

Student Housing Support External Resources



Please note: The information below is for the purpose of providing students with additional housing resources from **external** agencies, government, support groups, etc. These websites are not affiliated with Ontario Tech University, nor is the university responsible for updating them.

Student-specific Housing Information

Durham Community Legal Clinic (DCLC):

- Free legal services, including tenant rights' support for low-income residents of the Durham Region.
 - [Visit the DCLC website.](#)

Know your rights and responsibilities as a student renter:

- Guidance from the Ontario government tailored to students renting off-campus housing.
 - [Visit the Government of Ontario's website.](#)

What you need to know before signing a rental-house lease:

- Important considerations and legal information for students entering into rental agreements.
 - [Visit the Advocacy Centre for Tenants Ontario website.](#)

Renting Resources

Canada Homestay Network (CHN) for international students:

- The opportunity to be matched—and live—with a host family in Canada.
 - [Visit the CHN website.](#)

Oshawa rental listings:

- Create a profile, search for listings near the university, post a sublet or find roommates.
 - [Visit the Places4Students website.](#)



Residential Rental Housing Licensing (R.R.H.L.):

- It's important to ensure you live in a home that is licensed under the R.R.H.L. Get yourself familiar with the City of Oshawa's housing by-law, which has special rules for properties near campus.
 - [Visit the City of Oshawa's website.](#)

Understanding Your Rights as a Tenant

Community Legal Education Ontario (CLEO) housing laws:

- Detailed guides on various housing topics, including tenant rights, eviction processes and maintenance issues.
 - [Visit the CLEO website.](#)

Renting in Ontario:

- An overview of tenant rights and responsibilities under the [Residential Tenancies Act](#).
 - [Visit the Government of Ontario's Renting in Ontario: Your Rights web page.](#)

Rights and responsibilities for landlords and tenants:

- Detailed guides on the rights and responsibilities of both landlords, and tenants. There's also a [brochure](#) available, on renter rights in multi-tenant houses.
 - [Visit the Durham Region website.](#)
 - [Visit the City of Toronto website.](#)

Legal Support and Dispute Resolution

Advocacy Centre for Tenants Ontario (ACTO):

- A legal clinic dedicated to advancing and protecting the interests of residential tenants in Ontario.
 - [Visit the ACTO website.](#)

Landlord and Tenant Board:

- Information on resolving disputes between landlords and tenants, including how to file applications, eviction prevention and access to mediation services.
 - [Visit the Tribunals Ontario website.](#)



Free Community Legal Clinics

Community-based organizations that provide legal information, advice and/or representation:

- [Association of Community Legal Clinics of Ontario website](#)
- [Legal Aid Ontario website](#)

Additional Online Resources

- o [Canadian Centre for Housing Rights](#)
- o [Ontario Legal Information Centre](#)
- o [Ontario standard leases](#)
- o [Pro-bono hotline](#)
- o [Steps to Justice: Your guide to law in Ontario](#)



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