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## **UCT update on student accommodation**

The University of Cape Town has had approximately 86% of students with accommodation offers placed at residences on campus as at Tuesday, 06 February 2018.

The university is, at this stage, aware of only 80 students who were made accommodation offers but were yet to be placed. Although the 80 students are yet to be placed, residences are only 86% full and there are still approximately 900 places available. UCT has residence capacity of 6 800.

The university's Student Housing department is working as speedily as possible to ensure that the outstanding 80 students with residence offers are placed.

UCT has increased accommodation capacity by signing leases with two private residences, which has added approximately 380 rooms.

Students who have not yet been placed in residences for which they were made an offer will be placed in other UCT residences or one of the two leased off-campus residences. UCT urges any student who encounters accommodation challenges to please contact Student Housing on 021 650 2977 or email [res@uct.ac.za](mailto:res@uct.ac.za).

Students who have not received residence offers are being assisted with securing off-campus accommodation through the university's Off Campus Student Accommodation Services (OCSAS). UCT encourages students who need assistance to contact OCSAS on 021 650 4934 or email [ocsas@uct.ac.za](mailto:ocsas@uct.ac.za).

UCT also notes inaccurate social media reports claiming that the university over-offered accommodation places by 150%. This is completely incorrect.

The over-offer rate for first-tier residences was 112%, while for second tier residences it is 121% (first-tier residences provide accommodation for undergraduate students who are

usually under the age of 21 while second-tier residences provide accommodation for senior undergraduate and postgraduate students).

The over-allocation factor is always applied to ensure that the university is ultimately able to fill the available beds. Annual analysis shows a no-show average of 10-15% of the offers made.

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