



## Equipment required for 'homestay accommodation'<sup>1</sup>



To correspond to the 'homestay accommodation' category, you have to fulfil the following obligations as regards equipment, among others.

### WELCOME, PRIVATE BEDROOM, INFORMATION, CARE

- The establishment contains between one and five bedrooms.
- In addition to the bedroom, an area in the operator's home or an annexe adjoining this home is accessible to guests. The operator is at the guests' disposal in this area.
- All the bedrooms used as tourist accommodation have an identified entrance door that can be locked.
- In the bedrooms, the media (A4 documents, for example) on which the safety instructions and information about the rates charged for any services provided are displayed are visible, clean and in good condition. The information is available at least in French, Dutch and English.
- Each establishment has a first-aid kit accessible to tourists.
- If the homestay accommodation uses the term 'guest room'**, the operator or the person in charge of the day-to-day management provides breakfast for tourists in the bedroom, in the operator's home or in an adjoining annexe. If the establishment has a space intended for breakfast, this space contains at least one chair per sleeping place in the establishment and one or more matching tables.

### LIGHTING, ELECTRICITY, HEATING AND VENTILATION

- All the bedrooms used as accommodation and the areas in the establishment accessible to tourists have adequate general electric lighting (100 lx).
- All the bedrooms used as accommodation have a main light switch at the entrance to the room. The main light can also be controlled from the beds.
- There is at least one window in the bedroom. Either the window can be opened or a ventilation or air-conditioning system is installed. The windows have opaque curtains or similar equipment. They also have translucent curtains or equipment serving an identical purpose.
- At least one power socket is available in the bedroom.

### BEDS AND FURNITURE

- The number of sleeping places in the homestay accommodation corresponds to its indicated capacity. A sofa bed, bunk beds, a foldaway bed, a wall bed or similar equipment are considered to be beds offering sleeping places.
- The beds are equipped with a mattress, a mattress cover, a pillow and bedding that fits the beds.

<sup>1</sup> hébergement chez l'habitant/logies bij de bewoner

- The bedroom contains the following furniture:
  - a wardrobe or similar space equipped to be used to hang clothing and keep underwear, with a least two coat hangers per person;
  - one seat per person. If the room has a maximum capacity of more than two people, two seats are sufficient;
  - if the establishment does not have a breakfast area, there is one chair per person and a table. The chair is considered to be a seat as referred to above;
  - a wastepaper basket.

## PRIVATE OR SHARED BATHROOM FACILITIES

Either the bedrooms are equipped with private bathroom facilities or the establishment has one or more shared bathrooms and at least one separate toilet area.

- Each bathroom, whether private or shared, has at least the following equipment:
  - adequate general electric lighting (100 lx);
  - a window or ventilation grid that can be opened or a mechanical ventilation system;
  - a bath or a shower with hot and cold running drinking water, available 24/24. The bath has a plug or a comparable mechanism;
  - a washbasin with hot and cold running drinking water, available 24/24;
  - a facility near the washbasin with storage areas;
  - a washbasin mirror;
  - electric lighting for the washbasin (approx. 200 lx);
  - a small waste bin;
  - when there is a window in the bathroom, a mechanism linked to the window can be used to conceal it from view temporarily.

### Private bathroom facilities

- When the bedroom has private bathroom facilities, the private bathroom and toilet area of the bedroom are either directly connected to the bedroom or are laid out in the home or in the annexe of the latter which can be locked. If they are not directly connected to the bedroom, the bathroom facilities are indicated and identified by a clearly visible pictogram associating them with the bedroom.
- In addition to the equipment listed above, the private bathroom of the bedroom contains:
  - one beaker or glass per guest;
  - one hand towel per guest;
  - one bath towel per guest.
- The private toilet area can be part of the same space as the private bathroom. It has:
  - at least one seat with rim and flush;
  - toilet paper (at least one new, spare roll);
  - a small waste bin;
  - adequate general electric lighting (100 lx);
  - a window or ventilation grid that can be opened or a mechanical ventilation system.

### Shared bathroom facilities

When the bedrooms do not have private bathroom facilities, the establishment contains shared bathroom facilities.

- The shared bathroom facilities serve a maximum of three bedrooms. These bathroom facilities may be shared with the occupant of the home.
- An arrangement is made between the occupants of bedrooms with a shared bathroom and the operator regarding the use of this facility.

- In addition to the equipment listed above, each shared bathroom contains
  - a chair or comparable equipment for sitting on.
- If the bathroom facilities are shared, the establishment has at least one toilet area
  - separate and apart from the shared bathroom;
  - installed in an area of the home that can be locked or in an annexe to the latter;
  - indicated by a clearly visible pictogram.
- This separate toilet area is equipped with:
  - at least one seat with rim and flush;
  - toilet paper (at least one new, spare roll);
  - a small waste bin.
- The shared bathroom facilities are cleaned daily.

## MORE INFO

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