



PRESS STATEMENT

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TEMPORARY HOLD ON PROPOSED INCREMENT OF PRIVATE STUDENT HOSTEL FEES FOR THE YEAR 2026/2027 ACADEMIC YEAR AND INVITATION TO STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

The Office of the Rent Commissioner and the Rent Control Department have, in recent times, taken note of the increasing concerns regarding the continuous hikes in hostel accommodation fees across private hostels within and around Tertiary Institutions in the country.

These persistent increments have become a matter of urgent public concern due to the economic burden placed on students, parents, and guardians. The situation, if not properly regulated and managed, may adversely affect access to accommodation and the general welfare of students pursuing higher education.

In view of the above, the Office of the Rent Commissioner, together with the Rent Control Department, hereby directs all private hostel owners, facility managers, operators, and stake-holders within the student accommodation sector to place a TEMPORAL HOLD on all or any intended or proposed increment in hostel accommodation fees for 2026/2027 academic year until further notice.

Furthermore, all private hostel facility owners, managers, operators, student representative bodies, Tertiary Institution authorities and relevant stakeholders are hereby invited to a stakeholder engagement meeting to discuss the current development within the student accommodation sector and to collectively deliberate on sustainable, fair and lawful measures regarding hostel pricing and standards.

The meeting will also provide an opportunity for stakeholders to:

- Discuss concerns relating to hostel fees increments,
- Review compliance with existing rent regulations and consumer protection provisions
- Explore practical solutions to ensure affordability and fairness
- Promote transparency and accountability within the student hostel accommodation sector.

All stakeholders are strongly encouraged to attend and cooperate fully with the directive in the interest of students, parents, educational institutions and national development.

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