



Taxes and allowances

DigiD signature

To apply for allowances, tax exemptions or to take care of any official matters in the Netherlands, you need a digital signature known as 'DigiD'. You can find more information about DigiD on the [Amsterdam website](#).

Municipal taxes

These taxes are used to pay for all sorts of provisions in the city. By paying tax, all residents from Amsterdam deliver a contribution to the city. Taxes are not included in the rent. You will be responsible for paying these taxes, which the local authorities impose on all residents.

There are two types of taxes that apply to the UvA Longstay accommodations:

1. [Dienst Belasting Gemeente Amsterdam](#)
The municipality collects a number of taxes directly from the citizens. Every household in Amsterdam pays a waste collection charge (*afvalstoffenheffing*) for the collection and processing of household rubbish.
2. [Waternet Hoogheemraadschap Amstel, Gooi en Vecht](#)
For water purification and to protect the land against flooding, every citizen has to pay a pollution levy (*verontreinigingsheffing*) and water board tax (*waterschapsbelasting*).

If you are unable to pay the taxes, you can request a remission from the Amsterdam Tax Department. You qualify for an exemption if your monthly grant/salary is below or around the amounts listed here:

- Couples or shared (combined salary/grant): €1418
- Single parent: €993
- Single: €993

[More information on municipal taxes and exemptions can be found here.](#)

If your waiver request is denied, you must pay the tax. If you cannot pay this all at once, you can call the Tax Department (020 255 4800) to ask to pay in installments.

Rent allowance

If your income is below a certain government-determined income threshold, you can apply for rent allowance. You can find more information on rent allowance the [Amsterdam website](#).