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# English Language Programmes

Operations Information

# Visa Information

If you are coming to Ireland from outside the EU and Switzerland, and wish to stay for more than 90 days, you must apply to Immigration Service Delivery (ISD) for permission.

## 1. Visa Requiring Countries

If you are a passport holder from Morocco, Saudi Arabia, Colombia, China, Turkey, Egypt, Georgia, Iran, Iraq, Russia, Kazakhstan, Pakistan, Thailand, Vietnam, and Venezuela\* you will need to arrange a Visa for Ireland prior to departure. The steps to receive your visa are as follows:

### 1. Enrol on a Course & Pay for Your Study

You must enrol and pay your course tuition fees in full before you apply for a visa. Once we receive your payment we will issue a "Letter of Course Admission". You can use this to apply for your visa at the Irish Embassy or Consulate.

### 2. Apply for a Study Visa

After you have paid for your course and received the Letter of Course Admission (or an Invitation Letter for sponsored students), you can apply for a Visa to Ireland, you can apply for a long stay study visa. You will not be allowed to enter Ireland without a visa.

- You should apply for a visa at least 3 months before you travel
- You must apply from your home country or a country where you are a legal resident
- Read detailed instructions and documentation required for the Study Visa: [www.irishimmigration.ie/coming-to-study-in-ireland](http://www.irishimmigration.ie/coming-to-study-in-ireland)
- Submit your visa application online: [www.visas.inis.gov.ie/avats/OnlineHome](http://www.visas.inis.gov.ie/avats/OnlineHome)
- Send your passport and other documents for processing

### 3. Before you travel (prepare the proof of your funds)

Prepare the proof of your funds (minimum €700 per month of your stay or €4,200\*, whichever is lower) from your country:

- A current bank statement in your country not less than one month old, together with a past statement, for an account in your name (as in your passport) accompanied by a debit card in the same name and same bank

account.

- Documentary evidence that money is held in trust for you by a financial services body regulated in Ireland by the Central Bank of Ireland.
- A pre-paid credit or debit card(s) with a verification of the amount(s) in credit (statement).

**\*Applicable to all students who intend commencing their studies in Ireland after 01 July 2023.**

#### 4. When you travel (prepare for border control at Dublin Airport)

You will need to prove to an immigration officer at border control that you have a valid reason for entering Ireland. To do so you will need your passport, visa, proof you have registered on a course (Letter of Course Admission), proof of accommodation and you may have to prove that you can support yourself financially after you enter the country.

#### 5. After you enter (apply for permission to remain for more than 90 days)

After you enter the country, you must apply for permission to stay in Ireland and register with immigration before the date stamped on your passport at border control. DCU will assist you with this process.

- Make an appointment at Immigration Office (GNIB) - [www.irishimmigration.ie/burgh-quay-appointments](http://www.irishimmigration.ie/burgh-quay-appointments)
- Attend our Immigration Information meetings.
- Visit to the Immigration Office with all your documents. A full list of required documentation is available [here](#).
- Pay €300 registration fee to GNIB (credit/debit card or bank giro available at INIS offices - no cash accepted).
- You should receive your IRP card by post within 10 working days.
- If you want to open an Irish bank account, DCU will assist you with this.

#### 6. Bring your IRP card to DCU Language School Reception

If you have any questions, please contact us at [english.courses@dcu.ie](mailto:english.courses@dcu.ie)

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## II. Non-Visa Requiring Countries

Passport holders from Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Hong Kong, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan, Uruguay\* do not require a Visa to land in Ireland. Citizens of these countries are entitled to stay for up to 90 days on a tourist visa entry.

If your course is more than 90 days in duration, you will need permission to stay in Ireland. You must also register with immigration. The following protocol applies to students of the countries listed above who are attending courses of more than 90 days.

### 1. Enrol on a Course & Pay for Your Study

You must enrol and pay your course fees (in full) before you travel to Ireland. DCU will send a Letter of Course Admission and receipt once fees have been paid.

### 2. Before you travel (prepare the proof of your funds)

Prepare the proof of your funds from your country. ILEP students are subject to the course length less than 6 months requirements which consists of €500 per month of your stay or €3,000, whichever is the lesser.

— A current bank statement in your country not less than one month old, together with a past statement, for an account in your name (as in your passport) accompanied by a debit card in the same name and same bank account.

— Documentary evidence that money is held in trust for you by a financial services body regulated in Ireland by the Central Bank of Ireland.

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### 3. When you travel (prepare for border control at Dublin Airport)

You will need to prove to an immigration officer at border control that you have a valid reason for entering Ireland.

To do so you will need your passport, proof you have registered on a course (Letter of Course Admission), proof of accommodation and you may have to prove that you can support yourself financially after you enter the country.

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