

Wait List Q & A

Jun-10

What is a wait list?

When the demand for housing exceeds available bed spaces, a wait list is established for male and female students who have submitted a completed Contract. This year, the [Freshmen] wait list was established May 16th.

How is the wait list established?

Our wait list is established by the date of deposit of each Contract (the day we receive your **completed** Contract).

How does the wait list work?

Once your name is at the top of our wait list, you will be assigned a space in one of our residence halls and we will notify you, in writing, of that change.

How do spaces become available?

There are a few ways that spaces become available in our housing system:

- a. We continue to receive cancellations from students who already have housing assignments for Fall. As we process these cancellations, those spaces become open for reassignment.
- b. University dismissals are processed in the middle of July. Once our office is notified of a dismissal, the student's Contract is cancelled and that bed space is reassigned.
- c. Our office will initiate telephone contact in July with **all** residence hall students who have submitted a Fall Contract to confirm that each student is still intending to reside on campus. Through this one-to-one outreach with both returning and new students, we expect to identify a small number of students who wish to cancel their assignments.
- d. Residence Life and Housing will work in conjunction with Student Financials to identify those students who have an outstanding balance which prevents them from enrolling for Fall classes. Students who are unable to reconcile a past balance may have their Contracts cancelled.
- e. Residence Life and Housing will work in conjunction with the Registrar's Office and New Student Orientation to verify all contracted students are registered for minimally 12 credit hours or have a future orientation scheduled.

What are my chances of getting a space before the first day of class?

It is too early for us to predict your chances. We cannot guarantee that you will be assigned a space. It all depends on the number of cancellations we receive between now and the start of the academic year. Unfortunately, we cannot predict when a student will cancel their Contract with us. The number of and reasons for cancellations vary from year to year. However, we would be happy to provide you with updates on your status after the August assignment mailing.

If I am a Freshman and not automatically exempt and there is a wait list, do I still have to submit an Exemption Petition?

No.

How long should I wait before I cancel my Housing Contract?

That decision is completely up to the student. Since we cannot **guarantee** you a space for Fall, you may want to look at other options off campus if you do not feel comfortable waiting. Information about off-campus housing is available at Off-Campus Student Services website (<http://www.uakron.edu/studentlife/commcent/offcamhous.php>) or at 330-972-8690.

What if I decide to cancel my Housing Contract?

If you are currently on the wait list and choose to cancel your Housing Contract before the start of the semester and prior to being assigned a space, we will refund your \$150 prepayment, if paid in advance, regardless of your cancellation date.

Our process of moving students up the wait list occurs as quickly as possible. However, please understand there may be days when we have no changes to our wait list.