

SIMD 20: 1 Academic Year Free Accommodation Offer

Dear All,

We hope you are safe and well, and adjusting to the return to online learning for schools. We are writing on behalf of our Widening Access & Articulation Team about an offer that may be of interest to your pupils.

The University of Aberdeen is delighted to be able to offer a year's free accommodation to new undergraduate students from an SIMD20 (Quintile 1) home postcode*. This offer applies to students starting at the University in September 2021.

Free accommodation places will be available in University owned Halls of Residence. Most of our accommodation is based within [Hillhead Student Village](#) located near the Old Aberdeen campus.

SIMD stands for Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation. The University uses various metrics for contextualised admissions and widening access: one of these being if an applicant normally resides in an SIMD 20 (also commonly referred to as SIMD Quintile 1) postcode area. Postcodes in these areas are considered by the Scottish Government to be among the most deprived in Scotland.

Your pupils can check if their home postcode is in a SIMD 20 (Quintile 1) postcode area on the [Scottish Government website](#).

To check a postcode please download and open the SIMD 2020v2 Postcode Lookup (5.5MB) Excel file, then type the postcode into the column called Enter Your Postcode Below. Eligible postcodes will appear as '1' in the column titled 'SIMD 2020v2 Quintile'.

If you or your pupils have any difficulties in determining if a postcode is in a SIMD 20 (Quintile 1) area please contact the University's Widening Access and Articulation Team at accessaberdeen@abdn.ac.uk.

*Please note that eligibility criteria applies in order to receive this offer. More information can be [found here](#).

Kind regards,

Sally, Chris, Anna and Emily
The Access & Articulation Team

Helping your students engage with the University of Aberdeen

Virtual Applicant Evenings

Wednesday 20th January

Tuesday 26th January

These information evenings are open to any applicants and their parents/guardians to learn more about their next steps and speak to University staff and students. Staff from the UK Student Recruitment Team, Access & Articulation Team and SAAS will be available.

[Full events schedule here](#)

Widening Access & Articulation – Pre-

entry support and information for

students

Staff from the Access and Articulation Team are happy to provide pre-entry support and information to students who meet a variety of widening access criteria and/or are thinking about undertaking an HNC or HND before articulating into University.

[More information here](#)