



WHAT IS A HOMESTAY?

- A formal arrangement made by an international student program or agency that arranges housing (homestay) for an international student with an approved host “family” during the course of their study

◦ *Many international students have emphasized the lack of familial support and guidance from hosts. As such, this resource does not use the term host “family”*



Note: Homestay arrangements are not always made with formal agencies, but sometimes host providers can be contacted through third-party websites, including Kijiji and Craigslist

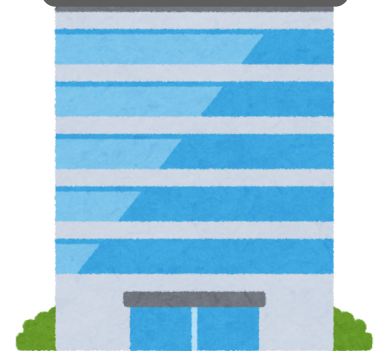


WHAT SHOULD HOMESTAY HOSTS PROVIDE?

Homestays should provide support and care for students, including

- Experiencing local culture
- Practicing English
- Providing nutritious food for students
 - This arrangement may vary, depending on the type of contract signed with a host
- Providing a furnished living space with a bed and desk
- Providing wifi and laundry facilities

Homestay Agency



Arrangements are **paid**

- Costs can range from \$950-\$1300 a month for a homestay host (means not always included) and \$1000-\$2500 a year for a custodian (depending on services provided) (Source: CBC, 2018)
- Despite paying a fee, students staying in homestay accommodations are often not covered under the *Residential Tenancy Act* because they share a kitchen or bathroom with their host





WHY ARE THERE HOMESTAYS?

- Students under 18 years old in the Greater Toronto Area are **not permitted** to live on their own and require a custodian

- When minors arrive in Canada, their 2 main points of contact are often
 - **Hosts:** whoever they are living with
 - **Custodians:** delegates appointed by a student's parents to check in and help them in emergencies (this person's responsibility is to take care of and support the child)

- Sometimes students have separate hosts and custodians
 - Oftentimes, a homestay agency or organization acts as the custodian

- Custodians can often charge additional fees to meet the needs of students
 - Ex. charging students fees if they require medical attention





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 - They **do not** operate or oversee services
 - They work with agencies that are in charge of independently managing all aspects of homestay placements, including screening hosts, matching students to hosts, and overseeing issues that arise from homestays





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什么是寄宿服务？

- “寄宿服务”，是由国际学生项目或者中介安排的一种居住方式。国际学生在异国他乡学习期间，居住在有资质提供寄宿服务的家庭里。

◦ 许多国际学生认为，自己在寄宿期间，从来没有从寄宿服务的提供方那里得到任何支持或辅导。因此，我们不把这些提供寄宿服务的家庭称为国际学生的“寄宿家庭”



备注：安排寄宿服务的中介，并不一定拥有提供这种服务的资质。有时，这种寄宿服务的安排是通过Kijiji或者Craigslist这样的第三方平台进行的。





寄宿服务的提供者应该提供什么？

寄宿服务的提供方应该确保国际学生能够得到以下的支持和照顾

- 体验当地文化
- 练习英语
- 提供有营养的餐
 - 根据合同，具体提供的服务项目会有一些细节上的差异
- 提供住所和必要的家具，包括床和书桌
- 提供无线上网和洗衣服务

寄宿服务



寄宿服务是收费的

- 一般来说，提供者会对每个学生收取每月950到1300加元不等的费用，并且不一定提供餐食。此外，国际学生的监护人每年会收取1000到2500加元不等的费用 (Source: CBC, 2018)
- 尽管国际学生给寄宿服务的提供者付钱，但是他们通常并不受租客保护法的保护，因为他们和寄宿服务的提供者共用厨房和洗手间





为什么会有 寄宿服务？

- 在大多伦多地区，未满18岁的国际学生不能独自居住，而且必须有监护人

- 未满18岁的国际学来到加南大后，通常有两个主要联系人
 - **寄宿服务的提供者:** 这是和学生居住在一起的人
 - **监护人:** 这是学生的家长指定的监护人，需要定期联系学生，并且在紧急情况下为学生提供帮助（监护人的职责是照顾和支持学生）

- 有时，学生的寄宿服务提供者和监护人是不同的人
 - 通常情况下，寄宿服务的提供者会兼任学生的监护人

- 监护人可以向学生收取额外的费用
 - 比如：如果学生看医生，监护人可以收取额外的医疗费





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