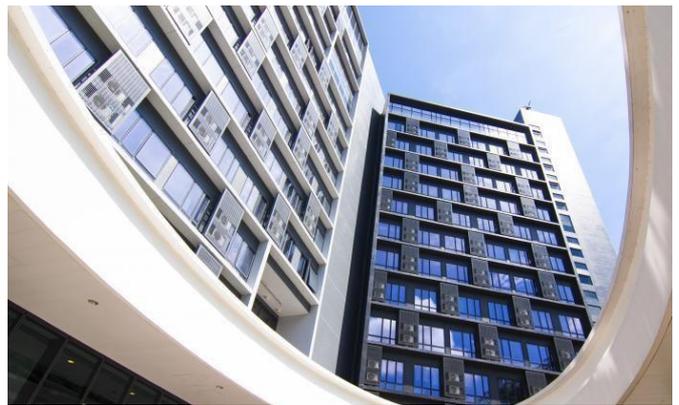


# International Students Accommodation at VTC Halls of Residence 2023/24



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## ***Did you know?***

With a population density of 6,740 people per square kilometer, Hong Kong has one of the highest population densities in the world. Because of limited supply of flat land, property in Hong Kong is very expensive. For the seventh year in a row, the Annual Demographia International Housing Affordability Survey: 2023 named Hong Kong the most expensive housing market. The median home price was 18.8 times the median annual household income last year.

# Overview

Welcome to Hong Kong and the VTC!

When you arrive / plan to arrive Hong Kong, accommodation is a big issue you need to think about, there are 2 ways that you may consider:

- Private rental in Hong Kong
- VTC Accommodation

## **Private Rental**

Rental of private accommodation in Hong Kong is expensive compared with most Asian countries. For example, a basic 2-bedroom apartment near HKDI at Tseung Kwan O may cost at least HK\$20,000/month for renting. If you decide to rent accommodation privately, you must find accommodation in Hong Kong prior to the programme commencement date. Finding an appropriate apartment/flat in Hong Kong may not be easy as the rental price is normally rather high and the living space quite limited. If you are not staying in VTC accommodation, we strongly suggest that you start searching as soon as you accept the offer and arrive in Hong Kong at least two weeks before semester commencement to start viewings.

The rental price depends on many factors, such as size, age of the building, district, transportation links, view & orientation, facilities and renovation. After locating a suitable apartment/flat, you will need to enter into a tenancy agreement with the property owner if you decide to rent it. You can search rental properties through agents, online or by introduction to the landlord from a friend. The most effective way of exploring rental properties is through property agents because they can offer you many choices, arrange the tenancy agreement and provide other customer services.

Besides the expensive rent for the apartment, you may also need to consider the miscellaneous expenses you need to bear, which includes but not limited to:

- Agency fee for tenancy (around 50% of the monthly rental)
- Furniture
- Houseware
- Water
- Electricity
- Internet Service, etc

If you want to get more information about rental of private accommodation in Hong Kong, please contact International Development Office at [iss@vtc.edu.hk](mailto:iss@vtc.edu.hk) to learn more.

## **VTC Accommodation**

There are two student residential halls in VTC which are located in Pokfulam Road, Hong Kong Island and Tsing Yi Island, New Territories. The halls provide around 1,000 residence places for full-time students of Diploma of Foundation Studies, Higher Diploma and Degree programmes. Hall life provides opportunities for students to learn and grow together through cross-cultural environment, as well as enriches their study life and adds value to their whole person development. It offers great chance for students to meet new friends, to participate in a wide range of hall activities, and to equip themselves with various skills.

Residence in the halls is a fruitful experience. Non-local students are encouraged to stay in the VTC student residential halls to immerse in the diversified environment that promotes appreciation of cultural differences.

# VTC Halls of Residence

## (i) Introduction

There are two VTC Halls of Residence and both offer shared accommodation. The VTC Halls of Residence (Pokfulam) (hereafter called “PFL Hall”) (for HTI/CCI/ICI students only) has 132 bed spaces and is situated on the south side of Hong Kong Island. The VTC Halls of Residence (Tsing Yi) (hereafter called “TY Hall”) has 880 bed spaces and is situated on Tsing Yi Island, New Territories.

## (ii) Distance and Estimated Travelling Time & Fare between VTC Campuses and PFL Hall & TY Hall

Campus	Hall	Single Trip Travel Distance (Approx.)	Estimated Travel Time by Public Transportation (Single Trip)	Single Trip Fare (Approx.)
THEi (Chai Wan)	PFL	18.4 km	60 minutes	HK\$19
IVE (Chai Wan)	TY	27 km	75 minutes	HK\$20
THEi (Tsing Yi)	PFL	19.8 km	80 minutes	HK\$23
IVE (Tsing Yi)	TY	200 m	4 minutes (on foot)	HK\$0
HKDI / IVE (Lee Wai Lee)	PFL	22.3 km	60 minutes	HK\$24
	TY	23.7 km	70 minutes	HK\$15
IVE (Haking Wong)	PFL	11.5 km	45 minutes	HK\$13
	TY	8 km	30 minutes	HK\$10
IVE (Kwun Tong)	PFL	19 km	90 minutes	HK\$22
	TY	16.5 km	80 minutes	HK\$18
IVE (Morrison Hill)	PFL	11.2 km	40-50 minutes	HK\$6
	TY	13.6 km	75-80 minutes	HK\$15
IVE (Sha Tin)	PFL	26 km	70 minutes	HK\$15
	TY	19 km	60 minutes	HK\$18
ICI	PFL	150 m	3 minutes (on foot)	HK\$0
	TY	20.4 km	80 minutes	HK\$21

Full details of each dormitory including address, facilities, floor plans, costs and application procedures follow.

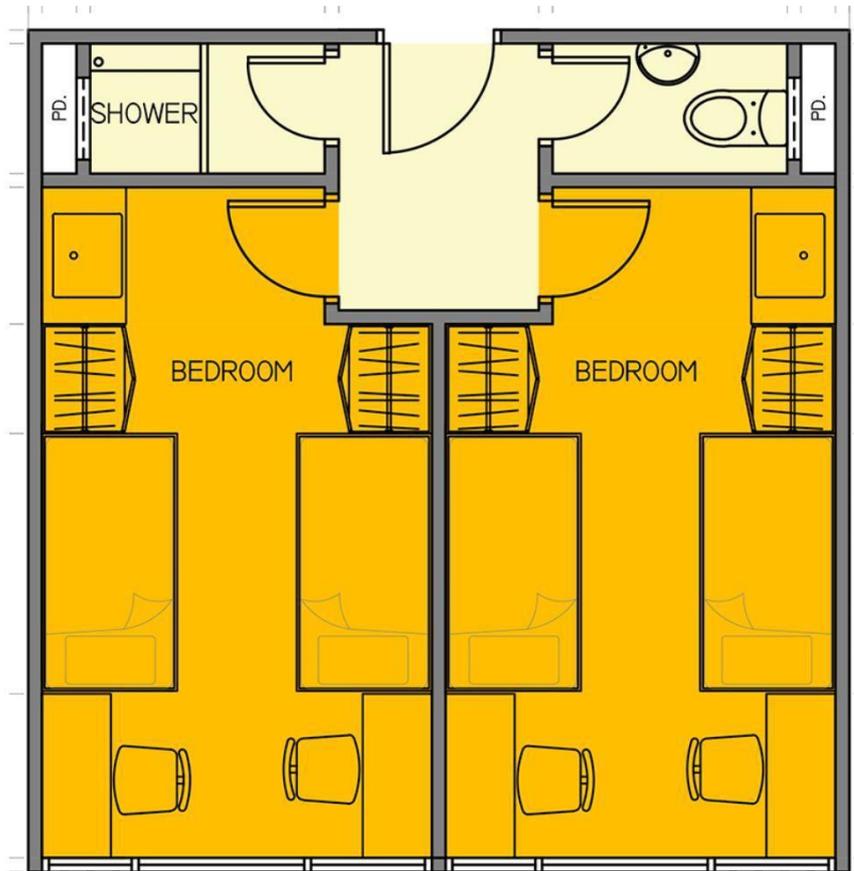


# PFL Hall

(For HTI/ CCI/ ICI students only)

## (I) Type of Room

- All rooms are 2-bed and are shared by two persons. Two adjacent 2-bed rooms form a self-contained unit sharing a shower room and a toilet. Each bedroom has its own washbasin.
- The size of each 2-bed room is 12.8m<sup>2</sup> (excluding toilet and shower rooms)



VTC Student Dormitory Exterior



Lobby



2-bed Room



2-bed Room



Common Area Living Room



Toilet



Pantry



Laundry Room

## (II) Facilities in Common Areas

Floor	Facilities
G/F	Reception Counter
	Add Value Machine
1/F	Laundry Room with smart card operated washers and dryers
	Photocopier
	Accessible Toilet
2/F, 3/F, 4/F, 5/F, 6/F	Pantry Facilities including a fridge/freezer, microwave oven and double burner induction cooker
	Leisure Facilities in Common Area including televisions, sofas, tables etc.
	Accessible Toilet
All Floors	Wireless Network in Rooms and Common Areas

## (III) Residential Room Provisions

- The rooms have curtains and each resident is provided with a single bed with mattress, wardrobe with drawers, desk with drawers, a chair and a rubbish bin.
- Each 2-bed room within the unit has an independent wash-basin (separate to the shower cubicle and toilet).
- Accessible rooms have a single private shower room with toilet.
- Free Internet access (wireless and network point at the desk).
- Air-conditioning is provided at a charge.
- Electronic door access with smart card.

## (IV) Not Provided

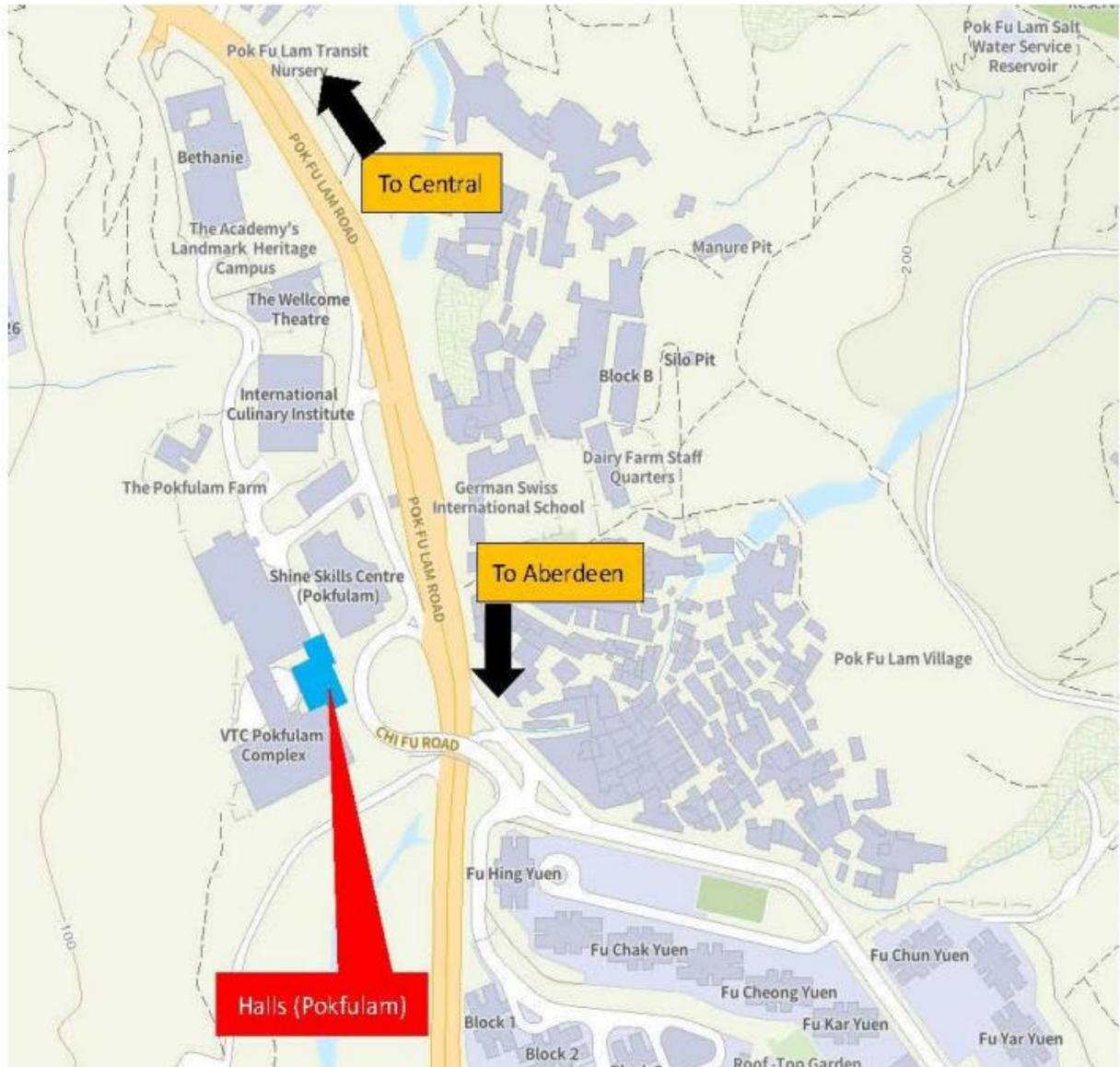
- Linens such as bed sheets, duvet, duvet cover, pillow and pillow case are not provided.
- Personal accessories, such as towel, soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, mug and slippers are not provided.
- Network cable is not provided.

## (V) Catering Service

Catering is available in the staff and student canteens located on 3/F of VTC Pokfulam Complex. The canteen provides breakfast and lunch during weekdays.

## (VI) Address and Location Map

VTC Halls of Residence (Pokfulam)  
145 Pokfulam Road, Hong Kong



**Public Transportation Route (Bus / Mini-bus)**

Route No.	Route	Route No.	Route
4	Central ↔ Wah Fu	93	Ap Lei Chau Estate ↔ Robinson Road
4X	Central (Exchange Square) ↔ Wah Fu	93A	Lei Lung Estate ↔ Robinson Road
7	Shek Pai Wan ↔ Central Pier	93C	Ap Lei Chau Main Street ↔ Caine Road
30X	Cyberport ↔ Central (Exchange Square)	94	Central Pier ↔ Lei Lung Estate
37A	Central ↔ Chi Fu Fa Yuen	970	So Uk Estate ↔ Cyberport
37B	Chi Fu Fa Yuen ↔ Admiralty	970X	So Uk Estate ↔ Aberdeen
37X	Chi Fu Fa Yuen ↔ Admiralty	973	Tsim Sha Tsui (Mody Road ↔ Stanley
40	Wan Chai North ↔ Wah Fu	A10	Ap Lei Chau (Lei Lok Street) ↔ Airport
40M	Central Government Office ↔ Wah Fu	Red Mini-bus	Aberdeen ↔ Central (Exchange Square)
40P	Wah Fu/ Wah Kwai / Sham Wan ↔ Robinson Road	Red Mini-bus	Aberdeen ↔ Shek Tong Tsui
71	Central (Wing Wo Street) ↔ Wong Chuk Hang	Green Mini-bus 22	Pokfulam Garden ↔ Central (Exchange Square)
71P	Sham Wan ↔ Central Pier	Green Mini-bus 22S	Pokfulam Garden ↔ Central Pier
90B	Admiralty ↔ South Horizons	Green Mini-bus 31	Causeway Bay ↔ Tin Wan Estate
91	Central Pier ↔ Ap Lei Chau Estate		

# TY Hall

## (I) Type of Room

- Rooms are 2-bed or 4-bed and four persons share a self-contained unit/cubicle with an independent shower room and toilet. There are two washbasins with two mirror cabinets.
- A very limited number of Single rooms are available.
- The size of each 2-bed room is about 13.7m<sup>2</sup> (excluding toilet and shower rooms)



2-bed Room



2-bed Room



Washbasin with mirror cabinet (left) and Toilet (right)



Shower



Common Area Living Room



Dining Area



Pantry at Common Area



Utility room beside Pantry

with washing machine and dryer



Skypark



Lobby and Entrance Gates



Hall Exterior



## (II) Facilities in Common Areas

Floor	Facilities
G/F	Lobby, Security Counter, Hall Management Office
	Multi-purpose Rooms
	Add Value Machine, Vending Machine, Accessible Toilet
1/F	Sky Garden and Recreational facilities
2/F, 3/F, 5/F, 6/F, 8/F, 11/F	Common Area with tables, chairs, pantry
	Utility Room with smart card operated laundry machines and dryer
1/F, 4/F, 7/F, 9/F, 10F	Vending Machine, Accessible Toilet, Common Area with tables, chairs, television, pantry
	Utility Room with smart card operated laundry machines and dryer
12/F	Multi-purpose Room, Accessible Toilet, and Laundry Machines
All Floors	Wireless Network in Rooms and Common Areas

- Pantry facilities: microwave oven, induction cooker for use in light cooking, rice cooker, refrigerator, filtered drinking water and hot water dispenser
- Recreation facilities: Table tennis, American pool, Table chess, Air hockey, and other chesses

## (III) Residential Room Provisions

- The rooms have window blinds and ceiling lights and each resident is provided with a single bed with under-bed storage drawer, wardrobe, desk with storage and chair and a rubbish bin.
- Each 2-bed room has an independent washbasin within the unit, separate to the shower room and toilet.
- Accessible rooms have a single private shower room with toilet.
- Free Internet access (wireless and network point at the desk).
- Air-conditioning is provided at a charge.
- Electronic door access with smart card.

## (IV) NOT Provided

- Linens such as bed sheets, duvet, duvet cover, pillow and pillow case are not provided.
- Personal accessories, such as towel, soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, mug and slippers are not provided.
- Network cable is not provided.

## (V) Catering Service

Canteen and iCafe for staff and students are available at IVE (Tsing Yi) and THEi campuses. The canteen at 2/F of IVE (Tsing Yi), serving breakfast, lunch, afternoon tea and dinner during the weekdays, half-day service on Saturday and closed on Sunday and Public Holidays. Reduced hours out with teaching periods. The iCafe at 4/F of THEi serving drinks and sandwiches from 8:00 to 17:00 during the weekdays

## (VI) Address and Location Map

VTC Halls of Residence (Tsing Yi)  
20B Tsing Yi Road, Tsing Yi  
Island, New Territories



# Further Information

## (I) Cleaning Service

- Residents are required to clean their own bedrooms and housekeeping will not be provided.
- Cleaning items are available for loan at the reception counter and rubbish should be disposed of properly at the collection points where large bins are provided.
- All common areas including toilets, showers and lobbies will be cleaned by residence cleaners.

## (II) Repair and Maintenance Service

Any damage to facilities in bedrooms and common areas must be reported immediately to the Hall Management. The Hall Management and its authorized agents have rights of access to bedrooms for repair, maintenance, and emergency or safety purposes.

## (III) Loan Service

Small electrical items like irons, ironing boards, vacuum cleaners etc. are available for loan at the reception/security counter/dormitory office.

## (IV) Disability Support

Residents with a disability who may require specific accommodation arrangements should be made known to the Hall Management as soon as possible.

## (V) Emergency

Contact 24 hour security at G/F Hall Reception Counter in case of emergency.

## (VI) Residence Fees

- Residence period from September to Jun for a 10-month period.
- Accommodation fees are HK\$20,000 (shared room) and HK\$32,000 (single room) respectively for the whole 10-month residential period, single room is provided subject to availability. The fees shall be settled in 2 instalments and must be paid in full. Fees paid are non-refundable. There will not be any refund of accommodation fee arising from late check-in or early withdrawal.
- A refundable deposit of HK\$1,000 shall be charged and paid together with the 1st instalment of accommodation fees, which is refundable to residents after completion of the committed residence period, less any restitution charges for damage or loss of dormitory property and resident smart card.

Instalment	Amount	Payment Due Date
1 <sup>st</sup> instalment	HK\$14,000 + HK\$1,000 deposit (shared room) HK\$22,400 + HK\$1,000 deposit (single room)	August 2023
2 <sup>nd</sup> instalment	HK\$6,000 (shared room) HK\$9,600 (single room)	January 2024

## (VII) Payment Method

The deposit and residence fees should be paid by the due date via telegraphic transfer (TT)\*, bank deposit, in-branch bank transfer or online bank transfer to the VTC bank account as per instructions in the Accommodation Fee Note issued to residents. All bank charges and administrative fee incurred by TT should be borne by applicants.

***\*In the remarks column on the TT form, please write applicant's name and student number***

## (VII) Laundry and Air-Conditioning Fees (subject to the final announcement in the website of Halls of Residence)

- Washer: HK\$10 per washing cycle (approx. 50 min).  
Dryer: HK\$6 per 25 minutes.
- Air-conditioning: approximate HK\$2.0 per hour

### (VIII) Application Schedule

The table below shows the schedule for application and payment of accommodation fees:

1.	Submission of applications	Send the application form before the deadline advised by International Development Office
2.	Announcement of results	Mid-August
3.	Acceptance of offer including payment of semester 1 residence fees by specified deadline	Within one week after result announcement <b>If the first payment is not received by the deadline, your place will be released to others.</b>
4.	Check-in	Normally by end of August

**Note: The above schedule is subject to change if the circumstances so warrant. Please pay attention to the announcement from the Hall Management Office.**

### (IX) Residential Year and Check-in / Check-out

- A residential year, in general, commences on 1 September and terminates at the end of June the following year, or on a date to be announced.
- Residents may move in at the end of August with no extra fee.
- During check-in, residents should complete a Resident Registration Form and collect a resident card.
- Residents are required to check if the room furniture and equipment are in good condition. If no notification of damaged / missing items is received from residents within one week, the residents will be held responsible for the repair / replacement cost of any damaged / missing items found during check-out.
- Residents should normally check out before 17:00 on the last day of stay. A penalty charge will be levied for late check-out, and for failure to clean/clear rooms or restore original furniture upon check-out.
- A room checking should be conducted for residents before check-out, and residents should complete a check-out form including a hall-life survey questionnaire.

### (X) Room Assignment

Only persons of the same gender will be assigned to any one unit (4 persons), i.e. any two adjacent rooms sharing a toilet and shower. Residents are randomly assigned to rooms by the Hall Management Office. VTC has the final decision in the assignment of rooms to residents. Residents are not allowed to change rooms or swap rooms with other roommates without the approval of the Hall Management Office.