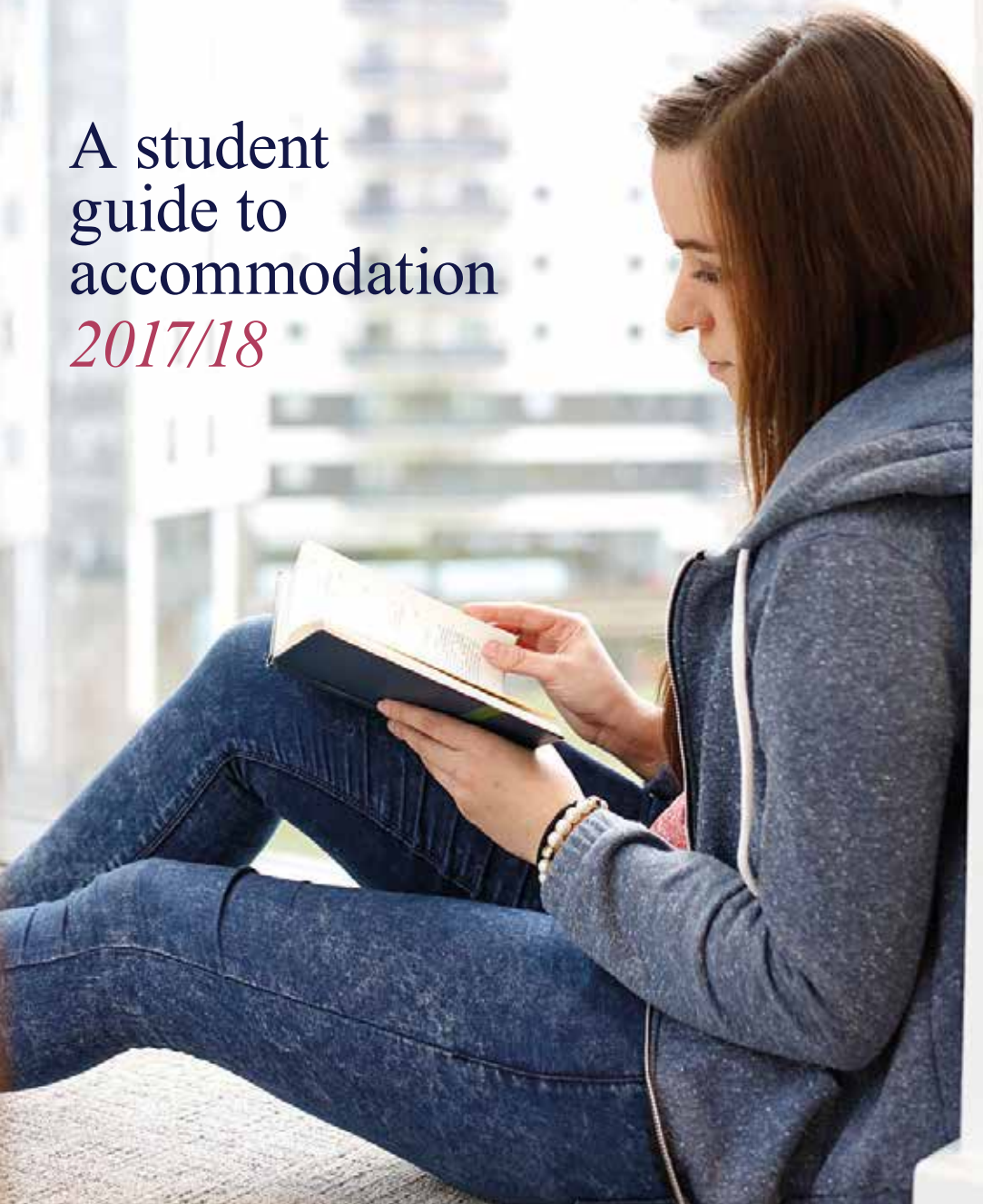




BIRMINGHAM CITY
University

A student
guide to
accommodation
2017/18



Welcome

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all prospective students. Here at Accommodation Services we are committed to assisting students in the transition from home to university life. We offer support for both new students and those returning to our accommodation for second and subsequent years.

The University offers accommodation in University owned and University Partner halls of residence at various locations throughout Birmingham. All University halls are offered on a minimum 39 week contract; University Partner accommodation is offered on a minimum 40 week contract unless otherwise stated.

The range of accommodation we offer includes standard and en suite rooms, suitable for undergraduate and postgraduate students. For students with special requirements we have accessible purpose-built rooms at some of the halls of residence. Further information is available on request.

I hope you find this booklet helpful in terms of giving information about accommodation at Birmingham City University. For up-to-date information please visit our website at www.bcu.ac.uk/accommodation.



Jane Grimmett
Assistant Director
Estates and Facilities

Why choose halls of residence?

Please note there may be some minor variations on each campus.

- 24/7 security personnel patrol the campuses.
- CCTV on all campuses.
- Heating in all rooms.
- Energy costs included in accommodation fees (some are capped in some partner provider halls and further charges could be incurred).
- Telephone in all study bedrooms for internal calls to Security and Accommodation Office (only available at City North Student Village).
- Free basic package internet connection socket and wi-fi (upgrades are available).
- Resident Student Assistants on hand to facilitate your introduction to the halls of residence and assist you throughout the academic year.
- Accommodation staff available on all campuses during office hours.
- Central management of all University halls of residence by Accommodation Services.

- Accommodation Services' commitment to quality.

What can you expect in your accommodation?

While there are some minor variations on each campus, a standard room is furnished with:

- bed, mattress and mattress cover (you will need to bring your own bed linen)
- curtains/blind
- wardrobe
- chest of drawers
- bookshelf
- study desk and chair
- mirror.

The majority of self-catering kitchens are equipped with the following:

- electric cooker
- fridge/freezer
- microwave
- kettle
- ironing board.

Each site has its own launderette.

Full details of the facilities available at each site can be found on the website.

University Locks



Postcode: B4 7XJ

Layout: Two bedroom non en suite flats, five to eight bedroom en suite flats

Facilities: Shared kitchen/lounge per flat including a TV. Common room with a TV.

Location: Based next to the City Centre Campus

This accommodation is a University Partner Accommodation Provider

Cost for academic year 2017/18*:

2 bedroom flats
(40 week contract) - weekly cost £138 (per bedroom) Annual cost £5,520 (per bedroom)
(51 week contract) - weekly cost £132 (per bedroom) Annual cost £6,732 (per bedroom)

Shared flats
(40 week contract) Single en suite bedroom - weekly cost £136 Annual cost £5,440
(51 week contract) Single en suite bedroom - weekly cost £130 Annual cost £6,630

*Costs indicated are indicative

Campus distances

University Locks to:

Campus	Distance	Driving	Walking
Birmingham Conservatoire	0.2 miles	2 minutes	3 minutes
City Centre Campus	0.2 miles	2 minutes	3 minutes
Margaret Street (B'ham School of Art)	0.9 miles	7 minutes	16 minutes
Vittoria Street (School of Jewellery)	1.2 miles	9 minutes	20 minutes
City South Campus	2.1 miles	12 minutes	35 minutes
City North Campus	2.6 miles	9 minutes	41 minutes
Bournville (BCUIC)	4.7 miles	22 minutes	1 hr 14 minutes

Please note that the times indicated are subject to the time of day and peak-time travel may add 15 - 30 minutes to your journey. For further bus information, please visit www.nxbus.co.uk.

Oscott Gardens

City North Student Village



Postcode: B42 2SU

Layout: Five to eight-bedroom flats

Facilities: En suite bedrooms, shared kitchen/lounge diner per flat

Location: Situated to the north of the city, housing primarily Education and City Centre Campus students. Access to "The Den" social and study space with a TV room, pool table and individual study areas. Priority is given to Education students.

Oscott Gardens is University Owned Accommodation

Cost for academic year 2017/2018*:

All rents for City North Student Village accommodation have been discounted per week to assist towards travel costs.

Free gym membership (maximum 9 months) at the Doug Ellis Sports Centre (on site).

40 week contract
Standard room – weekly cost £120 Annual cost £4,680
Large room – weekly cost (10 available) £127.50 Annual cost £4,972.50
Extra-large room – weekly cost (2 available) £132.50 Annual cost £5,167.50

*Costs indicated are indicative

Campus distances

Oscott Gardens to:

Campus	Distance	Driving	Walking
City North Campus	0.1 miles	1 minute	5 minutes
City Centre Campus	2.7 miles	13 minutes	40 minutes
Vittoria Street (School of Jewellery)	2.7 miles	14 minutes	43 minutes
Birmingham Conservatoire	2.9 miles	15 minutes	45 minutes
Margaret Street (B'ham School of Art)	3 miles	17 minutes	48 minutes
City South Campus	4.4 miles	19 minutes	1 hr 10 minutes
Bournville (BCUIC)	7.2 miles	33 minutes	1 hr 53 minutes

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The Coppice

City North Student Village



Postcode: B42 2SU

Layout: Six-bedroom flats

Facilities: Hand basin in each room, shared kitchen/dining room and a bathroom and shower room. Access to "The Den" social and study space with a TV room, pool table and individual study areas.

Location: Situated to the north of the city, housing primarily Education and City Centre Campus students. Priority is given to Education students.

The Coppice is University Owned Accommodation

Cost for academic year 2017/2018*:

All rents for City North Student Village accommodation have been discounted per week to assist towards travel costs.

Free gym membership (maximum 9 months) at the Doug Ellis Sports Centre (on site).

40 week contract

Standard room – weekly cost £93

Annual cost £3,720

*Costs indicated are indicative

Campus distances

The Coppice to:

Campus	Distance	Driving	Walking
City North Campus	0.1 miles	1 minute	5 minutes
City Centre Campus	2.7 miles	13 minutes	40 minutes
Vittoria Street (School of Jewellery)	2.7 miles	14 minutes	43 minutes
Birmingham Conservatoire	2.9 miles	15 minutes	45 minutes
Margaret Street (B'ham School of Art)	3 miles	17 minutes	48 minutes
City South Campus	4.4 miles	19 minutes	1 hr 10 minutes
Bournville (BCUIC)	7.2 miles	33 minutes	1 hr 53 minutes

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City South *Campus*



Postcode: B15 3TN

Layout: Oakmount Hall (34 rooms) and Westmount Hall (93 rooms) consist of flats ranging from four to 10 bedroom.

Facilities: Hand basin in each room, shared kitchen/dining room and bathroom areas per flat.

Location: Approximately two miles from the city centre and five miles from City North Campus. This site accommodates mostly students studying at City South Campus.

Cost for academic year 2017/18*:

Oakmount Hall – standard room – 40 week contract

Weekly cost £105.50

Annual cost £4220

Westmount Hall – standard room – 40 week contract

Weekly cost £104.50

Annual cost £4180

*Costs are indicative

Campus Distances

City South Campus to:

Campus	Distance	Driving	Walking
City North Campus	5.5 miles	19 minutes	1 hr 30 minutes
Vittoria Street (School of Jewellery)	2.5 miles	12 minutes	37 minutes
Margaret Street (School of Art)	2.8 miles	14 minutes	30 minutes
City Centre Campus	4.5 miles	17 minutes	54 minutes
Birmingham Conservatoire	2.7 miles	13 minutes	43 minutes
Bournville (BCUIC)	3.9 miles	16 minutes	1 hr 4 minutes

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Jennens *Court*



Postcode: B5 5JR

Layout: Three to six bedroom flats

Facilities: En suite bedrooms, shared kitchen/lounge per flat. Common room with TV.

Location: Based in the heart of the city centre next to our City Centre Campus

Jennens Court is a University Partner Accommodation Provider

Cost for academic year 2017/2018*:

43 week contract
Standard room – weekly cost £130
Annual cost £5,590

*Costs indicated are indicative

Campus distances

Jennens Court to:

Campus	Distance	Driving	Walking
Birmingham Conservatoire	0.2 miles	2 minutes	3 minutes
City Centre Campus	0.2 miles	2 minutes	3 minutes
Margaret Street (B'ham School of Art)	0.8 miles	7 minutes	18 minutes
Vittoria Street (School of Jewellery)	1.2 miles	9 minutes	20 minutes
City South Campus	2.1 miles	12 minutes	35 minutes
City North Campus	3.1 miles	10 minutes	49 minutes
Bournville (BCUIC)	4.7 miles	22 minutes	1 hr 13 minutes

Please note that the times indicated are subject to the time of day and peak-time travel may add 15 - 30 minutes to your journey. For further bus information, please visit www.nxbus.co.uk.

The *Heights*



Postcode: B4 7DR

Layout: Five bedroom flats

Facilities: En suite bedrooms, shared kitchen/lounge per flat. Common room with TV, free gym.

Location: Based in the heart of the city centre and just a 6 minute walk to the City Centre Campus

The Heights is a University Partner Accommodation Provider

Cost for academic year 2017/18*:

43 week contract

Standard room – weekly cost £126

Annual cost £5,418

*Costs indicated are indicative

Campus distances

The Heights to:

Campus	Distance	Driving	Walking
Birmingham Conservatoire	0.4 miles	6 minutes	10 minutes
City Centre Campus	0.5 miles	6 minutes	10 minutes
Margaret Street (B'ham School of Art)	0.8 miles	8 minutes	17 minutes
Vittoria Street (School of Jewellery)	1 mile	8 minutes	20 minutes
City South Campus	2.3 miles	15 minutes	36 minutes
City North Campus	2.4 miles	7 minutes	38 minutes
Bournville (BCUIC)	4.8 miles	23 minutes	1 hr 15 minutes

Please note that the times indicated are subject to the time of day and peak-time travel may add 15 - 30 minutes to your journey. For further bus information, please visit www.nxbus.co.uk.

Belgrave View: *campus living villages*



Postcode: B5 7AJ

Layout: Four to six bedroom flats

Facilities: En suite bedrooms, shared kitchen/lounge per flat. Common room with TV. Free gym and music practice rooms.

Location: Corner of Belgrave Middleway and Bristol Road with easy access to the city centre, within reasonable travelling distances from City South Campus, Birmingham Conservatoire and Birmingham School of Art's Margaret Street site. Priority is given to Health students.

Belgrave View is a University Partner Accommodation Provider

Cost for academic year 2017/2018*:

43 week contract
Standard room – weekly cost £120 Annual cost £5,160

51 week contract
Standard room – weekly cost £115 Annual cost £5,865

*Costs indicated are indicative

Campus distances

Belgrave View to:

Campus	Distance	Driving	Walking
Margaret Street (B'ham School of Art)	1.2 miles	9 minutes	22 minutes
City South Campus	1.3 miles	9 minutes	22 minutes
Birmingham Conservatoire	1.3 miles	9 minutes	22 minutes
City Centre Campus	1.4 miles	10 minutes	24 minutes
Vittoria Street (School of Jewellery)	1.6 miles	12 minutes	27 minutes
Bournville (BCUIC)	3.2 miles	20 minutes	52 minutes
City North Campus	3.9 miles	16 minutes	1 hr 3 minutes

Please note that the times indicated are subject to the time of day and peak-time travel may add 15 - 30 minutes to your journey. For further bus information, please visit www.nxbus.co.uk.

Curzon Gateway



Postcode: B4 7XE

Layout: Four to six bedroom flats

Facilities: En suite bedrooms, shared kitchen/lounge per flat. Common room with TV.

Location: Based in the heart of the city centre next to our City Centre Campus

Curzon Gateway is a University Partner Accommodation Provider.

Cost for academic year 2017/2018*:

43 week contract

Standard room – weekly cost £130

Annual cost £5,590

*Costs indicated are indicative

Campus distances

Curzon Gateway to:

Campus	Distance	Driving	Walking
Birmingham Conservatoire	0.7 miles	3 minutes	5 minutes
City Centre Campus	0.7 miles	3 minutes	5 minutes
Margaret Street (B'ham School of Art)	1 mile	7 minutes	16 minutes
Vittoria Street (School of Jewellery)	1.5 mile	9 minutes	26 minutes
City South Campus	3 miles	12 minutes	45 minutes
Bournville (BCUIC)	5.4 miles	15 minutes	1 hr 34 minutes

Please note that the times indicated are subject to the time of day and peak-time travel may add 15 - 30 minutes to your journey. For further bus information, please visit www.nxbus.co.uk.

Am I eligible for accommodation?

Students are guaranteed a room in University Owned or University Partner halls of residence for their first year, close to their location of study providing they:

- have received and accepted an offer on a full-time course at Birmingham City University
- do not live within 10 miles of place of study
- have applied for accommodation by **31 July 2017**.

We are able to assist with accommodation to new undergraduate students if Birmingham City University is your Insurance choice or you are admitted to the University through the Clearing process subject to availability of rooms, and having taken into account the location of your permanent home address in relation to the place of study. If we are able to assist, you must apply online by **31 August 2017**.

Students who live within a 10-mile radius of the study campus but meet the other guarantee criteria will be made an offer of accommodation subject to room availability.

We regret that it is not possible for us to guarantee a room at your preferred location. On-campus accommodation is normally given to students whose courses are based on or close to the campus in question subject to availability.

When can I apply for accommodation?

You are able to apply for accommodation through the online accommodation application process from **March 2017** provided you have accepted an unconditional or conditional offer of a course at Birmingham City University.

Allocation of rooms will commence from:

- **3 April 2017** for all students holding an accepted Unconditional Firm offer (UF).
- **17 August 2017** for all students awaiting exam results.

How do I apply for accommodation?

You will need to know your choice of accommodation before making an application. Please read through the details in this booklet and visit **www.bcu.ac.uk/accommodation**. If you have any unanswered questions after doing so, please contact Accommodation Services by email on **accommodation@bcu.ac.uk**.

If you have a disability or if there are medical or mobility factors which have a bearing on your accommodation needs, please provide full details and supporting evidence at the time of application to enable us to allocate appropriately. You may also wish to contact the Disability Services team in Student Services for advice and assistance on 0121 331 5588 or email **disability@bcu.ac.uk**.

To apply for accommodation you will need to:

- visit our website at www.bcu.ac.uk/accommodation
- view the applications section
- follow the hyperlink for 'Accommodation Application Form'
- register (you will require a valid email address)
- complete the application form; you will need your University Application Number which can be found on the offer paperwork from your Faculty (it has eight numeric characters)
- use the notes section of the application form to advise us of any additional information for example if you plan to be away and will not have access to the internet as this will help avoid any delays.

NB: to avoid any delay please ensure you frequently check the progress of your online application. You will only have three days to accept your room offer.

When will I know I have been allocated accommodation?

You will receive an email from Accommodation Services informing you that you have been offered accommodation. Please follow the instructions set out in the email to accept your offer. Further details will be provided regarding the payment arrangements.

City South, The Coppice, Oscott Gardens (City North Student Village) and University Locks

You will be able to move into your accommodation during the weekend before your course starts and your Licence Agreement indicates the date from which you will be liable for the Residence Fees. Please note that the accommodation will not be available any earlier than the start of the Licence Agreement.

A copy of the Licence Agreement can be viewed at www.bcu.ac.uk/accommodation.

Before you are able to move into your allocated accommodation, you will be requested to complete the online induction. You will receive an email with instructions on how to complete this process. The online induction will include additional important information that you will require:

- The Key Form which you will be required to print off, complete and attach a photograph to hand in at registration.
- Things you need to bring with you which are not supplied within the accommodation.

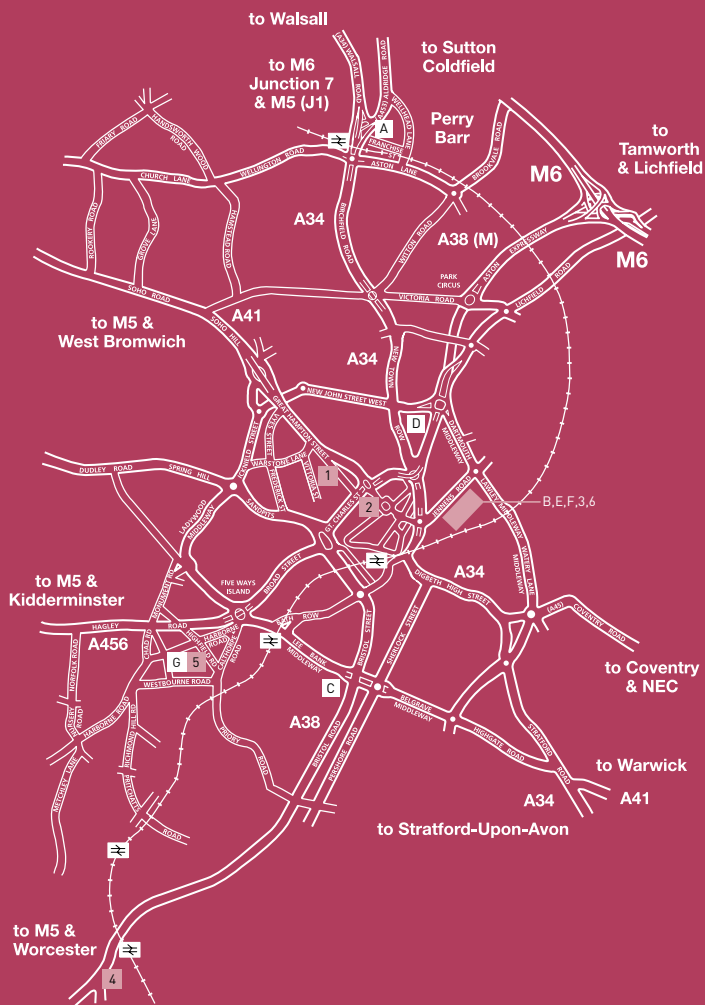
Curzon Gateway, Jennens Court, The Heights and Belgrave View

You will be able to move into your accommodation from the date indicated on your Tenancy Agreement, which is when you will be liable for the Residence Fees. Please note that the accommodation will not be available any earlier than the start of the Tenancy Agreement.

Facilities summary 2017/18

The description below is intended to provide a general overview of the residence's facilities. Please note that there may be minor variations in some areas.

	The Coppice	Oscott Gardens	University Locks	Jennens Court	Belgrave View	The Heights	Curzon Gateway	City South Campus	
								Oakmount	Westmount
Price per week (£)	93	120-132.50	130-138	130	115-120	126	130	105.50	104.50
1st year undergrad	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Postgrad	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
39 week let									
40 week let	•	•	•					•	•
41 week let	•	•							
42 week let	•								
43 week let				•	•	•	•		
51 week let			•		•				
Semester 1 let (Sept)	•								
Semester 2 let (Jan)	•								
Flats/ apartments	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		
2 Bedroom Flats			•						
Services									
Laundrette on site	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Common room	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Internal telephone	•	•						•	•
Car parking	•	•		•	•	•	•		
Facilities									
En suite		•	•	•	•	•	•		
Number to bathroom(s)	6	1	1-2	1	1	1	1	4-7	9-10
Bed size	Single	Single	Three quarter	Three quarter	Single	Single	Three quarter	Single	Single
Average room size (sq. metres)	10	13 inc. en suite	14 inc. en suite	14 inc. en suite	12 inc. en suite	13 inc. en suite	13 inc. en suite	12	8



CAMPUSES

- 1 Vittoria Street (School of Jewellery)
- 2 Margaret Street (Birmingham School of Art)
- 3 Birmingham Conservatoire
- 4 Bournville (International College)
- 5 City South Campus
- 6 City Centre Campus (The Curzon Building, Millennium Point and The Parkside Building)

HALLS OF RESIDENCE

- A City North Student Village (The Coppice and Oscott Gardens)
- B Jennens Court
- C Belgrave View
- D The Heights
- E University Locks
- F Curzon Gateway
- G City South Campus

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