

## Guide for finding accommodation

Most students at Linköping University need to make their own arrangements concerning housing. KOMBO is a student's housing association at Linköping university where students work to inform and advise all new students on how to find accommodation. Contact us for more information.

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About 30% of the new students find housing with the student housing companies (corridor or student apartment). The other 70% rent a regular apartment or a rented room with a private landlord. There's a general shortage of small, affordable apartments in both Linköping and Norrköping, many therefore choose to share a larger apartment with other students.

### Register with the major housing companies

- Register with the major housing companies today. You receive one queue-point for every day you're registered. Corridor rooms and apartments are then given to the applicant with the highest amount of points.

#### Linköping

Studentbostäder: [www.studentbostader.se](http://www.studentbostader.se)  
 Heimstaden: <https://heimstaden.com>  
 ByggVesta: [www.byggvesta.se](http://www.byggvesta.se)  
 Stångåstaden: [www.stangastaden.se](http://www.stangastaden.se)

#### Norrköping

StudentBo: [www.studentbo.se](http://www.studentbo.se)  
 Hyresbostäder: [www.hyresbostader.se](http://www.hyresbostader.se)

- If a Swedish personal identity number ("personnummer") is required when you register on the web, please contact the landlord by phone or e-mail for help to register without identity number. Please note that some companies might not rent out to people without a personal identification number, but it's always worth asking.
- Log on to the landlord's website regularly to keep your queue points. You will not be offered accommodation automatically – you need to apply actively for each apartment you're interested in.
- Since most students study and live in Linköping, getting housing in Norrköping can be a bit easier. See information on commuting below.

### Register with private housing companies

- At [www.bostad.karservice.se](http://www.bostad.karservice.se) you will find more information about private housing companies.
- You need to register with these companies but they have no queue point system, they choose tenants from all applicants. Therefore it's a good idea to write a few lines about yourself when applying. Some require a personal identification number, others do not.

## Register at [www.bostad.karservice.se](http://www.bostad.karservice.se)

- Here you will find ads for rented rooms and sublet apartments. Register and upload proof of admission to see the contact information to landlords.
- Most of the time, but not always, the accommodations are furnished, and the rent includes electricity and internet. Read the offer carefully and contact the landlord if anything is unclear.
- To increase your chance of getting housing through this site when messaging a landlord you should present yourself with a few lines. Simply stating that you are interested in a room will most likely get you sorted out. Be polite, make a good impression and keep your appointments to increase your chances of getting accommodation.
- If a number is available in an ad it is usually better to call rather than email. Be wary of any time difference if you choose to call and when the landlord answers, say something like: "Hi, my name is --- and I'm interested in the room/apartment if it is still available. Is this a good time to speak?"

## Other places

- [LiU's Notice Board](#) is a great place to find housing. Here mostly other students advertise for room mates as well as the odd sublet apartment.
- [Blocket](#) (a big Swedish buy/sell site). Though you'll have to fiddle a bit with Google translate since the site isn't available in english, it is a great place for finding both rooms and apartments.
- Most ads are written in Swedish, don't let this discourage you from applying however. Most Swedes speak english very well.
- Apply to all interesting ads, not just one at a time. If you get one room then nicely decline other offers you might have received.
- Go to these sites several times a day as new ads can be added any time of the day. Do not wait to contact a landlord, rooms and apartments can go quite quick.

## Sharing an apartment

- Sharing is cheap, fun and practical. Apply for larger apartments as well as small ones!
- KOMBO can help you look for roommates. If you take a bigger apartment (like 2 or more rooms). Finding other house-hunting students won't be hard at all!
- Use the services at [www.botillsammans.nu](http://www.botillsammans.nu) to search for others who want to share an apartment.
- In Sweden, an apartment described as having "two rooms" does not mean two bedrooms but rather one bedroom and one living room.

### Commuting is a good alternative

- Mjölby, Mantorp, Vikingstad and Boxholm are examples of towns/communities close to Linköping. Most of these lies no more than 40 minutes away by train or bus.
- At blocket (see above) you can quite a few find housing alternatives outside of Linköping and Norrköping. They tend to have significantly less applicants since everyone wants to live in Linköping so see it as a chance rather than an inconvenience.
- Bus/train timetables: [www.ostgotatrafiken.se](http://www.ostgotatrafiken.se). See our guide one [commuting](#) for further information and tips on the most relevant bus stations.
- “Campusbussen” - free shuttle bus between campuses in Linköping and Norrköping: [www.liu.se/campusbussen](http://www.liu.se/campusbussen), requires a LiU-card (which you will receive once you are a student at Linköping University) .

### Temporary accommodation

- Book a hostel well in advance since they tend to get full in the beginning of the term. Also check out couchsurfing and airbnb.
- Emergency Accommodation - sleeping places (in the form of air mattresses in a shared apartment) are arranged at the beginning of the autumn term. This is a very basic temporary accommodation. Please note that no emergency accommodation is arranged in the beginning of the spring term.
- You might find ads for a temporary sleeping place (like someone’s sofa) for a few weeks into the term. Don’t pass on these just because they are temporary, they will be cheaper than a hostel and nicer than the emergency accommodation.

### Scams

- Please be aware that there are scammers actively trying to take advantage of the housing situation, especially at the beginning of the autumn term. Find more information on how to recognise scams at the [KOMBO](#) webpage
- You are always welcome to contact KOMBO for an evaluation of any offer you receive. Always check with us if you have the slightest doubts about an offer!

### General advice

- Don’t be too picky in the beginning of the term. Be prepared to live a bit outside of Linköping or accept temporary accommodation, at least for a couple of months. Waiting for a certain type of accommodation will most likely make it much harder for you to find something.
- If you have the possibility and economy to move here about a month early then it is a great idea to do so. The Swedish students get their letter of admittance in the middle of July so before that it is much easier to find housing.

- Don't despair if you haven't found permanent accommodation when you depart. It's still possible to find housing when in Linköping/Norrköping, but your options will be more limited. We do recommend that you organise temporary accommodation before your departure by booking a room at a hostel or hotel.
- Almost all apartments in Sweden comes unfurnished. You can find cheap second hand furniture at second hand stores Myrorna and Erikshjälpen as well as on the Liu notice board. Ikea has some really cheap alternatives too. Please remember that an almost empty apartment is better than no apartment!
- Please contact KOMBO if you have any problems with your landlord or questions about an offer for accommodation, the Swedish rental law, concerns regarding your living environment, contracts, landlords or housing companies.



**Happy house hunting. Wishing you all the best!**

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