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## **ACCOMODATION POLICY**

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<b>COMPILED BY</b>	<b>DEPARTMENT OF ACCOMMODATION AND CATERING SERVICES</b>
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## 1. PREAMBLE

1.1. Marondera University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology (MUASt) is a modern and unique institution of higher learning established through an Act (Chapter 25:29). The University is driven by the vision to be a leading global centre of excellence in the provision of technology driven sustainable green agricultural solutions". Underpinned by its unique Core Values: Excellence, Diversity, Innovation, Ethics, Ubuntu, Sustainability and Integrity. The University aims at producing globally acceptable and competent graduates grounded in agricultural, entrepreneurial and technological in recognition of the Education 5.0 pillars; teaching, research, community service, innovation and industrialization.

MUASt is committed to applying the values of equity, participation, transparency, service, tolerance and mutual respect, dedication, scholarship, responsibility and academic freedom in all its activities. MUASt is of the view that good science assumes ethical accountability according to internationally acceptable norms and that the responsibility for this lies with every MUASt employee. It also ensures that MUASt adheres to anti-corruption circulars, policies and measures as directed to the attention of the University by other agencies of the State. The policy shall also serve as a deterrent to corruption since it hinders the growth, prosperity and inclusive development of the country. The policy therefore prompts good governance buttressed by transparency, accountability, integrity and rule of law. This policy also acknowledges the responsibility to lead by example in the fight against corruption and to render services ethically. The University Accommodation section strives to offer residents safe living and learning experiences. The policy is designed to ensure that the residential living experience prepares students to be productive citizens and develop a lifelong commitment to community engagement.

## **2. DEFINITION OF TERMS**

- 2.1. Off-Campus Accommodation:** Student residence organised and facilitated outside the University premises.
- 2.2. Accommodation Managers:** Full-time University employees responsible for assisting in the management of on- campus and off -campus student residence.
- 2.3. Accommodation Commitment Form:** formal binding agreement between the University and the guest.
- 2.4. Janitor-cleaners:** employees responsible for the basic upkeep of hostels, maintaining cleanliness and reporting on maintenance and security issues.
- 2.5. Accommodation Student Committee:** trained student peer- leaders elected to assist in the general welfare of students and to enforce rules and regulations on behalf of the University.
- 2.6. Sub-Wardens:** mature and responsible students appointed by the University to enforce accommodation rules and regulations.
- 2.7. Wardens:** University full-time employees who are the custodians of students and University property.
- 2.8. Room Inventory Form:** record sheet on general room condition inclusive of furnishings provided during time of stay.
- 2.9. University On-Accommodation:** student residence provided by the University.

## SECTION A

### **3. PURPOSE**

- 3.1. The MUAST Student Accommodation policy is meant to regulate and rationalize the provision and allocation of university student accommodation. The same policy is meant to protect the rights, health and safety of residents and also to safe-guard University property.

### **4. SCOPE**

- 4.1. This is a University wide policy on student accommodation on and off-campus.

### **5. REGULATORY FRAMEWORKS**

The policy is informed and directed by the following National Acts, Statutory Instruments and University Policies.

- 5.1. Marondera University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology Act [25:29]
- 5.2. ZIMCHE Policy on the Minimum Norms and Standards for Student Housing at Colleges and Universities (2019).
- 5.3. Drug and Substance Abuse Act
- 5.4. Marondera University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology Student Conduct Ordinance 5
- 5.5. Marondera University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology Anti-Sexual Harassment Policy
- 5.6. Marondera University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology Health and Safety Policy
- 5.7. Marondera University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology Risk Management Policy.
- 5.8. Marondera University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology Security Policy.

### **6. POLICY OBJECTIVES ARE TO:**

- 6.1. Promote efficient, effective and transparent allocation of student accommodation.
- 6.2. Provide a holistic support system that ensures the physical safety and mental well-being of every resident.
- 6.3. Reduce incidences of residence vandalism, sexual harassment and all forms of indecent behaviour.
- 6.4. Enforce rules and regulations of all related student accommodation policies mentioned in Section 1.2.

### **7. ACCOMMODATION ALLOCATION CRITERIA**

- 7.1. The University offers shared accommodation to registered student only.
- 7.2. The accommodation allocation is on first- come first - served basis, with priority given to level 1.1, 4.1, 4.2, 5.1, 5.2 and differently abled student.

- 7.3. Special consideration shall be given to student with special health conditions or any other circumstances deemed appropriate.
- 7.4. International, postgraduate and weekend class student may reside in selected on-campus or off-campus residence.
- 7.5. The Accommodation Services avails student with off-campus residence database through the official University communication platforms.
- 7.6. Vacation accommodation is offered to weekend class and organisations with the approval from the University Executive.
- 7.7. Overnight University accommodation is paid for and charges may vary as determined by the Housing Committee.
- 7.8. The University does not provide accommodation facilities for couples or families until such a time these facilities would be available.

#### **8. ACCOMMODATION WITHDRAWAL**

- 8.1. Student or guests may opt to terminate residency for medical or other exceptional circumstances.
- 8.2. Concerned individuals notify the Wardens in writing of their intention to withdraw residence.
- 8.3. Accommodation fees refund may be granted with the approval of the University Executive.
- 8.4. Student accommodation termination due to misconduct is not refundable.
- 8.5. An expectant student shall vacate University accommodation at 28 weeks to seek alternative accommodation off campus.

## **9. POINTMENT OF WARDENS AND SUB-WARDENS**

- 9.1. The vacant posts shall be advertised on local notice boards and University official communication platforms.
- 9.2. A recommended Committee is appointed to shortlist and interview qualifying candidates.
- 9.3. Successful candidate shall be appointed in writing and inducted for the job.
- 9.4. Benefits and privileges for these positions are outlined in the appointment letter.
- 9.5. Conditions for termination of office are also highlighted in the same appointment letter.

## **10. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF WARDENS AND SUB-WARDENS**

- 10.1. Appointed Wardens and sub-wardens shall work collaboratively with University Accommodation Managers to ensure students and guests quality residence welfare.
- 10.2. They are also responsible for enforcing all University rules and regulations.

## **11. ACCOMMODATION CODE OF CONDUCT**

- 11.1. Student shall observe and abide by the accommodation rules and regulations of the Student Conduct Ordinance 5 and all other related University policies.
- 11.2. Student shall be inducted on proper use of sanitation facilities during orientation and whenever need arises.
- 11.3. Students shall ensure all the time that their rooms are secure and tidy.
- 11.4. Residents shall adhere to fire regulations which prohibit personal cooking in the rooms.
- 11.5. Students are strictly prohibited from possessing, using, or distributing illegal substances, engaging in any form of smoking, or having or consuming alcoholic beverages within hostel premises.
- 11.6. All students are encouraged to participate in at least one University recommended indoor or outdoor residence social activity.

11.7. Physical violence, bullying and harassment of any kind are strictly prohibited in hostel premises. Any student found engaging in such behaviour will face disciplinary action.

## 12. DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

12.1. Any student alleged to have committed an act of misconduct shall write and submit a misconduct report.

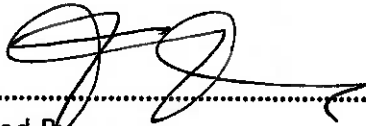
12.2. Depending on the nature and gravity of the case, Accommodation administrators may recommend disciplinary hearing.

## 13. COMPLIANCE

13.1. Failure to comply with the policy is an act of misconduct which is subject to disciplinary action.

## 14. MONITORING AND REVIEW

14.1. This Student Accommodation Policy will be reviewed after 3 years or when necessary to incorporate new developments in the National Student Accommodation Standards and Norms.

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Approved By 

Date.....05/06/26.....

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