

may borrow this package, which contains household items, after having paid the Student Union Fee.

The package includes a pillow, blanket, two curtains (only in Åbo), a cooking pot, a sharp cutting knife, a dinner and a soup plate, a glass and a mug, cooking items (spatula/ladle), a knife, fork, spoon, teaspoon, and a can opener. You pay 70€ for the package, of which 50€ is a deposit. For more information, please visit their website.

The Starting Package Office in Åbo

<http://www.tyy.fi/en/students/starting-package-storage>

e-mail: startingpackage@utu.fi

For exchange students in Vasa, a similar service is provided by the Student Union at Åbo Akademi University. The same conditions apply to the starting package in Vasa as in Åbo. The price is 70€, of which 50€ is a deposit. For more information, please see www.studentkaren.fi/english/starting-package/.

The Starting Package in Vasa

e-mail: startingpackage@abo.fi

Electricity

The electric current in Finland is 230 V, 50 Hz. The power sockets (plugs) are according to European standards (two-pin continental sized).

Home Insurance

Regardless of where you live, home insurance is recommended. In case of any damage to the apartment caused by carelessness or, for example, home appliances (e.g. water damage), the tenant must compensate the owner of the apartment for the repair costs. If the tenant has home insurance, the costs will usually be paid by the insurance company. Additionally, home insurance will cover the belongings of the tenant. In case of e.g. burglary, the home insurance will cover for any possessions stolen (excess required).

Internet Connection – Living in a Student Village Foundation Accommodation in Åbo

There is an internet connection in all the Student Village Foundation apartments. When

signing the lease, you are required to sign an internet connection agreement and you can use the internet straight away with a network cable. Further information on tariffs, general regulations and agreements you can find on www.yok.fi.

Internet Connection – Living in a Privately Rented Flat

You can get an Internet connection with a student discount through your host university (most commonly ADSL). Contact ICT services (see chapter 2.11) for further information. It is illegal to access the internet through someone else's wireless network without the owner's permission.

Sparknet and Eduroam

SparkNet is the largest wlan (Wireless Local Area Network) in Finland. SparkNet is accessible for all public officials in Åbo and personnel and students of institutions of higher education. You can connect to SparkNet using your abo email address and password. For further information and a complete list of coverage areas, see www.sparknet.fi. Sparknet is not available in Vasa.

Eduroam is a worldwide roaming access service developed for the international research and education community. Åbo Akademi University is a member of Eduroam. Eduroam offers a safe and easy wireless connection to the Internet free of charge. University members can use the Eduroam network in other Eduroam organisations around the world. The coverage of the wireless Eduroam on campus increases continuously but it is still in early stages.

Lost keys – Living in a Student Village Foundation Accommodation

You usually do not need a key to lock the door of a flat in Finland. This means that you might accidentally forget the keys in your room/flat and lock yourself out.

If you live in a flat or room provided by the Student Village Foundation in Åbo, you can get a spare key from their respective offices during office hours. It is free of charge, but you must be able to prove your identity. The spare key