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# STUDY AND WORK IN IRELAND

## DESTINATION: IRELAND

Ireland is a part of the European Union and is a very dynamic and modern country with a young population. 40% of the population is below 25 years and Ireland one of the fastest growing economies in the world, with a population of 6.2 million. The country also boasts the highest quality of life in the world, ranking first in the Economist Intelligence Unit's Quality-of-life index. Ireland has topped the list of the World's Friendliest Countries in a survey drawn up by the Lonely Planet travel guide group. Winters are mild in Ireland. Winter temperatures range between 4°C – 8°C. Summer temperatures range between 12°C to early twenties.

## WHY IRELAND

- ✓ Accepts student's for post graduation with 15 yrs of education, unlike some countries.
- ✓ One of the best education systems in Europe (2004 IMD World Competitiveness Report) with a history rich in tradition and learning.
- ✓ Quality education leading to rapid growth of the economy. It has a 14.2% unemployment rate.
- ✓ Over 1,50,000 international students. .
- ✓ 1 year Master's degree
- ✓ No prior work experience required for MBA
- ✓ International Students can work Part-time (approximately 20 hrs/week)
- ✓ Excellent wages: € 8-9 per hr
- ✓ Government policy on investment in research to develop Ireland as a knowledge society.
- ✓ Close links between educational institutions & thriving economy.
- ✓ Temperate climate. It rarely drops below freezing point and snow is uncommon.
- ✓ Modern lively, safe & secure environment in which one can live, work & study.
- ✓ Internationally Recognised Qualification and extensive choice.
- ✓ Leading Global companies have their European Headquarters in Ireland.
- ✓ It has a long tradition of providing quality education. As a result of sustained investment by successive governments in the education industry, Ireland has one of the highest student participation in the world. Over 87% of Irish students between the age group of 20 to 24 years have completed schooling and approximately 60% go on to higher education.
- ✓ Approximately 1000 MNC's run their back office operations out of Ireland.



## EDUCATION SYSTEM

The Irish Education System was traditionally divided into three basic levels: Primary (8 years), Secondary (5 or 6 years) and Higher Education which offers a wide range of opportunities from post-secondary courses, to vocational and technical training, to full degree and the highest post-graduate levels. The higher education system in Ireland is broad in scope and encompasses the university sector, the technological sector, the colleges of education and private, independent colleges. The institutions which fall within the first three groupings are autonomous and self governing, but substantially state funded. Education has been a key factor in making Ireland one of the fastest growing economies in the world over the past decade.

"Cooperative Education" involves placement of students in employment relevant to their Degree programmes for six or eight months during their undergraduate studies. Some Institutions in Ireland adopt this model as an integral part of the academic programme.

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Overseas students wishing to study in Ireland have two options:

- Attend secondary school in Ireland and complete the Leaving Certificate Examination with Irish students. This route is chosen by a number of students who commonly take the examination in conjunction with English language tuition.
- Undertake recognised public examinations in their own countries. This is a more common route and it is essential that every applicant check that the educational qualifications she/he is presenting are adequate to satisfy entry requirements. To have a realistic prospect these results should be very good, e.g. for medicine 3 good 'A' Level passes (grades A/B) or the equivalent, in relevant subjects are required. The minimum requirement for most degree level programmes is 3 grade 'C's at A level or equivalent. If there is any doubt about the acceptability of an applicant's qualifications, clarification should be sought in good time from the particular third level institution.
- Students can apply to the institutions directly or to the Central Applications Office for Undergraduate Programmes.

## ENGLISH REQUIREMENT

As English is the language of instruction at all Irish Institutions of higher education, students must demonstrate a proficiency in English to be accepted for a third level programme. Generally, the required minimum score in TOEFL is 100, PTE is 61 & IELTS is 6.5 (Internet Based Test). Many universities and colleges provide English Language training programmes for intending students. Furthermore, there are over 110 private English language training schools throughout the country which run both short and long terms courses.

{1 Euro € = ₹ 92 approx.}

## COST OF STUDYING

Tuition fees vary depending on the institution and the study programme. An example of tuition fees for 2023/2024 for undergraduate & postgraduate, non-E.U. students at a third level institution are as follows:

Course	Average Fees (Euro)
Medicine and related	€ 15,035 - € 51,635
Engineering	€ 13,000 - € 21,600
Science & Technology	€ 13,000 - € 21,600
Business Related	€ 12,000 - € 30,000
Arts and Humanities	€ 12,000 - € 20,000





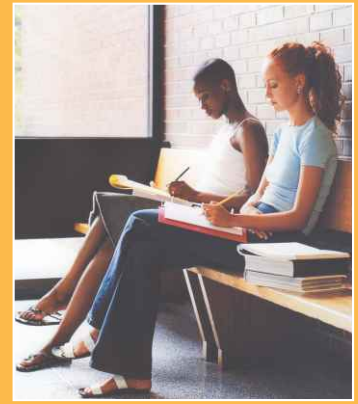
## COST OF LIVING

As per recent figures, on average, a single student should count approx. between €8000 and €12,000 per year as living expenses, depending on location and lifestyle.

## ACCOMMODATION

**Third level students: The higher education system in Ireland is called Third Level Education or Tertiary Education.**

- ✓ Most third level institutions have on-campus student residences, often resembling small towns with on-site facilities such as shops, launderettes, restaurants etc.
- ✓ Another popular option, particularly in the main cities is self-catering rented accommodation, often shared with other students. Students opting for this kind of accommodation are advised to arrive in the country two or three weeks prior to the start of the academic year in order to secure a place in a house/apartment.
- ✓ Some third-level students opt for host family accommodation. This can be a good option for those leaving home for the first time as it helps to integrate them into the local community and the Irish way of life. Students are normally provided with their own room and with morning and evening meals.



## INTAKE

The main intake offered by all Colleges and Universities is September and few Universities offer Feb Intake also.

## DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR AN APPLICATION

- ✓ Attested copies of the mark sheets of Std X, XII, etc.
- ✓ 2 Academic Reference Letters from professors who have taught you most recently.
- ✓ If you have work experience then at least one work reference letter from the employer who can comment on your professional skills and abilities.
- ✓ Statement of Purpose.
- ✓ Curriculum Vitae/ Resume.
- ✓ Portfolio in case of students applying for Arts and Design courses.
- ✓ Extra Curricular Activities certificates.



## SCHOLARSHIPS

Many overseas students studying in Ireland are sponsored by their own governments or through other international scholarship programs. There are small numbers of scholarships which are offered by the universities and colleges who set down their own criteria for the eligibility. The institution can be contacted directly to avail of these scholarships.



## USEFUL LINKS

International Education Financial Aid [www.iefa.org](http://www.iefa.org)  
ICOS Irish Council for Overseas Students [www.icosirl.ie](http://www.icosirl.ie)  
Irish Research Council for the Humanities and Social Sciences [www.irchss.ie](http://www.irchss.ie)  
Science Foundation Ireland [www.sfi.ie](http://www.sfi.ie)  
The Irish Fulbright Commission (for students from the USA) [www.fulbright.ie](http://www.fulbright.ie)  
Development Cooperation Ireland Fellowships [www.dci.gov.ie](http://www.dci.gov.ie)  
Ireland Indian Embassy [www.irelandinindia.com](http://www.irelandinindia.com)  
The Irish Naturalization & Immigration Service (INIS) [www.inis.ie](http://www.inis.ie)  
Informative Website about IOTs in Ireland [www.ioti.ie](http://www.ioti.ie)  
Further information about Student travel card in Ireland [www.studenttravel.ie](http://www.studenttravel.ie)

## EMPLOYMENT IN IRELAND

**Part Time:** Only students attending a full time course of at least one year's duration leading to a qualification recognized by the Minister for Education and Science will be entitled to take up casual employment defined as up to 20 hours part time work per week or full time work during normal college vacation periods.

**Full Time:** Third Level Graduate Scheme: Students who have studied in Ireland and completed a qualification at either Level 9 (master's degree or post-graduate diploma) or Level 10 (doctoral degree) whose award is granted by a recognised Irish awarding body will be allowed to remain in Ireland for two years to seek employment. Students completing Level 8 programmes (honours undergraduate degrees) will continue to have a 12-month stay back option, whereas those completing a Level 7 qualification (ordinary undergraduate degree) will also remain eligible for a six-month stay back. These period of months starts from the day you receive exam results.

### Can I stay in Ireland after my course ?

Yes you can stay in Ireland, you get an extension of 2 years. It's easy to get Permanent Residency in Ireland.

For occupations where high level of shortage skills exist include IT, Healthcare, Industry / Services, Research and Financial Services.

For more information log on to [www.educationireland.ie](http://www.educationireland.ie)

## INDUSTRY IN IRELAND

- ✓ Ireland is a highly developed democracy with a modern economy. The Irish economy is particularly strong in the areas of software development, pharmaceuticals, manufacturing, financial services, chemicals, export and trade, food products and international services.
- ✓ Dublin, Ireland is Google's European Headquarters and its largest operation outside the US, with employees from over 40 nationalities.
- ✓ Ireland has an export based economy. Main industries in Ireland are Software, Mining, Construction, Telecom, Tourism and Hospitality. Ireland has also established itself in areas of life sciences including Biotech & Pharmaceuticals Industries. It has 32 manufacturing plants – approved by USA Food & Drug Administration producing 6 of 10 world's best selling drugs.

## INSTITUTIONS REPRESENTED BY EDWISE

There are seven universities in the Republic of Ireland and two in Northern Ireland.

- Atlantic Technological University
- Dublin Business School
- Dublin City University
- Dundalk Institute of Technology
- Galway Mayo Institute of Technology
- Griffith College Dublin
- Maynooth University
- Munster Technological University
- National College of Ireland
- Shannon College of Hotel Management - University of Galway
- South East Technological University
- Technological University Dublin
- Technological University of the Shannon
- Trinity College Dublin
- University College Cork
- University College Dublin
- University of Galway
- University of Limerick

## We Counsel and Help Students with Applications for Institutions not listed above

The Directors have lived, worked and studied abroad and undergone specialised training at various universities around the globe.

Some of our counsellors have worked and studied abroad. Further, our counsellors have been trained by international experts to guide students professionally in selecting the right course at the ideal university.

## VISA

Visa for Ireland normally takes up to 4 to 5 weeks time and it is best to apply well in advance. A letter of acceptance from the college, confirming you have been accepted and enrolled on a course of full-time education, involving a minimum of 15 hours organised daytime study each week and evidence of financial support for tuition fees and living expenses are issued visas. Along with the visa form you need to submit personal information, academic qualifications, financial strengths equaling to € 10000 for each year as living expenses. Generally you are granted a visa for 3 months to enter and then students need to apply for GNIB card for the entire duration of the course. The student visas are Multi Entry Visas. Edwise is the Member of "Trusted Agents Programme Ireland/ India" whereby Edwise students will accord priority treatment to visa applications with the minimum possible processing time. Edwise also has dedicated visa counsellors who are trained in visa formalities to help the students with the above.

## TESTIMONIAL

"I got excellent counselling about the education systems, work permits and the total economic systems of Ireland from the experienced counselling experts of Edwise. Now I am doing my postgraduation. And I got a parttime job in the university technological park as a website administrator, so that I can meet all my living expenses here. Thanks a lot to Edwise for an outstanding change in my career"

Regards

**Alan Varghese Antony**  
University of Limerick, Ireland,  
Postgraduation



## WHY EDWISE ?

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- **Global Network of over 850 plus universities.**
- **Providing FREE SERVICES for 32 years.**
- **Professional & Experienced trained Counselors**
- **23 Locations across India**
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### FREE.... EXPERT GUIDANCE FOR SELECTION OF COURSE AND UNIVERSITY

- Hosting direct interviews from university representatives
- Comprehensive and unbiased information on various study options
- 90% of our students are references from previous satisfied students & parents
- We make NO false promises
- Our counsellors have been trained by the universities

### ADMISSION FORMALITIES

- We provide Complete Application Process Support
- Recommendations for University Applications
- Holistic approach to your application
- Highlighting areas essential for well presented error free complete application
- Application fee waiver
- Students may enroll under the FREE English Test Prep Scheme\*.
- Coaching for TOEFL, PTE, IELTS, GRE, GMAT and SAT
- Pre departure Orientation & Alumni Interaction
- Assistance for On & Off Campus Accommodation

### VISA FORMALITIES

- Up to date visa information.
- Comprehensive personal guidance regarding completion of visa application forms.
- Verification & advice by specially trained accountants with regards to preparation of financial documents in the manner recommended by the high commissions.

### BANK LOAN ASSISTANCE

- Tie ups with well known Banks & NBFC's
- Complete guidance on Educational loans

### OTHER SERVICES

- Academic Pathway Planning (Interest, Career & Aptitude Testing)
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