

## **Visas and Immigration - Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

For new updates, see the Department of Justice's Irish Immigration site and Immigration Registration FAQs:

<https://www.irishimmigration.ie/registering-your-immigration-permission/frequently-asked-questions-for-registration/>

### **Visas (Last updated August 2022):**

#### **1. I have been offered a place on a course at Trinity College and do not yet have a visa, what do I do?**

If you have yet to be granted a visa and intend on joining a course at Trinity this year, please contact your regional manager immediately. You can find their contact details from [this page](#), by using the "choose your country/region" button. You will see names and contact details of the staff who can advise on visa applications under "Contact us". You can also check this see P4 on applying for a visa from [Welcome to Trinity](#) and other relevant information to start your journey as a Trinity student.

### **Arrival in Ireland:**

#### **1. What documents do I need to bring with me to show at the airport?**

All non-EU/EEA citizens who do not hold an EU passport, whether visa-required or not, are subject to ordinary immigration controls at the port of entry (ordinarily the airport). The Immigration Officer on duty determines who is actually allowed to enter Ireland. If your documentation is in order, he/she will stamp your passport for up to three months (90 days). All non-EU students must register with Immigration Service Delivery (ISD) within the time limit stamped on the passport. At the immigration desk, you should be prepared to present the following documents:

- Your valid passport - with a valid visa sticker if they are visa required. Check here
- A visa letter, which can be printed from my.tcd.ie student portal by following these steps:

1. Log in to the portal (my.tcd.ie)
2. Select "My Applications" from the top menu
3. Click on "generate visa letter"

4. Select their course from the drop-down list
  5. Click "Generate"
- Confirmation of fees paid (at least deposit) or scholarship grant received
  - Bank statement showing finances to support your stay
  - Proof of health insurance

You should keep these documents with you in your carryon luggage as immigration border control is before baggage claim. You should also keep all these documents ready, as you will need them again when you register with Immigration Service Delivery (ISD).

### **Immigration (Last updated August 2022):**

**Please note that INIS has changed its name to Immigration Service Delivery (ISD).**

#### **1. I am a non-EU student. How do I register with the Immigration Service Delivery (ISD) for the first time?**

To register with ISD for the first time, non-EU students must book and attend an appointment in person at the Burgh Quay registration office. \*

If you are resident in Dublin city or county and wish to register a permission for the first time, please call Freephone 1800 741741

The process and required documents are outlined [here](#).

If you are registering outside of Dublin, please see [here](#).

If you have additional questions, contact the Global Room team: [tcdglobalroom@tcd.ie](mailto:tcdglobalroom@tcd.ie) or stop into the Global Room in Watt's Building from 10-5 weekdays.

#### **2. How long does the processing of registering with ISD for the first time take, starting from the valid application to the return of the verified documents?**

Registration with immigration involves making an appointment on the phone (1800 741741), attending an ISD registration appointment with all required documents, having your passport stamped and having the Stamp 2 Irish Residence Permit (IRP) card sent to the student's Dublin address. The appointment itself takes up to 90 minutes and the IRP card is sent within 10 working days.

The length of time it takes to get an appointment depends on the availability of appointments at any given time. Students can book an appointment [here](#) (for students residing in Dublin only) and [here](#) for students residing outside of Dublin).

Updates will be made available on the [ISD website](#).

### **3. Where can I find up to date immigration information for students who are registering for the first time or renewing?**

The ISD registration office is open for students to register for the first time, please see the [ISD Website](#) to make an appointment over the phone (1800 741741).

For students who have **previously registered** with ISD and wish to renew, you can do so online only. Students with new passports can now renew online by providing a scanned copy of the biopage of their passport. Please see more information [here](#) The ISD renewal website can be found [here](#).

Full updates and notices can be found on the [ISD website](#).

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### **4. I am coming to Ireland for my second year of study, but did not get to register with ISD for an Irish Residence Permit (IRP) card while in first year, what do I need for entry into Ireland?**

If you are a non-EU non visa-required student, you will need to present your Trinity visa letter (Visa Letter has details of your study here in Trinity, like level of your course, duration, fees etc., it can be used for visa application as well as passing border controls) at the airport. Please also see [here](#) for other documents you may need at the airport. To get this letter from the Academic Registry, follow these steps:

1. Log in to the my.tcd.ie portal.
2. Click on the 'my student record tab.'
3. You will be presented with a link to print a PDF version of the Immigration/Visa Letter.

Visa-required students who have left the country without registering with ISD for an Irish Residence Permit (IRP) Card **will have to re-apply for a study visa to re-enter the country**. Please mention on your application that you are a student and wish to return to continue your studies after having to leave Ireland due to Covid-19 restrictions. Requirements may vary depending on the country, so please contact your [local Irish Embassy or Visa Office](#) for more information.

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**5. I left Ireland with an expired IRP card or my IRP card expired while I was outside Ireland, what should I do to return to Ireland and continue my study?**

If you are coming from a visa required and have travelled on an expired IRP card or your IRP card expired while you were outside Ireland, you will need to apply to your local Visa Office/Embassy for a re-entry visa to allow you travel back to Ireland. **IMPORTANT: You should not attempt to travel without a visa if your IRP card is out of date – you may be refused boarding by the airline and may have difficulties at border control and/or in transit.** For further information on applying for a visa, see [here](#).

**6. Can students who are not in Ireland and are unable to travel, but have their IRP cards expiring within the next 30 days apply for a renewal online from their own countries as well? If yes, what needs to be done?**

No. To register with ISD, students must be in the country. If a student is visa required and wishes to enter the country, they will need to apply for another visa. **For further information on applying for a visa, see [here](#).**

**Graduating Students:**

**Attention: You are advised to submit your Stamp 1G application immediately AFTER receipt of results and to ensure the online application is completed in full**

**1. I recently graduated and want to apply for a Stamp 1G (Third level graduate scheme). How do I go about applying for it?**

Students can now apply for the Stamp 1G by using the ISD online renewal system, if you live in Dublin (this does not apply to students who live outside of Dublin). More information on how to apply can be found [here](#).

Further updates can be found on the [ISD Website](#) Further general information on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Level Graduate Scheme is here: <https://www.tcd.ie/Careers/students/international.php>

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**2. I have recently graduated and am looking for employment. I'm currently in the process of applying for the Stamp 1G, can I still work full time on my stamp 2 while waiting for my stamp 1G**

Students on a stamp 2 IRP card are only permitted to work full time (40 hours per week) until September 30th. Students will need to apply for the stamp 1G as soon as results are received to continue to work full time in Ireland. More information can be found [here](#)

Further updates can be found on the [ISD Website](#)

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### **3. What type of private health insurance is acceptable for meeting the requirements of the Stamp 1G permission?**

For converting to the Stamp 1G permission, as long as insurance meets ISD requirements (see [here](#)), it should suffice. As moving on to a Stamp 1G (or extending a stamp 2) would be considered a type of renewal, students will have to purchase Health Insurance from an Irish company.

Here is a sample list of insurance companies:

- **Irish Life:** [www.irishlifehealth.ie](http://www.irishlifehealth.ie)
- **VHI Healthcare:** [www.vhi.ie](http://www.vhi.ie)
- **Laya Healthcare:** [www.layahealthcare.ie](http://www.layahealthcare.ie)
- **Study and Protect:** <https://www.studyandprotect.com/>

More information on Health Insurance requirements for immigration can be found [here](#).

### **4. I couldn't find the answer to my questions on this FAQ, how can I contact the Global Room?**

Please be sure to keep an eye on our Facebook (@Global Room Trinity College Dublin) and Instagram (@tcdglobalroom) for more information on immigration and immigration advisory clinics that the Global Room team will run in Semester 1.

Otherwise, please email [tcdglobalroom@tcd.ie](mailto:tcdglobalroom@tcd.ie) or stop into [the Global Room in Watt's Building](#) from 10-5 weekdays.

# [Useful Links by Timeline of Your Student Journey:](#)

[Do I need a Visa to study in Ireland?](#)

[Applying for a student visa to Ireland.](#)

[Entering Ireland.](#)

[After arrival, register with Immigration Service Delivery \(ISD\) for the first time in person.](#)

[Receive your IRP card.](#)

[Renew your IRP card.](#)

[After completion of your course \(Stamp 1G\).](#)

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