

8.3 PERMANENT ACCOMMODATION

Once in Rennes, you will have to look personally for accommodation that suits you for the year or the semester. A group of Sup de Co students, the association "Come on" may help you, under the supervision of «Group ESC RENNES».

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However, we strongly advise students to arrive before the start of the new academic year, since accommodation in Rennes is not so easy to find and the later you arrive, the more expensive it becomes. Furthermore the required procedures take time : visits, appointments with the owners or estate agents, signing of a contract... etc...

One document which is most often required by landlords or flat agencies is :

«the **agreement to act as guarantor**» - «engagement d'une caution personnelle et solidaire».

There is a French version to be completed by your parents and brought with you - appendix A1

The English version - appendix A2 - is a translation, the purpose of which is just to provide you with an explanation.

You should note that very often you will have to pay a deposit equivalent to two months' rent, plus the first month's rent and fees to the estate agents which are between 50 % and 80 % of one month's rent.

8.3.1 Rental costs

There is a wide variation in rental costs. A room in a university residence (CROUS) will cost about Euro 152 per month, but most international students do not find them acceptable. A room rented from a family will cost between Euro 259 and Euro 305 per month. If you rent your own studio (unfurnished) and do all the necessary legwork (electricity connections, pay deposits, visit agents,...) then it will cost about Euro 290 and 396 a month. A furnished room, with shared services, will cost between Euro 381 and 412 a month. You may be eligible for a housing subsidy of up to Euro 137 per month if you are staying for the whole academic year. If you want to find your own accommodation, then you must note that :

- it is unfurnished,
- damage deposit is usually two months' rent,
- there are additional charges for water, electricity, taxes, etc
- installation of the telephone costs Euro 30,
- agents' fees cost about one month's rent,
- you will need insurance (about Euro 38).

These of course vary according to location, facilities offered, the condition of the apartment. In most cases, you will have to add extra expenses - service and maintenance costs (« charges » in French) to the rent :

- monthly rent for a furnished room : from Euro 259 to 305 or more «charges» between Euro 30 and Euro 38.
- monthly rent for a flatlet or studio (between 20 and 25 m²): Euro 335 to Euro 427 or more, «charges» between Euro 30 and Euro 76.

8.3.2 Property jargon

The property jargon is not really easy to understand when it is the first time you are looking out for accommodation.

Here are what these words stand for and how many m² they usually represent in Rennes.

<u>Studio</u> :	1 room with a kitchenette, around 25 m ²
<u>T1</u> :	1 living room with a kitchenette, 1 bedroom, around 25 to 30 m ² .
<u>T1 bis</u> :	1 living room with a kitchenette, 1 bedroom, around 35 to 40 m ² .
<u>T2</u> :	1 kitchen, 1 living room, 2 bedrooms, around 45 m ² .
<u>T3</u> :	1 kitchen, 1 living room, 2 bedrooms, around 55 to 60 m ² .

8.3.3 Some useful addresses

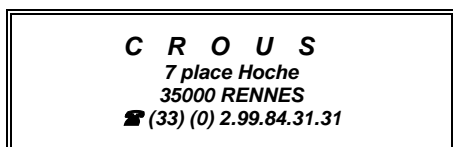
➤ **The CROUS (« Student Aid Center »)**

The CROUS of Rennes is an intermediary between the landlord and the student. In 1991, it supplied students with 2611 rooms, studios and even flats.

However, rent prices are market prices. The accommodation department is open every day, except on Saturdays, from 8.30 am to 4 pm (it is closed from July 20 to August 18).

There are very few rooms available for a year in Student Halls - «Cités U.» and you would have to sign a year's contract there.

You should contact the CROUS and ask them a «demande d'admission en résidence universitaire» that you will have to fill in and return as soon as possible. The financial guarantee required from a parent is absolutely necessary.



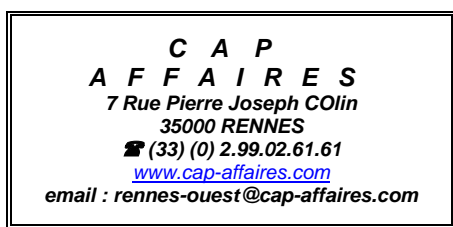
➤ **Residence CAP AFFAIRES**

You can rent a **studio** in a student residence : completely furnished - sofa-bed with a small table, desk, TV, table, chairs, electric hob and a fridge cupboard with crockery + an independent bathroom with a shower and toilets.

Common rooms : cafeteria, optional services such as bed linen, room cleaning...

Price : Euro 450 per month (+Euro 115 agency fees) for long stay (8 –12 months)

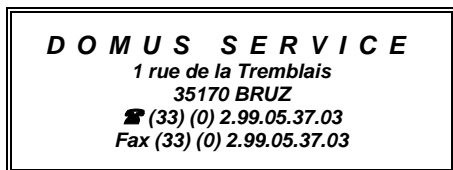
Euro 602 per month for short stay (no agency fee)



➤ **Domus Service**

You can rent an **apartment** with other students : you will have your own bedroom, (sofa, single bed, desk, cupboard) you will share the kitchen (table, chairs, all crockery, fridge, electric plaques, washing machine and iron) and the bathroom and toilets. charges included : water, gas, heating or electricity).

FOR ONE SEMESTER STAY :	FOR AN ANNUAL STAY :
Euro 427 per month/per person Deposit : Euro 610 Residence tax : Euro 76 Insurance : Euro 23	Euro 412 per month/per person Deposit : Euro 610 Residence tax : Euro 152 Insurance : Euro 23



➤ Top Campus

You can rent a **studio** in a student residence : completely furnished - sofa-bed with a small table, desk, table, chairs, electric hob and a fridge cupboard with crockery + an independent bathroom with a shower and toilets.
Common rooms : cafeteria with billiard table, TV-room with video and international programs, Sports-room, music room, launderette.with optional services such as photocopier, bed linen, room cleaning...
Price : Euro 381 per month (+Euro 152 agency fees).



➤ Etienne Immobilier

You can rent an **apartment** in the town center and we can help. But there are not so many furnished apartments in the town center (all will be without crockery, bed linen or washing machine) and you will have to pay agency fees, and for electricity, gas and water connection and local taxes).

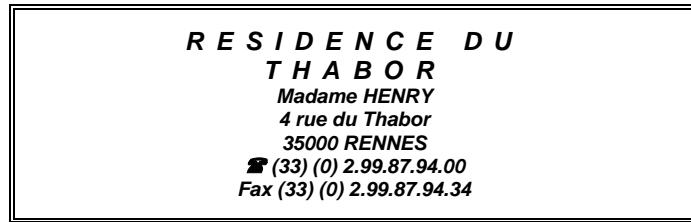


➤ Résidence du Thabor

You can rent a **studio** in a residence down town: completely furnished – bed with a small table, desk, chair, cupboard and an independent bathroom with a shower and toilets.

Common room: kitchen with locked cupboards (without crockery) and fridge, oven and micro-waves oven + lounge with TV, library, computer and photocopier, garden with chairs and table, launderette and car park...

Price : +/- Euro 305 per month
(on arrival, you have to pay 1st month rent + Euro 183 deposit + Euro 46 agency fees).



➤ Les Estudines de Bretagne

You can rent a **studio** in a student residence near the Train Station : completely furnished – independent bathroom with a shower and toilets. Launderette available.

Price: +/- Euro 314 per month + electricity.



➤ Le Grand College

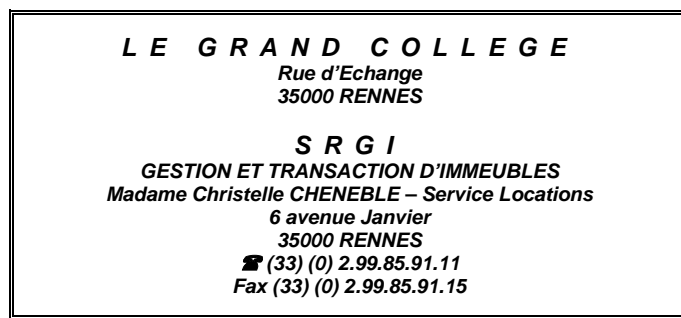
T1 (21 m² with kitchen, bedroom and bathroom with toilet and shower) : Euro 305 per month without charge + Euro 230 deposit (refundable at the end of the year) + Euro 150 agency fees (one-off payment) + electricity and warm water (not included). The students can obtain financial assistance amounted Euro 120 to 140 per apartment per month from French government. You can rent this apartment from 1st September.

T1 bis (30 m² with kitchen, bedroom and bathroom with toilet and shower) Euro 380 per month without charge + Euro 305 deposit (refundable at the end of the year) + Euro 230 agency fees (one-off payment) + electricity and warm water (not included). The students can obtain financial assistance amounted Euro 120 to 140 per apartment per month from French government. You can rent this apartment from 1st September.

T2 (44 m² with kitchen, bedroom and bathroom with toilet and shower) Euro 460 per month without charge + Euro 305 deposit (refundable at the end of the year) + Euro 230 agency fees (one-off payment) + electricity and warm water (not included). The students can obtain financial assistance amounted Euro 120 to 140 per apartment per month from French government. You can rent this apartment from 1st September.

You have to know that these apartments are rented for one year : from 1st September to the following 31st August. We have calculated an average rent for 10 months (from September to the following June), but if you intended to stay in Rennes in July and August, your apartment would be nearly free of charge, you would only have to pay for electricity and warm water charges. Be aware you can not reduce or extend your rental period : 12 months is fixed.

If you are interested in this opportunity, please send the agency fees before 30th June (directly to the agency). They only ask for agency fees to book an apartment.



➤ Mr Pascal Blanchard

You can rent an **apartment** with other students : you will have your own bedroom, (sofa, single bed, desk, cupboard) you will share the kitchen (table, 4 chairs, all crockery, fridge, electric plaques, washing machine and iron) and the bathroom and toilets.

All furnished and all included (blankets, bed linen, toilets towels...), 320 € no extra charges.

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➤ **AELEJ ("European association for student accommodation")**

*This association rents out council flats to students (usually 3 in a flat).
Each student is charged for a room : around Euro 213 per month with a rent allowance in the Maurepas area,
around Euro 53 per month with a rent allowance in the Zup Sud area for a three room flat.
Students are asked to fill out a form and return it before May 1st.*

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➤ **Tourist Bureau**

*The tourist bureau represents an important step in your research.
Besides a warm welcome, hostesses will give you a brochure "How to get accommodation in Rennes" as well as
practical help like a map of the town, a list of physicians on duty, bus services...*

TOURIST BUREAU OF RENNES
Pont de Nemours
35000 RENNES
☎ (33) (0) 2.99.79.01.98

➤ **Classified advertisements**

You will also find numerous ads in free local newspapers :

<p>Rennes Annonces, 30, rue du Pré-Botté, commercial department : 2, square René-Cassin 35000 Rennes, ☎ 02.99 36 67 77 Comes out on Mondays at 9.30 am.</p>	<p>Le Journal de l'immobilier et de l'habitat, 2, square René-Cassin 35000 Rennes ☎ 02.99 36 34 48 Comes out on Fridays every other week.</p>
<p>Rennes Pub, 3, rue de Nemours, commercial department : 38, boulevard Albert ler, 35000 Rennes ☎ 02. 99 79 44 43 Comes out on Tuesdays at 3 pm.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Ouest-France publishes property pages on Wednesdays.</p>