

How can a student request to have an ESA in on-campus housing?

To be considered for a disability-related housing accommodation, Texas A&M University-Kingsville requires:

- ❖ The student will need to follow the accommodation process by submitting an application and documentation for review in the AIM portal.
- ❖ Submit documentation of the student's current condition from the treating clinical professional or health care provider. This provider must be thoroughly familiar with the student's condition and functional limitations and must make a direct connection to the requested accommodation based on the student's current functional limitations. This provider may not be a relative of the student.
(<https://www.hud.gov/sites/documents/huddojstatement.pdf>)
- ❖ The Disability Resource Center discourages paying individuals found on websites for certificates or template letters. As per the guidance document by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD):
<https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/PA/documents/HUDAsstAnimalNC1-28-2020.pdf>

"Some websites sell certificates, registrations, and licensing documents for assistance animals to anyone who answers certain questions or participates in a short interview and pays a fee."

*****In HUD's experience, such documentation from the internet is not, by itself, sufficient to reliably establish that an individual has a non-observable disability or disability-related need for an assistance animal".***