

Living & Working In Medway Q & A's

Q: How much can I expect to pay per month for accommodation?

A: Rental costs vary depending on what sort of accommodation you are looking for and in which area. For a room in a house share you can expect to pay between £350 and £450 per calendar month. For a 1 bedroom flat you can expect to pay in the region of £550 - £750 per month and for a 2/3 bedroom house you can expect to pay in the region of £850 - £1,200 per calendar month.

Q: How long will it take me to get into London?

A: the road and rail links to London from Medway are very good. There is a frequent high speed rail link into St Pancras International from all the towns in Medway. From Strood the journey takes 35 minutes into the centre of London.

Q: Where and what is 'Medway'?

A: Medway is the largest urban conurbation in the South-East outside of London, in the north of the county of Kent. Its local services are administered by a unitary council. The council was formed in 1998 following local government reorganisation. There are around 275,000 people living in the area.

Q: How far is Medway from the coast?

A: The Kent coast is around 45 minutes to 1 hour from Medway via road or rail, depending on which towns you want to visit. We are just under an hour from the Channel Tunnel at Folkestone, the crossing to France, and gateway to Europe, takes 30 minutes. You are also able to catch the Eurostar to Paris or Brussels from Ebbsfleet International station which is 20 minutes from Medway.

Q: How far are the major airports from Medway?

A: There are a number of international airports around 1 – 1.5 hour drive from Medway – London Gatwick, London Heathrow, Stansted, London City Airport

Q: What is there to see & do in Medway for a young Australian?

A: Depends on what you are interested in, plenty of history, 2 castles, Chatham Historic dockyard, Rochester, Charles Dickens home. Lots of festivals, concerts, country parks, sports facilities, retail therapy at Bluewater (20 minute drive from Medway). [Check out the Enjoy Medway Website](#)

Q: How much does a teacher get paid in Medway?

A: Most Medway schools follow the Teachers National pay and conditions document but some academies have their own pay structure, you will need to check with the school at interview. [School Teachers national terms and conditions document can be found here](#)

Q: How many children and schools are there in Medway?

A: Children and young people under the age of 20 years make up 25.4% of the population of Medway. 22.1% of school children are from a minority ethnic group.

There are different types of schools, some are maintained by the local council, whilst others are 'academies' which are responsible for their own administration.

The current numbers of schools in Medway are:

Phase	Number of academies	Number of maintained	Total schools in phase	Percentage of academies
Primary	32	47	79	41%
Secondary	17	1	18	94%
Special	4	1	5	80%
Pupil referral units	0	2	2	0%
Total	53	51	103*	51%

*Total is 103 rather than 104 because Hundred of Hoo is an all-through school, and so appears in both the primary and secondary phase of the table.

Medway operates within a selective education system. There are six selective (grammar) secondary schools. These are: Chatham Grammar School for Boys (*to be known as Holcome Grammar School from 2017*); Chatham Grammar School for Girls; Fort Pitt Grammar School; Rainham Mark Grammar School; Sir Joseph Williamson's Mathematical School; The Rochester Grammar School. The Howard School (Foundation School) also provides places in a grammar stream for children assessed as suitable for admission to a Medway grammar school.

Around 25% of Medway's children are selected for places at grammar schools: 23% at test stage and a further 2% following reviews and appeals.

Q: Where do you recommend the teachers live in Medway?

A: Where you live will depend on where you are working, how you are going to get to work, your budget, if you are going to be sharing etc. Please see our information on [how to choose accommodation that's right for you](#).

Q: How can I find out what housing is available in the Medway area?

A: A good place to start is www.rightmove.co.uk which lists properties for rent from a number of estate agents in the local area. Put in ME7 postcode in the search box and a radius of 3 miles and the properties within Medway will show up.

See links below to 'You Tube' videos of overseas teachers talking about working and living in Medway

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WafNbaXynmA>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m9v5XoBoWMc>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v1O6wPelvtU>