

# VOAS

## Student housing in Vaasa

Housing info for new international students

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# About VOAS

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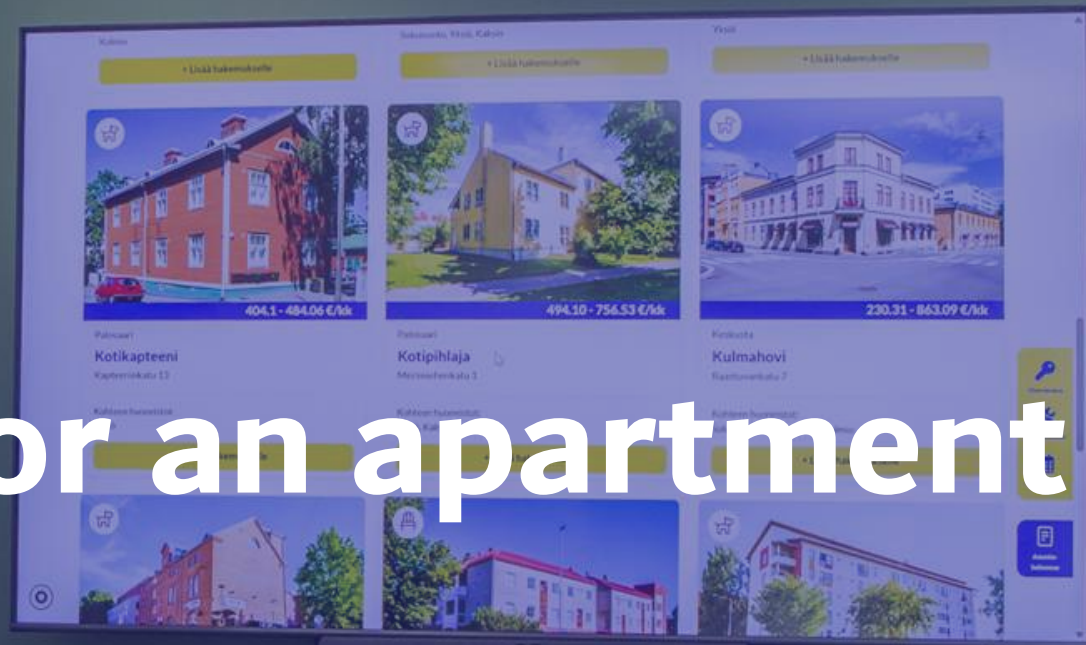
- The student housing organization in Vaasa – VOAS was founded in 1972.
- VOAS is an independent foundation – around 20% of students in Vaasa live in our apartments.
- We currently have about 2700 tenants.
- Our apartments are safe and affordable for students.
- When living at VOAS, you become a member of a community!

# Apartment types and furniture

- Shared apartments:
  - **Only one person is allowed to live in a shared apartment room!**
  - You have your own bedroom only you can access with your key.
  - 2-5 rooms/persons per shared apartment
  - Furnished options available, most of the apartments are unfurnished
    - Fridge/freezer, oven/stove and wardrobe always included, even in unfurnished apartments.
    - FURNISHED includes a single bed, a desk, two chairs, a bookshelf and lamps.
- Studios, 2-room and 3-room apartments are **always unfurnished**.
- You can check the layout of the apartments on our website.



# Applying for an apartment



# Getting an apartment from VOAS



# Who can apply?

- You can apply once you have been accepted in a degree program in one of the schools in Vaasa area
  - University of Vaasa
  - VAMK
  - Novia
  - Åbo Akademi
  - Vamia
- You must be studying for a degree; language studies or basic education are not acceptable grounds for getting a student apartment.
- You can check from the housing office if you're unsure about whether you're qualified to apply.
- VOAS rents the apartments based on the student status. We don't check the applicants' residence permits or other such documents. Identity is checked from new tenants upon key collection.



# What can I apply for?



- Moving alone (1 person):
  - Shared apartment rooms approximately 250-350€ per month.
  - Studio apartment appr. 370-550€ per month



- Moving with family (3+ people)
  - 2 and 3 room apartments appr. 700-800€

■ VOAS has no family apartments to offer for the fall semester 2026! ☹️



- Moving with another person (2 people):
  - Studios appr. 450-600€
  - 2-room apartments appr. 600-700€

- If you are applying with a family, you must apply for housing from other agencies and/or private markets.

# Housing application

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## Welcome to VOAS!

The Student Housing Foundation in Vaasa – VOAS offers different kind of apartments depending on the student's life situation. We offer shared apartments, studios, two-room and three-room apartments on a close distance to the schools. We offer high quality student housing – easily, reliably and affordably.

### Get started

- Apply for housing**  
Apply for housing here.
- Fault report and door openings**  
Contact the service company here.
- Our houses**  
Get to know our houses here.
- FAQ**  
Check our frequently asked questions here.

- The application can be filled online
  - [www.voas.fi](http://www.voas.fi)
  - > Application
    - > Housing application

# Housing application

To the apartment search

## Housing application -form

The screenshot shows a web form for housing applications. It is divided into several sections:

- I'm looking for \***: Three radio button options: "A student apartment", "An apartment change", and "An apartment for student exchange".
- Apartment type \***: Three checkbox options: "Shared apartment", "Studio apartment", and "Three-room apartment".
- Area**: A dropdown menu labeled "Choose area".
- Maximum rent \***: A text input field with "Maximum rent" and a "Max 2000€" label.
- Squares (m²)**: Two text input fields labeled "Min" and "Max" with a "Max 100" label.
- Features**: Two columns of radio button options: "Requirement" (with "Furnished apartment" and "Electricity included in rent") and "Wish" (with "Furnished apartment" and "Electricity included in rent").
- House type**: Three checkbox options: "Apartment building", "Loft", and "Rowhouse".
- Save**: A prominent blue button at the bottom.

### Application progress

Application Details

Applicant Information

Summary of Application and Submission

- This is what the application itself looks like.
- Fill in your criteria and information carefully.
- If other people are moving with you, **it is mandatory to include their information** in the application.
- **Remember to attach a certificate of your studies!**
  - Acceptance letter is okay if your studies have not begun yet. If you apply after your studies have already started, you need an official certificate that states your enrolment.
- When the application has been sent successfully, you will receive a confirmation email.
- The application is active for three (3) months from submission date.
- Please don't send a second application – it cancels out the old one and you lose your place in the application list. You can edit the application through the link you received in the confirmation message or by contacting the housing office by email.
- **If the application is missing information or the information is incorrect, it will not be processed.**

# Housing application form

## Applicant information

Add your information here. If your spouse is moving with you, add their information as well. **These are the names that will appear in the agreement.**

First name	Family name
There are no applicants.	

Add applicant

## Application progress

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These people (max 2) will sign the agreement

## Other tenants (e.g. children)

If children or other people are moving to the apartment with you, add their information here. **These names will not appear in the agreement.** All people who will be moving to the apartment must be mentioned either here or in the Applicant information section above.

The tenant is	First names	Family name
There are no tenants.		

Add tenant

The other people who will live with you; their information is going to be officially saved, but they will not sign the agreement

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# To summarize: note this when applying!

- The housing application is an **official document**; fill it out correctly and carefully. Include everyone's information.
- If information is incorrect or missing, the application will not be processed, and you need to send a new one.
- A new application replaces the old one and you lose your place in the queue.
- **Make sure to fill out the first application correctly.**

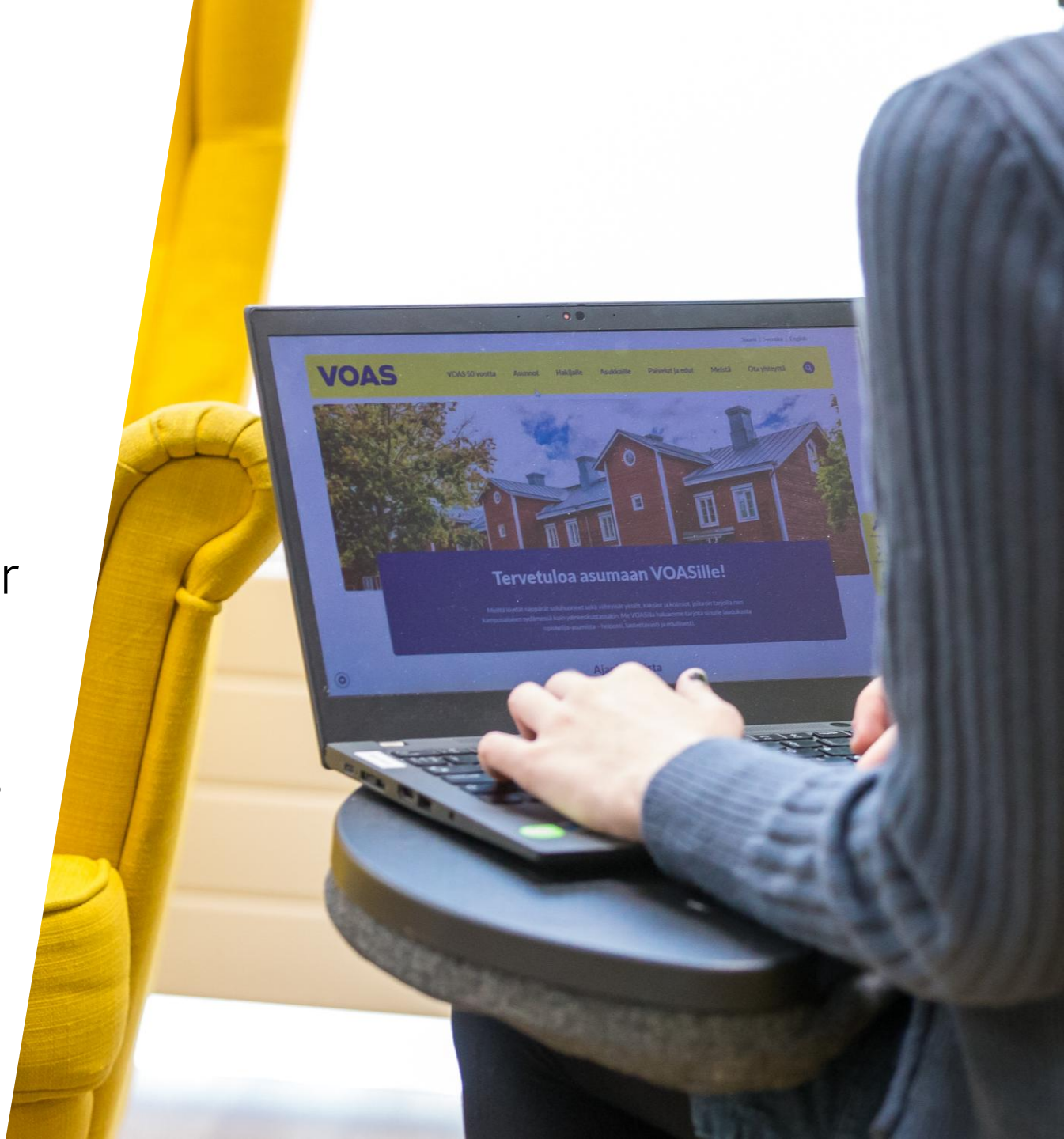


A photograph of two young women in an office environment. The woman on the left is seated at a desk, wearing a black long-sleeved shirt with 'VOAS' printed on it and a yellow lanyard with 'VOAS' repeated. She is pointing towards a computer monitor. The woman on the right is seated next to her, looking at the screen. The background features a yellow wall with framed certificates and a green plant in the foreground. The entire image has a light blue overlay.

# Apartment offer

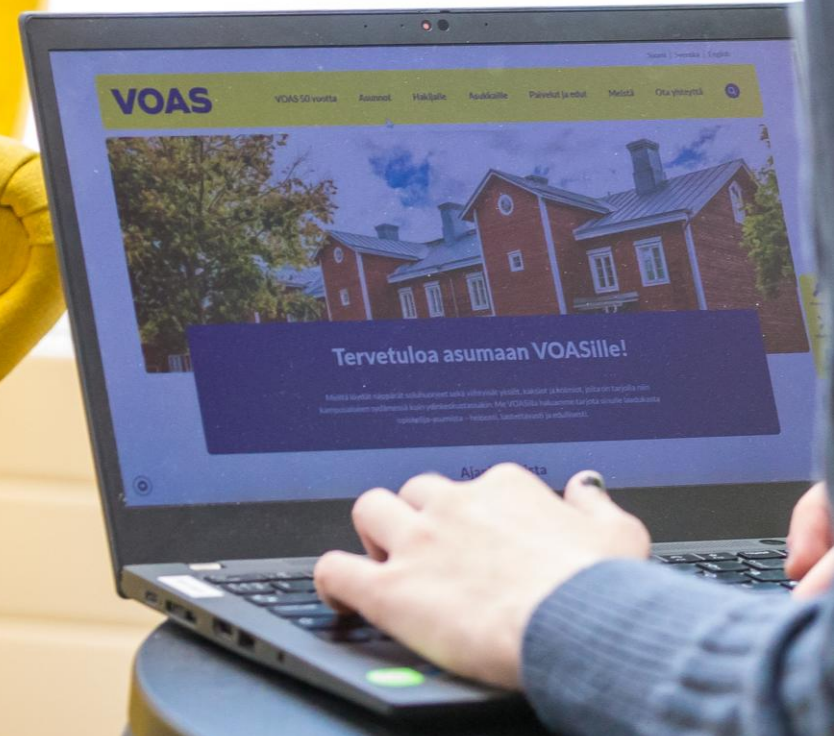
# Apartment offer

- Offers are sent **by email**.
  - Please also keep an eye on your **junk folder!**
- Hundreds of applications in our system-> not every applicant will get an apartment offer 😞
- We cannot give multiple offers to same applicant due to equality and demand. Max 1 offer/applicant.



# Apartment offer

- If you get an offer, we **recommend that you accept it** even if it does not check all your criteria to ensure your housing in Vaasa for the fall semester. It will be difficult to find an apartment!
  - You can apply to change apartments within VOAS starting from November.
- You can decline the offer, but **you will not get another one from VOAS.**
- The housing office will answer any questions you have regarding the offered apartment.



A close-up photograph of a hand holding a key on a door handle. The key has a circular ring and a teardrop-shaped tag with the letters 'VOAS' in blue. The background is a white door with a silver handle. The entire image has a blue tint.

**Accepting the apartment offer**

# Accepting the offer

- An apartment offer is accepted by paying the security fee of 200 euros to our account.
  - Further instructions are in the offer email.
- Security fees can only be paid by bank transfer, no cash or cards
  - International bank transfers are okay
  - Check the possible international banking fees from your bank.
  - Services like Wise and Revolut are popular.
- Remember to include the reference number!



# Accepting the offer

- Paying the security fee = binding acceptance of the agreement. **Be sure before you pay.**
- If you cancel the agreement:
  - at the **latest two weeks before the starting date**, the security payment is held back as a penalty.
  - **Later or after the agreement has begun**, the one calendar month cancellation period applies.



# Signing the tenancy agreement

- Once the security fee is paid, we will send you the tenancy agreement by email. Signing is done electronically.
  - OR by signing a PDF document
  - OR by signing the agreement on paper in our office
- Once you've signed the agreement, you're officially ready to become a VOAS tenant!



## Agreement terms

- Read the agreement terms and VOAS's rules **before signing!** Rules are strict in Finland and there are consequences if you don't follow them.
- Cancellation time one (1) calendar month
  - Cancellation must be given during the month before you want to move out.
  - For example; if you want to end the agreement on the last day of May, the cancellation must be given already in April.

# Agreement terms

- Who can live in the apartment:
  - In shared apartments, **only you**.
  - VOAS needs to know every person who lives in the apartment and have their contact details. Water fee 27€/month must be paid for all tenants.
- Breaking the rules leads to consequences; in worst case, your agreement can be discontinued.
- The person who signs the agreement is responsible for the apartment and all its tenants. They must make sure that all rules are followed.



A photograph of three young adults jumping joyfully in the air on a grassy lawn. They are wearing colorful, sticker-covered pants and dark long-sleeved shirts. The background features a large, multi-story brick building with arched windows and a large tree with green leaves. The sky is a clear, bright blue. The text "Some additional information" is overlaid in the center of the image.

**Some additional information**

# Services for VOAS tenants

- Internet connection is included in the rent in all apartments.
- Electricity is included in the rent in:
  - all shared apartments
  - some older studios/bigger apartments. You can check the details of all houses on our website to see whether electricity is included or not.
- Free use of laundry rooms and saunas (only with reservation!)
- Electric Omago cars for tenants to rent



# Services for VOAS tenants

- All tenants can use our Study & Chill VOAS common spaces in city center, Palosaari and Olympia.
  - Quiet study areas
  - Living room where you can spend time with other tenants
  - A reservable Team room in city center and Olympia.
- Renting useful items from Lainappi vending machine for €1 per day!
  - Sewing machine, textile washer, outdoor games, window washing equipment...



# Tenant activities and community

- VOAS has three active tenant committees that organize fun events for our tenants.
  - BBQ party, Winter adventure, Climbing, Bowling, Badminton...
- Taking part in the tenant committee teaches important skills for the future. Active participants of the tenant committees are rewarded with a certificate in the end of the year.
- Committee members are elected in our yearly tenant meeting in November. All tenants are welcome to apply!



*Kiitos!*

*Tack!*

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