



Documentation required when applying for a study visa for travel to Ireland.

## PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL DOCUMENTS LISTED BELOW MUST BE INCLUDED WITH THE APPLICATION. AS INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

If you do not submit the required documentation, your application may be refused on the basis of insufficient documentation.

All documents listed must be submitted in ORIGINAL. (No fax, e-mails or scanned copies accepted) No staples.

The Embassy reserves the right to request translations of non-English documents.

	Documents Required
1.	Application form completed in full, signed and dated by you, the applicant.
2.	Your original passport, or a full copy of your passport (all pages), valid for 6 months after your date of departure from Ireland.
3.	Two <u>recent</u> colour passport size photos
4.	Original <b>Aufenthaltstitel</b> or a certified copy, valid at least 3 months after your date of departure from Ireland.  If your Aufenthaltstitel is due to expire less than three months after your return to Ireland, please include a letter from the issuing authority confirming that your Aufenthaltstitel will be extended.
5.	For postal applications, please include a self-addressed DHL ExpressEasy Prepaid National envelope – these can be purchased at most Post Offices.
6.	Processing fee (cheque or mandate payable to 'Embassy of Ireland' or proof of bank transfer).
7.	A signed and dated letter explaining why you want to come to Ireland, as well as the dates you plan to arrive and leave.

	The letter should include a written undertaking that you will observe the conditions of your visa, that you will not become a burden on the State, and that you will leave Ireland before your immigration permission expires.
<b>8.</b> (a)	<ul> <li>Evidence that you are enrolled on a privately funded course</li> <li>You must submit a Letter of Acceptance from the college: <ul> <li>confirming that you have enrolled on a course of full-time education, with a minimum of 15 hours organised daytime tuition per week,</li> <li>giving details of the course that you will be studying,</li> <li>stating the amount of fees payable for your course, and</li> <li>if the college has taken out medical insurance on your behalf, stating that the college has done so.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	<b>Note:</b> Where the course fees are less than €6,000, fees must be paid in full to the college prior to applying for your visa. Where the course fees are in excess of €6,000, you must pay at least this amount prior to applying for your visa.
(b)	Evidence fees have been paid to college You must provide a copy of an Electronic Transfer of Funds (ETF) to the Irish Bank of the college, showing details of the beneficiary's name, address, bank details and the same details for sender, or a valid receipt showing that the course fees have been lodged to an approved student fees payment service.
(c)	Evidence that you have the academic ability to follow your chosen course You must provide evidence that you have the ability to follow your chosen course e.g. exam results, qualifications.
9.	Evidence of your level of English  Except in the case of an application which is solely for an English language course, you must show that you have the capacity to fully partake in your chosen course through the medium of English.

10.	Details of any previous applications you have made for Irish visas, including refused applications.  If you have been refused a visa for any other country details of this refusal should be submitted.
<b>11.</b> (a)	Finances - You must show evidence that you have immediate access to at least €7,000. This is the estimated cost of living in Ireland for a student for one academic year You must also demonstrate that you or your sponsor(s) have ready access to at least €7,000 for each subsequent year of your studies (additional to course fees) If the duration of your course is less than 6 months, you must have access to €500 per month of your stay or €3,000 whichever is the lesser The details listed here must be proven by the below documentary evidence.
(b)	Evidence of Finances  If you are responsible for the costs of the trip, evidence of how you intend to finance your trip and support yourself for the duration of your visit in the form of up to date bank statements for the 6 month period prior to your trip.

Bank Statements should include the most recent transactions for the account up to the date of your application and:

- (i) must show your current address;
- (ii) must show a positive credit. Lump sum lodgements made shortly before your application will not be considered:
- (iii) Photocopied bank statements are acceptable; however the Embassy reserves the right to request original statements where necessary.

If you are being supported by a spouse, partner or family member, they should provide:

- (i) evidence of funds in the form of bank statements as outlined in 10 (a) above
- (ii) an original, signed and dated letter stating that they are undertaking to support you during your trip to Ireland
- (iii) evidence of their relationship to you

## **Education bond**

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A pilot programme is in operation that allows degree programme students only to show proof of finances by means of an "education bond" with a minimum value of €7,000, as an alternative to bank statements. The bond must be lodged to an approved student fees payment service and must be held continuously from the initial visa application through to your registration in Ireland with the immigration authorities. Please submit a receipt showing that you have paid for a bond with your visa application. Further information can be found on the INIS website.