



Rumah Kediaman Siswa, Universiti Malaya

Jabatan Strategik dan Ekosistem Penginapan Pelajar (JSEPP)

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How we *ran it*.

The full report on how Rumah Kediaman Siswa places were decided this session: the process, every change and why, and what the rubric produced.

APPLICATIONS

283 received, 13 to 15 August 2026

PLACES

50 offered, 25 on each list

THIS DOCUMENT

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Fifty beds. 283 applications. *One published rule.*

Every applicant was scored on the same six criteria, published before the form opened and frozen while it was open. This report sets out how that was done, what changed along the way and why, and what the rubric produced. Its companion, **How We Choose**, sets out every band and the reason for it.

283

applications received, both lists together

50

places offered, 25 women and 25 men

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correction asked for in the 48 hour window, and upheld. Neither cut off moved.

69.4

cut off, women's list: the mark of the last applicant offered a place

56.0

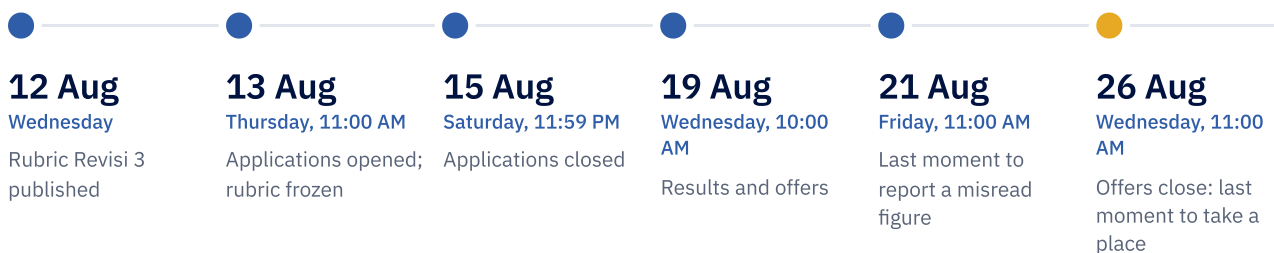
cut off, men's list

RM1,000

median household income of those offered a place, against RM4,500 for all applicants

Where the other beds went. RKS has 84 beds across six houses, 14 in each. The 50 places above were the ones open to new applicants. The remaining beds were allocated to JK RKS members and to existing residents who renewed for valid reasons, all of whom had already been accepted. At any time an estimated one to four rooms are also closed while a problem in the room is fixed.

Key dates



From a published rule *to a bed*.

1

The rule went up first

Rubric Revisi 3 was published on 12 August 2026, before anyone could apply, so it could be argued with while arguing was still fair. Where something on it was wrong it was corrected in public, with the time of each correction listed. From 11:00 AM on 13 August it was frozen.

2

One form, every document with it

Every document is uploaded with the form: four required of everyone and nine more depending on the applicant's situation, all listed before the form opened. Nothing is asked for afterwards, because a request landing on a weekend for a letter that takes a working day to obtain costs the place at exactly the wrong moment.

3

Declarations read against documents

Each claim is marked only where a readable document supports it. A claim without one is not marked and the application competes on the lower score. Where an applicant needed to be reached, the published rule was three attempts across 12 hours, followed by a WhatsApp message stating the deadline as a date and a time.

4

The same reading rules for everyone

Where a form contradicted itself, published reading rules settled it, applied to every application in both directions with no discretion. Where a gap was the committee's fault, the applicant was not marked down for it (see the change log, 19 August).

5

Scored, then ranked on two lists

Each application was scored out of 100 and ranked on the women's or men's list. The written answer was read only at shortlist, to break ties inside the same score band.

6

Results to each applicant privately

On 19 August at 10:00 AM each applicant could read their total, their six criterion marks, their had kifayah and nisbah, and whether they were offered a place, by entering their matric and identity card numbers. Results were not emailed. The file is encrypted record by record, so nobody holding it can read a line without both numbers for that person.

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The whole spread published

The same morning, the distribution of every mark on both lists and the cut off on each went up at rksum.my/statistik, in bands of ten marks.

8

48 hours to report a misread figure

Until 11:00 AM on 21 August, any applicant could point at a figure entered or read wrongly. An upheld correction is seated from the reserve list. No offer already made is withdrawn from anybody.

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Taking a place

Joining the resident WhatsApp group, linked on the applicant's own result, before 11:00 AM on 26 August is the whole of accepting. Not joining by then is declining, and the bed goes down the reserve list.

Six things that make a favour impossible to grant

01

Published before anyone applies

A band can only be moved before anybody can see who moving it would help.

02

Every mark off a document

A declaration a document does not support is dropped rather than argued about.

03

No discretionary mark

No bonus, no adjustment, no field where a member can add points. There is no seventh criterion.

04

Public arithmetic

The calculator runs the same bands, so any applicant can compare their own sum with ours.

05

The essay cannot move a mark

A good writer cannot climb past someone in more need.

06

Nobody can sell a bed

Applying is free. Rent is paid only after an offer, only through UM E Pay. Anyone offering to arrange a place cannot.

Everything that changed, *and when.*

Corrections were listed rather than quietly swapped in. Between 13 August at 11:00 AM and the end of scoring, no criterion, band or weight was edited, and the rubric everybody was scored against stayed Revisi 3.

11 August 2026

- The department that provides the houses was named correctly: Jabatan Strategik dan Ekosistem Penginapan Pelajar, JSEPP, under the student affairs portfolio.
- Rent is due on the 25th, as in Klausa 4.2 of the tenancy agreement, not the 30th.
- The men's houses have four bedrooms, not five. The extra room in RKS 4 and RKS 5 is closed.
- The site stopped showing the total beds across all six houses and showed the places actually open. Most beds are held by residents staying on, so the total overstated anyone's chances.

12 August 2026

- Places open set at 50, 25 on each list. An earlier version said 52.
- The needs ratio now states that the OKU, chronic illness and childcare counts include the head of the household.
- Declaring no household income at all needs a document, like any other figure.

13 August 2026, before the form opened at 11:00 AM

- **3:10 AM.** Results were split from offers by 48 hours so a correction would never cost somebody else their place. This was reversed on 19 August; see below.
- **3:14 AM.** Every document is uploaded with the form, so nothing is asked of an applicant afterwards.
- **3:19 AM.** Anything declared without a readable document is not marked. Identical for every applicant; nobody can waive it.
- **3:22 AM.** Verification contact: three attempts across 12 hours, never one, because patchy coverage and a shared phone track poverty closely.
- **5:15 AM.** Criterion 4 changed from a travel time nobody could check to road distance in kilometres from Google Maps, with a sea crossing as the top band. Still worth 18; the rubric still totals 100.
- The allowance question now covers money transferred, cash handed over, and rent or bills paid on the student's behalf. The income question now tells business, farming, fishing and e hailing households what to enter.
- The document for a parent unable to work now names what proves it. A diagnosis alone was never the thing being asked.

16 August 2026, after the form closed

- Results moved from Monday 17 to Wednesday 19 August. The intake was far larger than planned, and documents are checked against declarations before any mark is published. No criterion, band or weight

changed.

19 August 2026, results morning

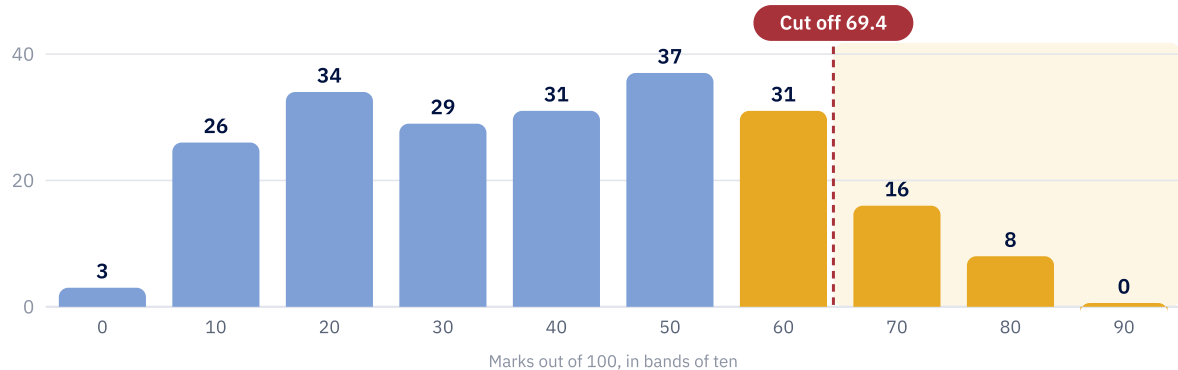
- Offers went out with the results instead of 48 hours later. The 48 hour gap existed to catch misreads before any bed was given away, and that check had been run before marks were published. The correction window itself did not move.
- Applicants got a week to accept, until 26 August, not two days. Committing to RM170 a month means reaching a parent first.
- Joining the resident WhatsApp group became the way to take a place, replacing a separate accept step.
- Results time moved from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM, then to 10:00 AM once the site was built and checked.
- Reading rule for contradictory forms: 134 of 283 applications gave a household total that contradicted their own category breakdown, and 121 of those listed more people in the breakdown than in the total. Where the two disagree, the declared total is used.
- 106 applicants claimed Sumbangan Tunai Rahmah with no document because the form never gave STR an upload field. That was the committee's build, not their oversight, and every one of those claims was scored in full.
- Criterion 3 was renamed from "ability to pay for accommodation" to "monthly living allowance and assistance", because the old name was read backwards. No band, figure or mark moved.

Every mark, *in bands of ten*.

Every application to the right of each cut off was offered a place and every application to the left was not. The line sits where the places ran out, not where anyone aimed it.

Women's list, RKS 1 to 3

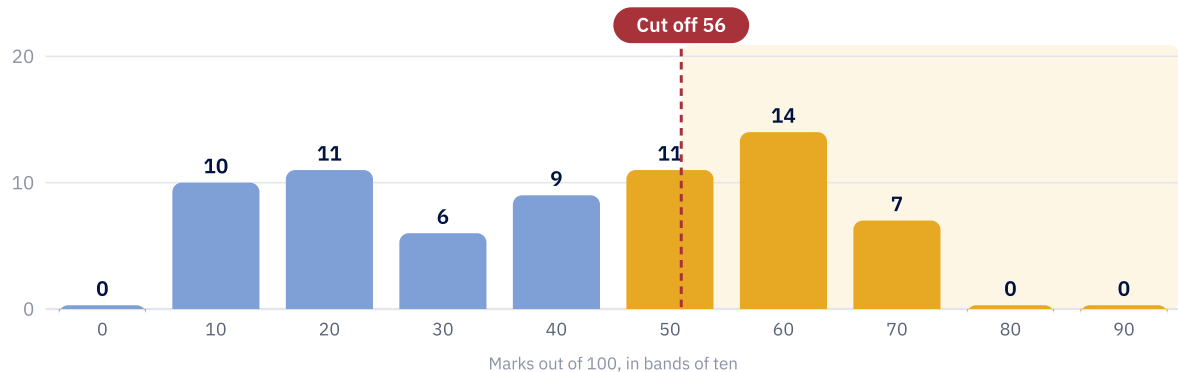
215 applications · 25 places · highest 85.6 · median 45.0 · lowest 7.0



Each column is a band of ten marks. Yellow columns contain the cut off or sit above it.

Men's list, RKS 4 to 6

68 applications · 25 places · highest 79.5 · median 48.3 · lowest 12.0



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24 of 25

women offered a place live below their household's kifayah line

20 of 25

men offered a place live below their household's kifayah line

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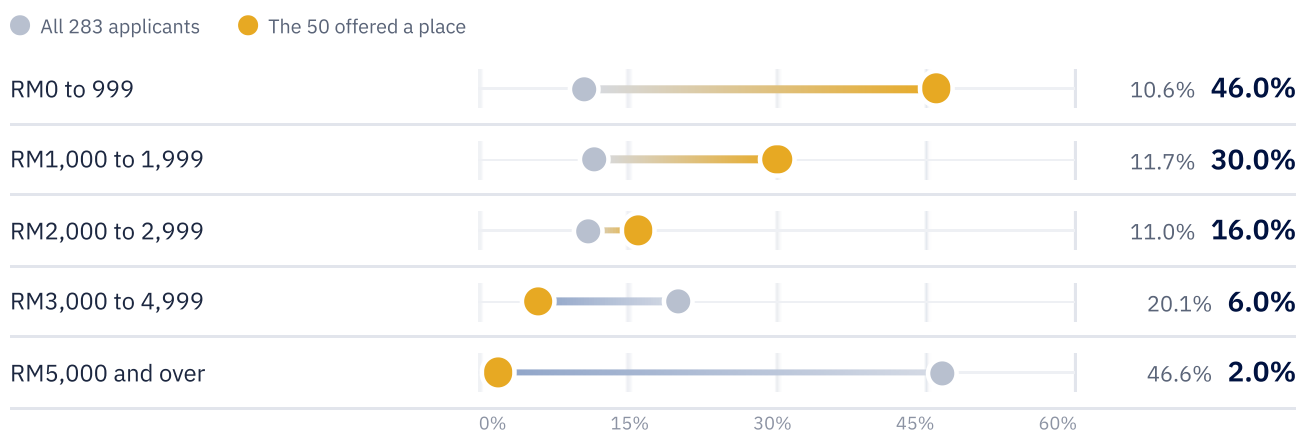
applicants living under 20 km from UM offered a place

All 283, *beside the fifty.*

RKS is need based housing, so the shortest test of the rubric is whether those offered a place are the households with least. The figures below compare all 283 applicants with the 50 offered a place. Each is a share of its own group. Any category with fewer than five applicants is folded into another before it is published.

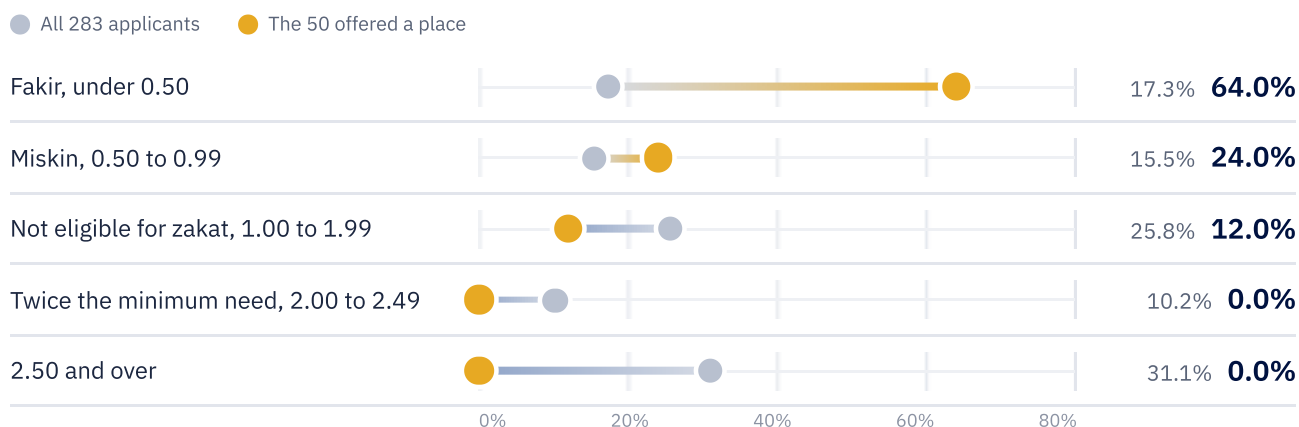
Gross household income

Households under RM2,000 a month are 22.3 per cent of applicants and 76 per cent of those offered a place.



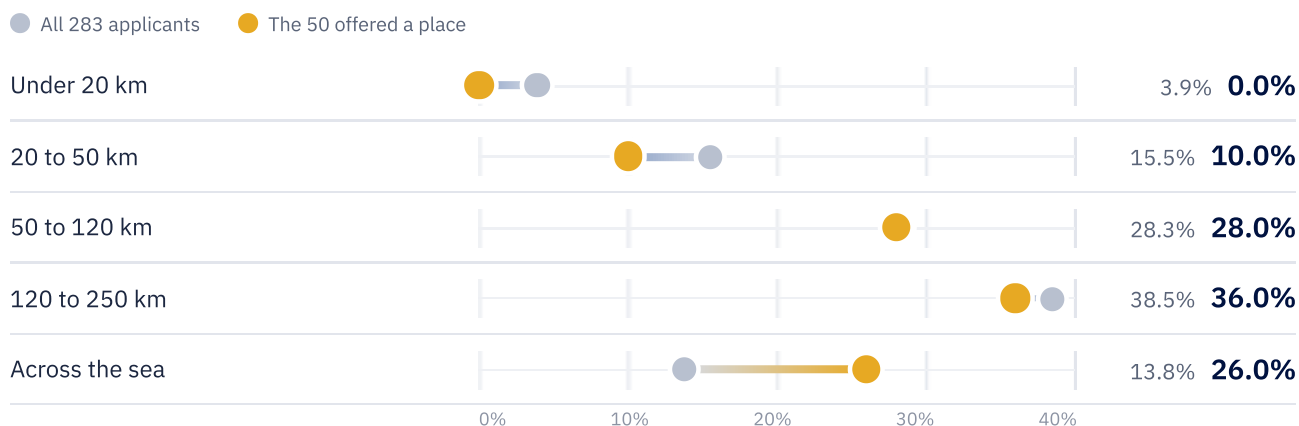
Needs ratio

Income divided by the household's own kifayah line. The 0.50 and 1.00 thresholds are Lembaga Zakat Selangor's.



How far home is

Applicants who must cross the sea to get home went from 13.8 per cent of the field to 26 per cent of the fifty.



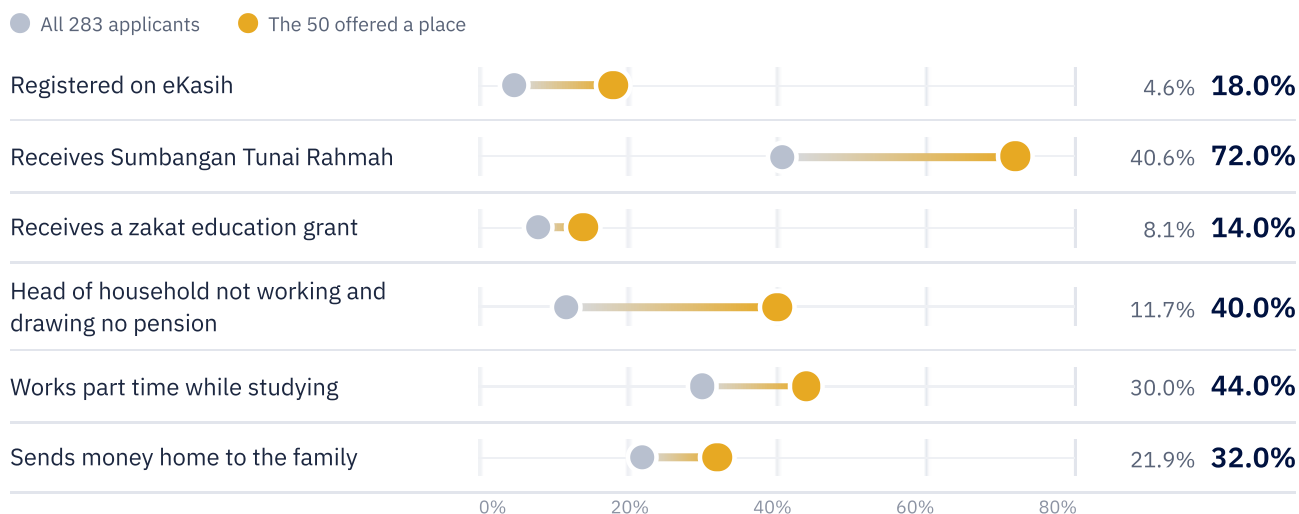
Who is at home to carry the cost

The needs ratio sees only a total. This criterion sees whether an adult is keeping the student going.



Signals that a third party has already checked

Each row is something an outside body has assessed and recorded, which is why the rubric leans on them.



The correction window

48 hours from results, until Friday 21 August 2026, 11:00 AM

Corrections asked for	1
Corrections upheld, and the score changed	1
Did a correction move either cut off	No

The window is for a figure entered or read wrongly. It is not an appeal against the rubric, not a chance to add a document that was not uploaded, and not a way to change an answer.

What is not in this report, and never will be

- No names, matric numbers, faculties or photographs.
- Nobody's household income, household size, assistance status or documents.
- No individual's rank and no list of scores one by one.
- Nothing that lets one applicant work out another's circumstances. A band of ten marks is the finest grain any result is published at. Much of what the form collects is sensitive personal data under the Personal Data Protection Act 2010, and openness about the method is never a licence to expose the people it was applied to.

What a rubric cannot do

A fairer way of choosing does not make a single extra bed. Most people who applied needed a room, told us something difficult about home to ask for one, and did not get one. We are sorry. What we could do was make the decision checkable and say plainly that the shortage is the real problem. That work continues at rksm.my/usaha.

If you have nowhere to sleep, do not wait for any housing list: Kaunselor UM and HEP Bahagian Kebajikan act faster than any allocation. Housing help, whatever the result: rksm.my/penginapan

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