



Tuesday July 8, 2025

Welcome to Residence at UBC!

We're so excited you'll be joining us at UBCO this fall and know you probably have questions! Not to worry, we have plenty of resources to help you prepare for life in residence. We'll be sending you weekly emails answering residents' most-asked questions.

Here are four things you should know about this week:

1. Important Dates

Mark your calendar! We have three major move-in days:

- **Current Summer residents:** If you're living in residence this summer and have a housing offer for the 2025-2026 Academic year, you'll be moving into your new unit on **Aug. 16 - 17**. We will email you more about that process soon.
- **Jump Start and Early Arrival residents:** Only residents with approved [early arrival](#) due to orientation programs (like Jump Start) and other early academic programs can move in before Aug. 30. Your move-in day will be **Tuesday Aug. 26**. You'll receive an email later in the summer inviting you to sign up for a move-in time slot.
- **All other residents:** Your move-in day is **Saturday August 30**. You'll receive an email in August inviting you to sign up for a move-in time slot.

Keep track of important dates and deadlines this summer by checking out our [Important Dates](#) page.

3. New to residence this year? Peruse our New to Residence Guide!

We know you may be eager to plan for your arrival. A great place to start is our [New to Residence](#) guide. This resource includes a pre-arrival checklist, information about move-in, meal plans, what to pack, and more.

2. Residence Areas and Room Types

For NEW residents:

At this point in the process, you've received an area offer for a space in residence (yay!). We'll let you know your specific building and room assignment in mid-August once we've completed the process of assigning rooms to all our first-year residents.

At that time, you'll be assigned a room in:

- one of our traditional [first-year residences](#): Cassiar, Nicola, Purcell, Valhalla, Kalamalka, Skeena, Nechako, or [Similkameen Place](#)), or in
- a suite-style (or "quad") residence: [Lower/Upper Cascades](#) or [Monashee Place](#)).

While we do our best to accommodate the preferences you listed in your application, we can't guarantee first-choice placements.

To learn more about the specific buildings and rooms within residence, visit [Residences at a Glance](#). If you're wondering how we make allocations, you can also get some insight into [How We Assign Rooms](#).

For RETURNING residents:

If you lived in residence last year and applied for housing before the RAP deadline, you will have already received either your housing offer or a waitlist number. If you missed the deadline, you'll receive a waitlist [number](#) mid- to late July.

For ALL residents: Room assignments and gender

Room assignments are based on the gender you identified in your residence application, and your preferences for roommate placements (if applicable). For students who indicated a Trans or Non-binary identity on their application, keep an eye out for an email from us with an invitation to provide a bit more info about your room assignment preferences.

4. It's okay to feel overwhelmed. We're here to help

There are probably a million things on your mind as you plan to move in, but we want you to enjoy the rest of the summer as much as you can. There's plenty to look forward to — from making friends, to enjoying fun programs and events. You're about to become part of our tight-knit UBCO community and make memories that will last a lifetime!

In next week's email...

Check your inbox again next week, when we'll email you more info about:

- Your summer to-do checklist
- About meal plans
- Have food allergies? Important info for you
- When are room assignments?

Stay Connected

Follow us on [Instagram](#) to help prepare for living in residence, and to keep on top of housing activities and deadlines! Or visit us online at [Student Residence – Okanagan](#).

On behalf of everyone at UBCO Student Housing, we're glad to have you with us as part of our campus community this year.

Any other questions? Don't hesitate to [give us a call](#) or [send us an email](#).

See you soon!

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