

**New Asia College**  
**Room Share (Temporary) Scheme for Term 2, 2023-24**

**1. Introduction**

To alleviate the tension of limited hostel places, New Asia College implemented a Room Share (Temporary) Scheme for the academic year 2012-2013. The Committee on Student Hostels reviewed the Scheme and agreed that it provided alternative accommodation options for students in need. Considering the fifth hostel, Mei Yun Tang, has officially put into service, it is resolved that the Scheme will be implemented on a trial basis in Term 2, 2023–24. The Committee will review and assess the effectiveness of the Scheme in due course.

**2. The Gist of the Scheme**

2.1 The Room Share (Temporary) Scheme is a transitional arrangement which aims to increase students' opportunities of getting a hostel place with the current hostel resources while strictly following the related legislations, regulations and policies.

2.2 The Scheme operates entirely on a **voluntary basis** – 2 or 3 students with allocated hostel places in the same assigned room can opt to team up with another student to share their rooms of Standard Double Room/ Standard Triple Room (only for Chih Hsing Hall). Calculation of scores is not compulsory in such cases.

2.3 Considering 2.1 and 2.2, approved applicants are expected to share the usage of the existing in-room furniture including beds, study desks and wardrobes, etc. No additional furniture will be provided.

2.4 The additional resident will enjoy the same rights and privileges as a regular resident, nonetheless, such as having his/her own key to the room, being eligible to exercise full member's rights in the residents' association. Similarly, he/she is obligated to observe and follow the hostel regulations and policies as other regular residents of the hostel.

2.5 In light of the increasing pressure towards the hostel facilities due to the increased number of residents, quotas for the Scheme are set for each hostel.

2.6 The Scheme will be implemented in Term 2, 2023–24. All NA students, including local/ non-local/ freshmen/ current students, are eligible to apply for the Scheme.

2.7 Both the regular residents as well as additional residents will enjoy a discount of 20% off (for Standard Triple Room) or 25% off (for Standard Double Room) for their hostel fees.

**3. Application and Admission to the Scheme**

3.1 The Scheme is open for applications from 8 to 21 January 2024. The expected residency period is for Term 2, 2023–24.

3.2 The application should be completed in groups of 3 (for Standard Double Room) or 4 (for Standard Triple Room). Once approved, the additional resident will be assigned to the currently residing hostel rooms of the regular residents. All successful applications will be approved if the number of applications does not exceed the maximum quota of respective hostel, otherwise, the below selection mechanism will take place:

- Calculating hostel points for applicants by using Google Map with a designated workflow to examine the travel time between their home location and the University. Applicants with higher hostel points will be given priority;
- If a valid comparison is not possible, a lottery draw will be adopted.

3.3 Application results will be announced via emails by the end of January.

3.4 Successful applicants will be deemed to have been allocated a hostel place, and their place on the waiting list of regular hostel places will be cancelled.

3.5 The Room Share (Temporary) Scheme is only applicable when regular hostel places for that gender are fully occupied. For example, if there are still available female hostel places for that academic year, no female applicants will be accepted for the Scheme.

#### **4. Quota for the Scheme**

4.1 Considering the additional strain that the Room Share (Temporary) Scheme would place on the existing facilities in the hostel, as well as the potential impact on residents' use of facilities, the College aims to strike a balance between alleviating accommodation constraints and maintaining living conditions for residents. A maximum quota has been set for the number of additional residents that each hostel can accommodate as tabulated below

<b><u>Hostel</u></b> \ <b><u>Gender</u></b>	<b><u>Male</u></b>	<b><u>Female</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>
<b>Chih Hsing Hall</b>	43	--	43
<b>Xuesi Hall</b>	--	26	26
<b>Grace Tien Hall</b>	5	17	22
<b>Daisy Li Hall</b>	21	21	42
<b>Mei Yun Tang</b>	13	15	28
<b>Total</b>	82	79	161

4.2 The quota set for Chih Hsing Hall includes Standard Double Room and Standard Triple Room, while only Standard Double Room of other hostels will be available for this Scheme. Converted Triple Room will not be considered.

#### **5. Hostel Fees for the Students Taking Part in the Scheme**

5.1 Due to the increased utilities consumption and accelerated depreciation of hostel facilities, such costs shall be reflected in the respective residents' hostel fees.

5.2 Considering the College will not provide extra facilities for the additional residents, students will have to share the usage of the existing in-room facilities. The Committee on Student Hostels resolved that a 25% and 20% off for all residents of a Standard Double Room and Standard Triple Room respectively will be offered.

5.3 Considering the feedbacks from students, the additional resident may borrow an extra mattresses from the College. A penalty charge of HK\$200 will be incurred for damages of the mattress beyond normal wear and tear.

#### **6. Rights and Obligations of the Additional Residents under the Scheme**

6.1 The additional resident under the Scheme will enjoy the same rights and privileges as a regular resident. He/she will have his/her own key to the room, and be eligible to exercise full member's rights in the residents' association, including, e.g., to stand for election, and to vote. On a similar note, he/she is similarly obligated to observe the hostel regulations and policies as other regular members of the hostel.

#### **7. Dropping out of the Scheme**

7.1 If any of the regular residents decided to withdraw from his/her hostel place, the residency period of the additional resident admitted under the Scheme will automatically be

terminated. The hostel place of the regular resident will be returned to the College for re-allocation to another student on waiting list, should there be one.

7.2 The additional resident who is losing his/her right of residency could look for another group of regular residents to team up and re-apply for the Scheme before the checkout deadline of the original regular resident. Upon successful pairing and approval from the College, the additional resident will be reassigned to the room of the new team. If the additional resident is unable to team up by the provided deadline, he/she will have to complete the checkout procedure and move out from the hostel by the same deadline of the regular resident.

7.3 If any of the residents under the Scheme decided to withdraw from the hostel, the policy and procedure as stipulated in the New Asia College Student Hostel Regulations section 1.2 should be followed. The remaining eligible residents are required to pay the full accommodation fee proportionally from the day the withdrawal becomes effective.

## **8. Room Share (Temporary) Scheme vs. Guaranteed One-Year Residence Scheme**

8.1 It is important to note that students admitted to the Room Share (Temporary) Scheme will not be eligible for the Guaranteed One-Year Residence Scheme, even if they decide to drop out at a later time.

*Note: This is not a direct translation of the official Chinese document on the Room Share (Temporary) Scheme. Therefore, should there be discrepancies between the English version and the Chinese version, the Chinese version should be taken as the more authoritative one. For enquiries and further information, please phone the Dean of Students' Office at 3943-7610.*