



# BASIC REQUIREMENTS FOR HOSTELS.

Strathmore University works closely with a community of hostel owners who operate privately owned facilities around the university's environs. Students are assisted to find a hostel by being provided with a list of approved hostels. Hostels are listed upon meeting minimum university requirements. These are outlined below:

## Menu



- Balanced diet and a variety in the student's meals.
- Monday to Friday: breakfast and dinner to be offered. Saturday, Sunday & Public holidays: 3 meals should be offered
- A dining area: so that students are discouraged from eating in their rooms.
- Storage facilities for the food. Fridge and pantry.
- Clean drinking water.

## Sleeping area

- Good quality beds and mattresses. Provision of beddings to those who do not have,
- Well ventilated rooms, well-lit and well-spaced.
- Mosquito nets provided.
- A wardrobe in which each student can store their clothes to avoid them living out of their suitcases.



## Living & Study area



- Conducive Study area: equivalent to the number of residents in the hostel.
- General order and cleanliness: shoes in their place, chairs back in place etc.
- Recreation area within the hostel.
- Organized activities that encourage hostel residents to interact.
- A means of resolving grievances: list of do's and don'ts, values upheld in the hostel.
- Gender exclusive hostels.

## Washroom & Hygiene

- Ratio of bathrooms/ toilets Max of 1 to 5 students
- Regular fumigation. To avoid parasites and other insects
- Cleanliness/ orderliness.
- Constant water supply/ water storage facilities.



## Emergency & General amenities



- First aid kit. The hostel manager ought to have a means of rushing students to hospital or clinic in case they fall ill at night
- Fire extinguisher
- Emergency contact of each of the students' next of kin
- Wi-Fi
- Laundry area
- A yearly budget plan for the renovation and maintenance of the hostel e.g painting, replacing old

broken furniture etc.