

## Special Consideration Applications

### Who Gets Special Consideration in their Application for Residential Accommodation?

The grounds on which you may seek special consideration are individual and must be extenuating. Extenuating circumstances mean that you may have a physical or mental health condition and/or other significant personal circumstances and you can prove a clear rationale for why living on campus, at Trinity Hall or in other accommodation for which Trinity has nomination rights, is necessary and will support your participation in College life.

### Who Can Apply?

A registered student may seek to have special consideration for his/her application for rooms on campus, at Trinity Hall or in student accommodation over which Trinity has nomination rights. There is a limited number of rooms available to offer to those who apply for special consideration and it is not possible to respond to all such applications by providing accommodation. Please see Allocation Quotas published on our website for more information on numbers available: <https://www.tcd.ie/accommodation/faq/>

### New Entrants for 2021/22

Applicants who require special consideration applying to Trinity for 2021/22 for entry via the CAO should apply for a provisional allocation of accommodation when the CAO applications open on the 29<sup>th</sup> March 2021. Applications to Trinity Hall will run for 6 weeks, until May 10<sup>th</sup>, and any application received after that date will not be accepted. Students directly entering Trinity should apply after they have been fully accepted but within the application period specified above. In both cases, students applying for special consideration must complete the special consideration form and provide evidence of disability that meets the criteria specified at <https://www.tcd.ie/disability/services/App-for-rooms.php>

### How Do I Apply?

You need to do the following:

1. Make an online room application through your accommodation portal at <https://accommodation.tcd.ie/StudentBookings/>  
Please state in the personal statement that you require special consideration.
2. Complete the Special Consideration application form: [Form A](#) you are applying on grounds of disability or illness, or [Form B](#) if you are applying on grounds of extenuating circumstances, and submit by e-mail to [resacc@tcd.ie](mailto:resacc@tcd.ie). Please note that you should only submit one form.

3. Unless you are registered with Trinity's Disability Service or applying due to an illness and submitting Form A, arrange to provide any relevant support documentation from your tutor or Student Counselling in Trinity or from an appropriate external professional who is familiar with your circumstances to accompany Form B. The supporting documentation should clearly explain how residential accommodation will facilitate your participation in Trinity. Documentation (other than that held by Disability Services) should be sent by email to [resacc@tcd.ie](mailto:resacc@tcd.ie) together with your Special Consideration application form. Please note all documents should be in English.
4. Deadline for the applications is 5pm on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> of February 2021. Late applications will not be accepted.
5. If you have applied for accommodation on these grounds previously, you must still complete the above process for 2021/22.

### **Can I disclose Special Circumstances at a later date?**

Special circumstances must be stated at the time of application. The only grounds for considering a special circumstance at a later date is where the special circumstance did not exist at the time the room application was submitted.

### **What Services are Available in Residences for Those with Special Circumstances?**

Trinity has limited accommodation for those with special circumstances and this includes a number of rooms designed for those with a physical disability. Generally, Trinity's accommodation is designed for independent living although some pastoral care and security and attendant services are on site on a 24-hour basis.

The environment could be described as "lively" and this may not always suit students who need a quiet living space. Campus accommodation is mostly for final years and Trinity Hall is ideal for first year students. Students from all years may be housed in the off-campus accommodation to which Trinity has nomination rights.

An application for rooms under Special Circumstances scheme does not imply guarantee the allocation of a room.