

VOAS – Student accommodation in Vaasa

Housing info for new students

About VOAS

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- The student housing organization in Vaasa – VOAS was founded in 1972.
- We currently have about 2500 tenants.
- Our apartments are safe and affordable for students.
- When living at VOAS, you become a member of a community!



Apartment types and furniture

- Shared apartments:
 - Only one person is allowed to live in a shared apartment room!
 - You have your own bedroom only you can access with your key.
 - 2-5 rooms/persons per shared apartment
 - Furnished options available, most of the apartments are unfurnished
- Studios, 2-room and 3-room apartments are **always unfurnished**.
- You can check the layout of the apartments on our website.



What can I apply for?



- Moving alone (1 person):
 - Shared apartment rooms approximately 250-350€ per month.
 - Studio apartment appr. 370-550€ per month



- Moving with family (3+ people)
 - 2 and 3 room apartments appr. 700-800€

■ VOAS has no family apartments to offer for the fall semester 2025! ☹



- Moving with another person (2 people):
 - Studios appr. 450-600€
 - 2-room apartments appr. 600-700€

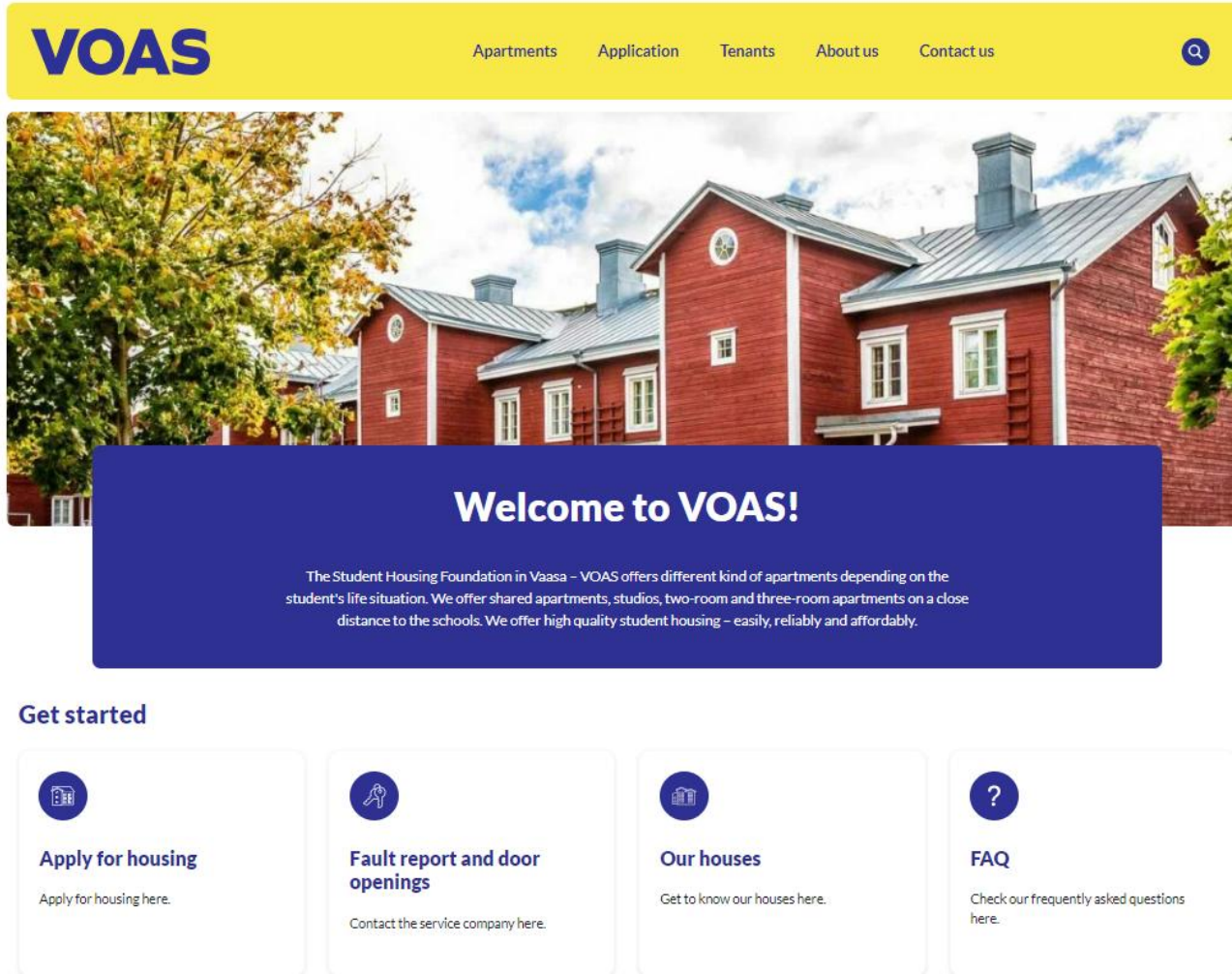
- If you are applying with a family, you must apply for housing from other agencies and/or private markets.

Applying for an apartment

Getting an apartment from VOAS



Housing application



The screenshot shows the VOAS website homepage. At the top is a yellow navigation bar with the VOAS logo on the left and links for Apartments, Application, Tenants, About us, and Contact us on the right, followed by a search icon. Below the navigation bar is a large image of a red wooden building with white window frames. Overlaid on the bottom of this image is a dark blue banner with the text 'Welcome to VOAS!' and a paragraph describing the organization. Below the banner is a 'Get started' section with four white boxes, each containing an icon and a title: 'Apply for housing' (calendar icon), 'Fault report and door openings' (key icon), 'Our houses' (house icon), and 'FAQ' (question mark icon). Each box also has a short description of the service.

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Apartments Application Tenants About us Contact us

Welcome to VOAS!

The Student Housing Foundation in Vaasa – VOAS offers different kind of apartments depending on the student's life situation. We offer shared apartments, studios, two-room and three-room apartments on a close distance to the schools. We offer high quality student housing – easily, reliably and affordably.

Get started

- Apply for housing**
Apply for housing here.
- Fault report and door openings**
Contact the service company here.
- Our houses**
Get to know our houses here.
- FAQ**
Check our frequently asked questions here.

- The application can be filled online
 - www.voas.fi
 - > Application
 - > Housing application

Housing application

To the apartment search

Housing application -form

I'm looking for *

☐ A student apartment

☐ An apartment change

☐ An apartment for student exchange

Apartment type *

☐ Shared apartment

☐ Studio apartment

☐ Two-room apartment

☐ Three-room apartment

Area

Choose area

Maximum rent *

Maximum rent

Max 2000 €

Squares (m²)

Min — Max

Max 100

Features

Requirement	Wish	
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Furnished apartment
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Electricity Included in rent

House type

☐ Apartment building

☐ Loft

☐ Rowhouse

Save

Application progress

Application Details

Applicant Information

Summary of Application and Submission

- This is what the application itself looks like.
- Fill out your criteria and information carefully.
- If other people are moving with you, **add also their information** clearly to the application.
- **Remember to attach a certificate of your studies!**
 - Acceptance letter etc.
- When the application has been sent successfully, you will receive a confirmation email.
- If the application is missing information or the information is incorrect, it will not be processed

Housing application form

Applicant information

There can be 1-2 applicants listed on the application. The tenancy agreement will be made between VOAS and the official applicant(s).

PLEASE NOTE! All people who will be moving to the apartment must be mentioned either here or on the Other tenants section below.

First name	Family name
There are no applicants.	

Add applicant

Other tenants (e.g. spouse, children)

The names of other tenants will not be included in the agreement.

PLEASE NOTE! All people who will be moving to the apartment must be mentioned either here or on the Applicant information section above.

The tenant is	First names	Family name
There are no tenants.		

Add tenant

These people (max 2) will sign the agreement

The other people who will live with you; their information is going to be officially saved, but they will not sign the agreement

Application progress

- Application Details
- Applicant Information
- Summary of Application and Submission

To summarize: note this when applying!

- The housing application is an **official document**; fill it out correctly and carefully. Include everyone's information.
- If information is incorrect or missing, the application will not be processed, and you need to send a new one.
- A new application replaces the old one and you lose your place in the queue.
- **Make sure to fill out the first application correctly.**



Apartment offer

Apartment offer

- Offers are sent by email.
 - Please also keep an eye on your junk folder!
- Hundreds of applications in the queue -> not every applicant will get an apartment offer ☹️
- **We cannot give multiple offers to same applicant due to equality. Max 1 offer/applicant.**



Apartment offer

- If you get an offer, we **recommend that you accept it** to ensure your housing in Vaasa for the fall semester. Even if it does not check all your criteria – it will be difficult to get an apartment!
- You can decline the offer, but you will **not** get another one from VOAS.
- The housing office will answer any questions you have regarding the offered apartment.



Accepting the apartment offer

Accepting the offer

- An apartment offer is accepted by paying the security fee of 200 euros to our account.
 - Further instructions are in the offer email.
- Security fees can only be paid by bank transfer, no cash or cards
 - International bank transfers are okay
 - Check the possible international banking fees from your bank.
- Remember to use the reference number!



Accepting the offer

- Paying the security fee is a binding preliminary tenancy agreement. **Be sure before you pay.**
 - If you cancel the agreement at the latest two weeks before the starting date, the security payment is held back as a penalty.
 - If you cancel later, the one calendar month cancellation period applies.



Signing the tenancy agreement

- Once the security fee is paid, we will send you your tenancy agreement by email
 - Signing a PDF document
 - Signing the agreement on paper in our office
- Once you've signed the agreement, you're officially ready to become a VOAS tenant!

Signing the tenancy agreement

- Read the agreement terms and VOAS' rules **before signing!** Rules are strict in Finland and there are consequences if you don't follow them.
- Cancellation time one (1) calendar month
 - Cancellation must be given during the month before you want to move out.
 - For example; if you want to end the agreement on the last day of May, the cancellation must be given already in April.

Signing the tenancy agreement

- Who can live in the apartment
 - In shared apartments, only you.
 - VOAS needs to know every person who lives in the apartment and have their contact details. Water fee of 27€/month must be paid for all tenants.
- Breaking the rules leads to consequences; in worst case, your agreement can be discontinued.
- The person who signs the agreement is responsible for the apartment and all its tenants. They must make sure that all rules are followed.

Some additional information

Services for VOAS tenants

- Internet connection is included in the rent in all houses.
- Electricity is included in the rent in:
 - all shared apartments
 - some older studios/bigger apartments. You can check the details of all houses on our website to see whether electricity is included or not.
- Free use of laundry rooms and saunas
- Electric Omago cars for tenants to rent
- Use of the VOAS Study & Chill common spaces
- VOAS Chill clubrooms in five houses, available for the tenants who live in those houses
- Renting useful items from Lainappi vending machine for €1 per day!
 - Sewing machine, textile washer, outdoor games, window washing equipment...



Tenant activities and community

- VOAS has three active tenant committees that oversee the VOAS residential areas and host events for our tenants.
 - BBQ party, Winter adventure, Climbing, Bowling, Badminton...
- Committee members are elected in our yearly tenant meeting in the end of the year.



Kiitos!

Tack!

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