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Dear Students,

**Re: ACCOMMODATION FOR RETURNING SEP/NOC STUDENTS**

We would like to update you on the arrangement for Returning SEP/NOC students who apply for student housing.

NUS' emphasis on global education has led to a marked increase in the number of students going on SEP/NOC. Students are strongly encouraged to keep up with this trend.

The Office of Student Affairs (OSA) has also seen a higher demand for housing from students returning from SEP/NOC. However, until the new hostels that are being built in the new University Town (across from the Ayer Rajah Expressway) are ready in mid-2011, we will continue to face a shortage of hostel places on the Kent Ridge Campus, and this impacts on returning SEP/NOC students who may not have sufficient CCA points to compete for hostel places with the other students. In response to feedback and suggestions received from returning SEP/NOC students, OSA will be making the following adjustments to the CCA Points requirement for Returning SEP Accommodation Exercise:

1. **Undergraduate students on SEP/NOC in Semester 1 and returning in Semester 2 in the current Academic Year:**
  - a. As rooms are allocated to all students on a one academic year basis, this category of returning SEP/NOC students will need to submit their housing application for the Semester 2 Room Request Exercise held in Oct-Nov if they wish to secure a hostel accommodation in Semester 2. They will be competing with other returning SEP/NOC students for vacancies created by residents who are leaving for their SEP/NOC in Semester 2. These applicants will be ranked and prioritised based on their CCA points earned in the Academic Year prior to their departure for SEP/NOC.
  - b. Students wishing to secure hostel accommodation for the next Academic Year are advised to submit an application during the Senior Undergraduate Accommodation Exercise scheduled for Feb-March. Their CCA points accumulated in Semester 2 will be used in the application for hostel accommodation. The CCA cut-off point (for hostel places) for this group of students will be reduced to half or 50% of the next AY CCA cut-off point as determine in the Senior Undergraduate CCA Accommodation Exercise.

2. **Undergraduate students on SEP/NOC in Semester 2 in the current Academic Year:** Their CCA points accumulated in the Semester 1 will be used in the application for hostel accommodation. The CCA cut-off point (for hostel places) for this group of students will be reduced to half or 50% of the next AY CCA cut-off point as determine in the Senior Undergraduate CCA Accommodation Exercise.
3. **Undergraduate students on SEP/NOC for the whole of the current Academic Year:** Their CCA points earned in the Academic Year prior to departure for SEP/NOC will be used in the application for hostel accommodation. The cut-off point will be the same as that of the next AY CCA cut-off point as determine in the Senior Undergraduate CCA Accommodation Exercise.

### Illustrations:

#### Scenario:

Upon conclusion of the current Senior Undergraduate exercise for AY2010/2011 stay, it is determined that the cut-off is **34\*** CCA points. The following returning SEP students applies for housing.

(\***Impt Note:** CCA cut-off is based on last successful applicant who has been allocated housing. This is an example and is not the actual CCA cut-off for AY2010/2011).

**Student A:** Tirone Z. leaves for SEP in Semester 1 AY2009/2010 and returns in Semester 2. He applies for Semester 2 room request but was unsuccessful and rents a private room. He earns 20 points in Semester 2 AY2009/2010. He submits an online application for housing in Feb/Mar 2010 under the Senior Undergraduate exercise.

| SEP Period  | CCA Points Earned  | Cut-off         | Accommodation Results                                     |
|-------------|--------------------|-----------------|---|
| Sem 1, 2009 | 20 for Sem 2, 2009 | 17 (Half of 34) | Qualify for accommodation.<br>May check in from Aug 2010. |

**Student B:** Amanda T. earns 18 points in Semester 1 AY2009/2010 and leaves for SEP in Semester 2. She submits an online application for housing in Feb/Mar 2010 under the Senior Undergraduate exercise.

| SEP Period  | CCA Points Earned  | Cut-off         | Accommodation Results                                     |
|-------------|--------------------|-----------------|---|
| Sem 2, 2009 | 18 for Sem 1, 2009 | 17 (Half of 34) | Qualify for accommodation.<br>May check in from Aug 2010. |

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**Student C:** Alex L. left for SEP in Semester 1 AY2009/2010 for one whole Academic Year. He earned 45 CCA points in AY2008/2009. He submits an online application for housing in Feb/Mar 2010 under the Senior Undergraduate exercise before his return to NUS.

| SEP/NOC Period | CCA Points Earned     | Cut-off | Accommodation Results                                |
|----------------|-----------------------|---------|--|
| AY2009/2010    | 45 (from AY2008/2009) | 34      | Qualify for accommodation. May check in August 2010. |

As University accommodation is limited, we are unable to guarantee accommodation to all Returning SEP/NOC students. CCA Points is still a factor to consider. This revised system accords greater recognition to CCAs undertaken by students before their departure for SEP/NOC, and is more realistic for returning SEP/NOC students to compete for a hostel place. We hope that these new guidelines will facilitate SEP/NOC students to plan their housing needs **in advance**.

With the implementation of the new guidelines, the current Returning SEP Accommodation Exercises will be discontinued from AY2010/2011 onwards. All Senior Undergraduates are advised to submit an application during the Senior Undergraduate Accommodation Exercise scheduled for Feb-March 2010, if they wish to secure hostel accommodation for AY2010/2011.

Enquiries may be directed to [www.nus.edu.sg/osa/housing/faq/ug.html](http://www.nus.edu.sg/osa/housing/faq/ug.html)

Thank you.

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