

Decision Taken by the Director on 31 March 2020

Discount on the Charge for Accommodation Valid from 1 April 2020

In view of the current extraordinary situation, I have decided to adopt the following measure:

1. With effect from 1 April 2020, the amount of the monthly rent shall be reduced by 20% until further notice, and that for accommodated students who do not use the accommodation in the TBU Halls of Residence/in the MSI during the period when classes are suspended due to the state of emergency announced.

Provided that all requirements listed below have been met:

- The student was accommodated in the TBU Halls of Residence/MSI as of 31 March 2020.
- The student has not terminated his/her Accommodation Contract before 31 May 2020.
- The charge for accommodation must be duly paid in compliance with the Accommodation Contract.
- The student shall send a request for the discount on the charge for accommodation in electronic form to the accommodation officer in the relevant University Residence Hall no later than the 10th day of the month.
- The student is not allowed to use the accommodation in the TBU Halls of Residence/in the MSI for the period for which the charge for accommodation is reduced. If the student uses the accommodation, he/she is obliged to report this fact to the accommodation officer in the relevant Residence Hall and the monthly rent shall be charged at full price in accordance with the Accommodation Contract.
- In the event that the requirements for the discount on the charge for accommodation to be provided are infringed, the monthly rent shall be charged at the full price for the duration of the Accommodation Contract, and the accommodation deposit shall not be refunded.
- 2. Standard conditions in accordance with the Accommodation Contract shall apply to all the other students.
- 3. The preceding measure as of 24 March 2020 on the possibility of terminating the Accommodation Contract with no penalty, etc. shall remain in effect.

At the same time, I would like to point out that the system of rental accommodation in the Halls of Residence based on the Accommodation Contract does not deal with (and cannot deal with) individual cases as regards the accommodation service usage frequency or the person using the services for the duration of the contractual relationship, the water or energy consumption per person, etc. Similarly, the discount on the charge for accommodation cannot be differentiated according to the actual consumption and/or usage of the accommodation services.

Therefore, the proposed flat-rate discount on the charge for accommodation is, for the above reasons, not ideal, nevertheless, in the given situation I consider it as the simplest measure to be implemented easily a quickly.

I hope that the abovementioned Decision (as well as the preceding one) will be seen as a helpful step.

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