused by the student.

I accept the above guidelines and agree to abide by these conditions for the duration of my Homestay.

Signature: ________________________  Print name: ______________________
Date: ______________
Homestay Refund Policy

• A full refund of the Homestay deposit is given if the student cancels in writing at least two weeks before their Course Start Date.

• If a student wishes to have Homestay rent fees (paid in advance) refunded to them, they are required to give the Homestay Coordinator and their Homestay host a minimum of 14 nights’ notice.

• If a student gives less than 14 nights’ notice of their intention to move out of their Homestay, the student will still be required to pay Homestay rent for 14 nights following the date on which they have given notice.

• The Homestay Administration Fee is non-refundable.

• All Homestay refunds will be paid into an Australian bank account. No cash refunds will be processed.

• Refunds will be paid within 4 weeks of receipt of the completed “Request for Fees Refund Form”.

• This policy does not remove a student’s right to take further action under Australia’s consumer protection laws.

• If a student wishes to dispute the decision on a refund, the student has a right to the University of Tasmania’s Dispute Resolution process, which does not circumscribe the student’s right to pursue other legal remedies.