

FAQs for Residence Admission Scheme (RAS)

1. **Q: What is the Residence Admission Scheme?**

A: The Residence Admission Scheme (RAS) is a housing scheme for senior undergraduate students who wish to apply for Halls, Houses and Student Residences.

The intent of the scheme is to enhance student life on campus by providing access to campus housing for student leaders and members of active student groups, removing the barrier of time and energy that is spent on traveling to and from campus. In this way, the scheme aims to aid in student leaders' planning and facilitation of student life programmes, and enhance participation amongst active members of these student groups.

2. **Q: Is my student group able to participate in RAS?**

A: The current participants of RAS are NUS Students' Union (NUSSU) and its Constituent Clubs, CFA and Sports groups under OSA, and hostel-based groups in Halls, Houses and Residences. Official and active Societies and Interest Groups registered with OSA are also eligible for this scheme, contingent on meeting the application criteria and submitting the relevant documents by the stipulated deadline that is found in RAS Terms and Conditions. The list of 'Participating Groups in RAS' can be found at The Office of Student Affairs' website under [Hostel Admissions](#).

3. **Q: What are the features of RAS?**

A: RAS has five categories. Each category comprises a few sub-categories for which priority for accommodation is provided. Further details on [RAS](#) can be found at The Office of Student Affairs' website under Hostel Admissions.

4. **Q: Why are the members from management committees of NUSSU, constituent clubs, societies and interest groups given priority places under RAS?**

A: The University acknowledges that student leaders of these groups spend a significant amount of time in the planning and facilitating of student life activities in campus, and having quick access to campus is beneficial in ensuring student activities are carried out smoothly. Hence, these student leaders are given higher consideration for housing under RAS.

5. **Q: I am a current management committee member of Club XYZ. Will I be given student housing under Category A?**

A: Under Category A, a maximum of 10 current members of the NUSSU Executive Committee and a maximum of 60 students from the Constituent Clubs' Management Committee will be given special consideration when they apply within the first application window. Students should be nominated by the NUSSU Executive/ Management Committee.

For Societies and interest groups, a maximum of 2 current members of the student group's management committee can be nominated for campus housing. If the number of nominations exceed the sub-category's cap of 70 places, a ballot will be conducted. In such a scenario, if the number of student groups that applied and are eligible for RAS is under 70, one student per group will be offered a spot while the remaining spots will be assigned by ballot. If more than 70 student groups have applied and are eligible, a ballot will be conducted for all nominated students. Students nominated should be based on each individual student group's unique Internal Recognition and Recommendation Scheme (IRRS), which should be created and submitted by the student group representative during the eligibility application period.

Current members of the Halls' JCRCs will be provided with housing under Category C.

6. **Q: I recently resigned from the management committee of Faculty Club ABC. Am I eligible to be considered for Category A?**

A: To be eligible for Category A, a student must be a current member of the Executive/Management Committee.

7. **Q: Why are management committees of Societies and Interest Groups treated differently from NUSSU and the Constituent Clubs?**

A: NUSSU and the Constituent Clubs serve the whole NUS undergraduate student population with a broad and extensive membership base, involving a high volume, scope and intensity of student life activities and events on campus and a significantly larger management committee. As such, more provisions are made for the management committees of NUSSU and the Constituent Clubs.

8. **Q: I am a varsity athlete who is interested in joining the Varsity Scheme. Who can I approach for more information on this scheme?**

A: The Varsity Scheme is managed by OSA Sports. Interested athletes may approach OSA Sports which is located at University Sports Centre (USC). You may contact OSA Sports at 6516 2384 or email them at sports@nus.edu.sg.

9. **Q: Under Category C, what is the Master's List?**

A: Each of the Halls, Houses and Student Residences has a Master's List that is managed by the respective hostel. It is primarily used to admit students who can contribute to student life and vibrancy at the hostel, and they are admitted at the discretion of the Master.

10. **Q: I am a current resident of a Hall or House. Am I eligible for Category C?**

A: Under Category C, students who have stayed in a Hall or House in the current Academic Year are eligible for consideration in the Hall/House's residents' list, in accordance with the respective Hall's Recognition System or House's selection criteria. Students who are interested in returning to their Halls or Houses are required to indicate their current 'Hall' or 'House' as their first choice in their housing application.

11. **Q: I am currently not a member in any student groups or staying at Hall, House or Student Residence? Can I apply to stay at Hall, House or Student Residence?**

A: Under Category C, students who are not residents at Halls, Houses or Student Residences may apply to join the Hall, House or Student Residence through the Master's List. You may enquire directly with the respective Halls, Houses or Student Residence that you are interested in.

Non-members of student groups or students not staying at Halls, Houses and Student Residences may apply for housing under Category E. They will be randomly balloted for remaining vacancies.

12. **Q: I am a member of interest group XTP? How can I qualify for student housing?**

A: Members of NUSSU, Constituent Clubs, Societies and Interest Groups can be selected for housing under Category D.

Under Category D, members of NUSSU and the Constituent Clubs will be competing for the 75 hostel places under their respective sub-category via an internal scheme that is managed by NUSSU and the clubs.

Societies and Interest groups may nominate up to 5 names for housing under their respective sub-category. If the number of nominations exceed the sub-category cap of 120 places, the number of students allocated per group will be determined such that each student group that applies and is eligible will have the same number of students who are granted a place, with the remaining places assigned based on a random ballot.

For example:

No. of student groups that applied and are eligible	Allocation per group (120 places divided by no. of student groups)	Number of places assigned via random ballot
45	120 places / 45 grps = 2 students assigned per org with 30 places leftover	30
60	120 places / 60 grps = 2 students assigned per org with 0 places leftover	0

Members should be nominated based on each individual student group's unique Internal Recognition and Recommendation Scheme (IRRS), which should be created and submitted by the student group representative during the eligibility application period.

13. Q: Under Categories A and D, how will housing be allocated to the different Societies and Interest groups? Will the larger groups be given more places?

A: The number of places allocated is the same regardless of the size of the student group. Each sub-category has a quota. For example, Societies & Interest Groups Management Committee has a quota of 70 places. If the number of nominations exceed the quota, a ballot will be conducted. Please refer to questions 5 and 12 for more details about allocation.

While membership size is often the default determining factor, we understand that the diversity of student groups on campus also reflects the diversity in programs and activities offered. Membership numbers are not always the best indicator of level of activity and involvement of members and the impact of a student group on student life on campus.

Members who are not nominated by their management committee under Category A & D can apply for hostels under Category E.

14. Q: I am unable to participate in CCAs due to my health condition or because I have been away from the university for the entire semester or academic year. How do I apply for housing?

A: Students who have not participated in CCAs in the last semester or academic year may apply for housing under Category E. If they are unsuccessful for housing, they may submit an appeal to OSA Hostel Admission with the relevant documents supporting their appeals at the [hostel application portal](#).

15. Q: How will the scheme ensure responsibility and accountability?

A: The Executive or Management Committee of a student group is accountable for its endorsement of the members. They are entrusted to ensure that the recommendation or selection process is transparent and open and that these members are deserving of the recommendation through their contributions to the student group and its activities. The student groups are to make available to their members a copy of their Internal Recognition and Recommendation Scheme (IRRS) before nominations are submitted and the names of the selected/recommended members upon finalization of nominated students.

16. Q: How can I send my queries on RAS?

A: You can send your queries to NUSSU, OSA Student Leadership and Development for Societies and Interest Groups, OSA Sports for Sports related groups, OSA CFA for Art groups and the respective hostels.

17. Q: Who will RAS be applicable to?

A: The scheme is applicable to full-time local and international senior undergraduate students. The scheme is not applicable to incoming Year 1 undergraduate students (local and international).

18. **Q: I am a current undergraduate hostelite. How do I qualify for housing in the next Academic Year?**

A: Students who wish to stay in Halls, Houses or Student Residences can apply via the categories provided in RAS framework.

19. **Q: Is RAS applicable only to those wishing to stay in Halls, Houses or Student Residences? How about students who wish to stay in Residential Colleges?**

A: RAS for hostel-based groups are limited to Halls, Houses and Student Residences. RAS is not applicable to the Residential Colleges (RCs) as the RCs have a different set of entry criteria where students will be required to read academic modules when admitted to the college programme. However, students who have withdrawn from the RCs may subsequently apply for Halls, Houses or Student Residences under the categories provided in RAS.

20. **Q: With the scheme, how many activities do I need to participate to be assured of housing?**

A: With RAS, effective contribution is considered. Hence, the number of CCAs may not be critical. The Executive/Management Committee of a student groups is expected to recommend their ordinary members based on their effective contributions to the student group or activities.

21. **Q: How do I apply for housing under RAS?**

A: Senior Undergraduates nominated under Categories A and D should submit their housing applications for Residences during the Senior Undergraduate housing admission exercise in March and November respectively. Senior Undergraduates nominated under Categories B and C should submit their housing applications during the Senior Undergraduate housing admission exercise in March annually. Their applications would then be prioritized based on the RAS framework.

22. **Q: I was nominated for housing by my student group but I missed the application exercise? Can I still be allocated accommodation?**

A: Students who have missed the first application exercise or failed to complete the necessary application steps for first application exercise will not be given special consideration for their hostel application even though they were nominated by their student group.

23. **Q: What will happen to vacancies arising from cancellations or withdrawals etc?**

A: Vacancies arising from cancellations or withdrawals before the start of the semester will be re-allocated to Category E, general student population and appeals.

24. **Q: Will RAS be applicable to students who wish to apply for Semester 1 stay for AY2425?**

A: RAS is administered for the semester ahead. In this current semester, applications are for following semester stay. Eligible student groups can submit their nomination lists for Categories A & D to OSA Student Leadership and Development by the stipulated deadline announced to eligible student groups for each semester.

25. **Q: I am a current Executive Committee member of NUSSU. Will I be able to use the unutilized places under Category A to nominate ordinary members for Category D?**

A: Any unutilised places in Category A (Executive/Management Committees) from a group may be re-allocated to other NUSSU Executive/Management Committee/Sub-committee. If there are no further nominations or recommendations, the unutilised places may be re-allocated to members of the NUSSU Committee/Constituent Clubs/Sub-committee in Category D.

26. Q: I am a current management committee member of Society XKJ. Will I be able to use the unutilised places under Category A to nominate ordinary members for Category D?

A: Any unutilised places from participating Societies and Interest Groups in Category A (Executive/ Management Committees) may be re-allocated to members in Category D (Members of Student groups).

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