

Guidelines for Limited use of Temporary Residential Facility (TRF)

Faculty of Natural Sciences

The use of TRF facilities for students was suspended due to COVID19 pandemic as on-site physical academic activities including final examinations were suspended during this period. However, some faculties have recently started conducting on-site academic activities. Faculties conduct the Final Examinations and Continuous Assessment tests in all regional and study centres to avoid students having to travel long distances. However, there are some activities such as laboratory sessions that are conducted only in Colombo and in a few cases other regional centres. In order to minimise any inconvenience caused to students traveling from other provinces, it was decided to provide facilities only to such students. However, in order to ensure a safe and secure environment, the following guidelines have to be followed at all times. This limited use of TRF facility will be available from 1st May 2021 onward.

1. Until further instructions from Health Authorities, only 1 student will be assigned per room
2. After each student leaves, the rooms will be cleaned and sanitized.
3. TRF will be available only in the Colombo Regional Centre and only for students who reside outside the Western Province (i.e., Colombo, Gampaha and Kalutara Districts) and residence is beyond 50 kilometres from Nawala.
4. When there are more applications from students than available rooms, students who are living farthest will be given preference.
5. Any student who satisfies the criteria to use the TRF and wishes to make use of the TRF facility must inform the relevant course coordinator (should request through Learn OUSL when booking practical groups for relevant courses.) The course coordinator will submit a list of such students with the recommendation of the Head of the Department to the Senior Assistant Registrar, Student Affairs and Welfare Division (SAR/SAWD) at least 7 days prior to the first day of the intended stay . The Student Affairs Division will submit the list of students eligible to use the TRF facility to the Deputy Vice-Chancellor for approval.
6. Applicants whose applications are approved by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, on a first come first served basis, will be allowed to use the TRF.
7. A student who is traveling from a distant province and expects to arrive at the TRF after 9.00 pm should indicate the same in the application and communicate with sufficient time in advance (at least 24 hours).
8. According to the existing health guidelines, only a limited number of students can be provided facilities. Therefore, the submission of an application does not guarantee the availability of the TRF.
9. Students will be allowed to use the facility only for laboratory classes, design classes, and other practical sessions that are conducted only in the Colombo Regional Centre. TRF will not be available for those students sitting examinations as examinations are expected to be conducted in all centres.
10. Students must abide by all specified health guidelines when inside the TRF. Strict action will be taken against those students who violate specified health guidelines.
11. The payments for the use of TRF could be done on a daily basis to the sub wardens of the TRF and obtain a receipt.