

# GOING FLATTING, THINKING OF RENTING OR LIVING IN A HALL ?

**Before** you think about looking for accommodation YOU NEED to check out the following useful links...  
And ask yourself the following questions...

**How much RENT can I afford?**

**What is my weekly INCOME going to be?**

**What EXPENSES am I going to have?**

## DON'T SIGN A LEASE/CONTRACT until you know the FACTS & FIGURES

We've put together these really useful links which we urge you to visit first, especially the StudyLink website where you can find out exactly what you are eligible for - please try their calculators to help you with your weekly budget

- [www.studylink.govt.nz](http://www.studylink.govt.nz)
- [www.studylink.govt.nz/thinking-about-study/planning-study/on-course-budget-calculator.html](http://www.studylink.govt.nz/thinking-about-study/planning-study/on-course-budget-calculator.html)

Here is another useful link to a tertiary flatting magazine ..... a must read for all "scarfies"

- [www.ousa.org.nz/support/flatting](http://www.ousa.org.nz/support/flatting)

And also check out Flatting 101

- [www.flatting101.co.nz](http://www.flatting101.co.nz)

## How many STARS does your next flat rate?

Find out the STAR rating of any Dunedin flat for free before signing a lease at

- [www.housingstars.co.nz](http://www.housingstars.co.nz)



## Problems with Landlords?

Check out your rights and responsibilities:

- [www.dbh.govt.nz/residential-tenancies-act](http://www.dbh.govt.nz/residential-tenancies-act)

And the sorting-problems-out page:

- [www.dbh.govt.nz/sorting-out-problems](http://www.dbh.govt.nz/sorting-out-problems)

OPSA can help you with these.

## IF IN DOUBT AT ALL... DON'T HESITATE TO CONTACT YOUR FRIENDLY TEAM AT OPSA

- (03) 4776 974 0800 762 786 ext.8332 [www.opsa.org.nz](http://www.opsa.org.nz)

Here you will find a link to a basic BUDGET PLANNER. Feel free to use it, fill it out.....  
And if still in doubt.....call OPSA to make a time to help you sort out your budget (in confidence)



**get sorted not extorted!**