

Ireland

Guide



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Why Ireland?

Situated in north-western part of Europe, Ireland is the second-largest island of the British Isles, and the third-largest in Europe. Owing to its high quality education system, Ireland is a popular study abroad destination for students from around the world. The government of Ireland is committed to supporting education and offers a host of scholarships and funding to attract international students.



1.

World Class Education:

Ireland has a worldwide reputation for having an excellent education system. There are 9 prestigious universities and about 15 technology institutes in Ireland. There are also many public universities in Ireland for students looking for affordable tuition costs. Trinity College Dublin is Ireland's most prestigious university, ranked #1 in Ireland and 101st in the world (QS world rankings). Approximately, 35,000 international students study in Ireland every year.



2.

Low tuition fee and living expenses:

Tuition fee for international students in Ireland ranges from 9,950 - 35,000 EUR per year of study. As an international student in Ireland you can spend about 583-1000 EUR per month on accommodation, food, clothing, entertainment, transport, and incidental costs.



3.

Work while you study:

The Ireland student visa allows you to work for up to 20 hours per week during the university semester, and upto 40 hours per week during semester break. You can work in any sector including retail, hospitality, administration. Many universities will also offer a careers service for students that can assist you in finding work while you are studying, as well as after graduation.



4.

Friendly and warm society

Ireland has a rich and beautiful culture comprising music, folklore, art and literature. The Irish are friendly and welcoming and the country is one of the safest to study and work in. English is the most spoken language making it easy for Indian students to adapt and settle down in Ireland.



5.

Pathway to Permanent Residency (PR):

Many Indian students choose to apply for permanent residency after they graduate. To do so, you must apply for a work permit from the Irish Immigration Authorities. After staying in Ireland for 5 years on a general work permit, you can apply for a PR. For students who are able to obtain the critical skills employment permit can apply for a PR after 2 years.



Types of postgraduate courses in Ireland and top institutions

Ireland is home to some of the finest universities in the world that offer first class education in a traditional yet modern setting. Some of the key fields' Irish universities specialize in include the natural sciences, technology, economics, and the humanities.

1. There are 8 universities in Ireland:



Dublin City University



National University of Ireland, Galway



Maynooth University



Trinity College Dublin



University of Limerick



University College Dublin



University College Cork



Technological University Dublin

2. There are 14 institutes of technology located around the country:



Athlone



Carlow



Cork



Dundalk



Dun Laoghaire



Galway and Mayo



Letterkenny



Limerick

3. Other higher education institutions in receipt of public funding:



Marino Institute of Education, Dublin



St. Angela's College, Sligo



Mary Immaculate College, Limerick



National College of Ireland



St Patrick's, Carlow College



Royal College of Surgeons Ireland



Royal Irish Academy



Dublin Institute for Advanced Studies

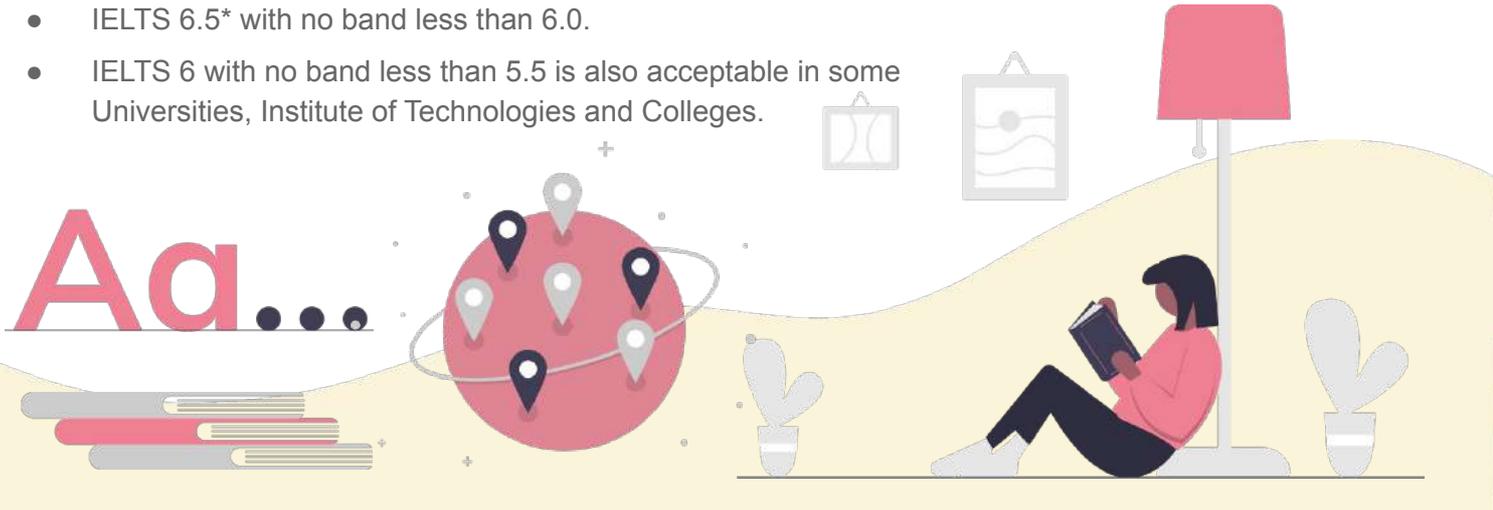


Requirements for postgraduate study in Ireland

All postgraduate courses are given in English and students applying for degree courses must be able to speak, read and write the language fluently.

You must meet the below requirements to be able to study in Ireland :

- Minimum 55%-75% in Graduation
- IELTS 6.5* with no band less than 6.0.
- IELTS 6 with no band less than 5.5 is also acceptable in some Universities, Institute of Technologies and Colleges.



Working while studying in Ireland

One of the most common questions that students want to know is whether they can work while studying in Ireland. The answer is a resounding yes! The Ireland student visa allows you to work for up to 40 hours per week during college vacations (from June to September and December to January) and 20 hours part-time per week in term time.

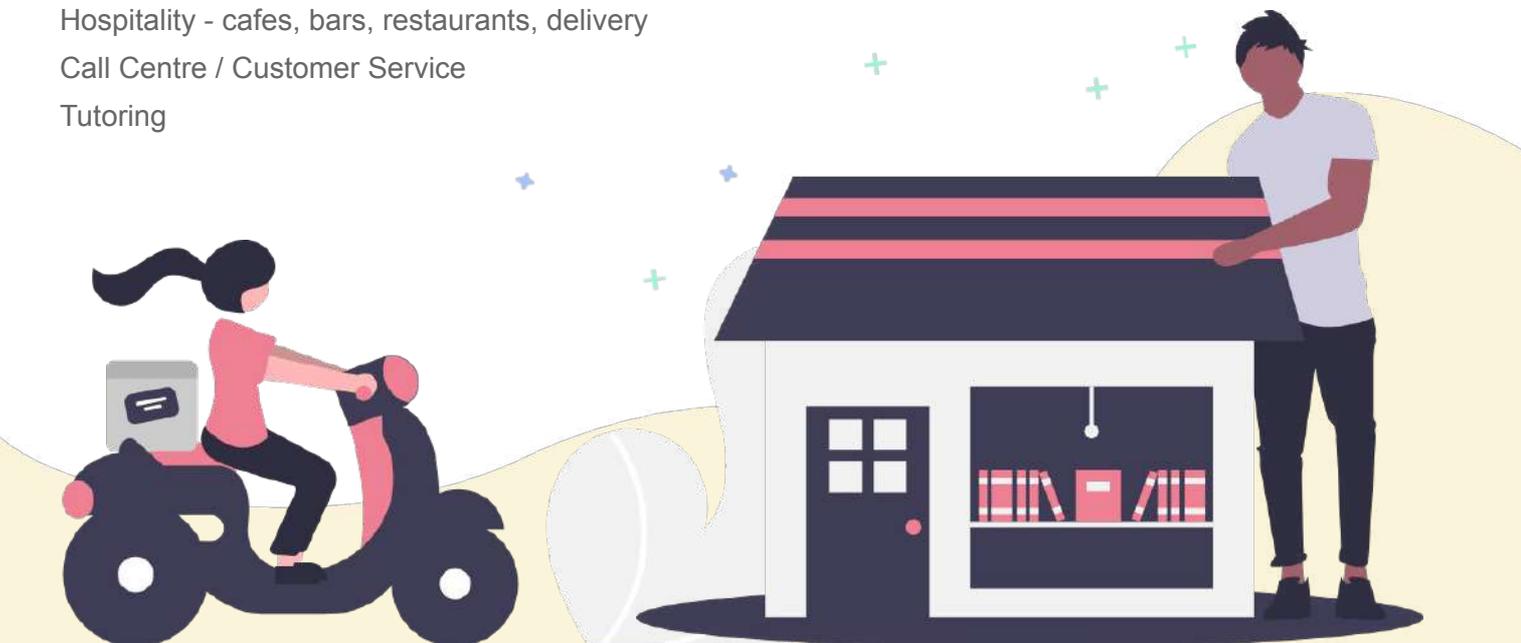
The flexible hours and large number of opportunities in these industries make these ideal for students:

Retail - including supermarkets, department stores, boutiques

Hospitality - cafes, bars, restaurants, delivery

Call Centre / Customer Service

Tutoring



Ireland student visa

If you're applying for a postgraduate course in Ireland, you will need to apply for a 'D study visa'.

To be eligible to apply for the visa, you must be enrolled in a full-time course on the the [Interim List of Eligible Programmes \(ILEP\)](#).

You will need to provide the following with your visa application. (Please remember, original documents are required and must be in English or accompanied by a notarised translation):

- Letter of acceptance from a recognised school or college or university in Ireland
- Proof of your ability to pursue the course through the English language (through a standardized test like the IELTS)
- Proof that the fees for the course have been paid in full.
- Proof that you have enough funds (€7,000) for the initial part of your stay.
- Proof that you or a sponsor have access to at least €7,000 for each subsequent year of your studies, in addition to the course fees for each of those years.
- Proof of private medical insurance
- An explanation of any gaps in your educational history
- Confirmation that you intend to return to your country of permanent residence when you leave Ireland.



After post-graduation - what next? Pathways to permanent residency

Ireland provides a post study work visa for 2 years for international students who have completed their masters / post-graduation from Ireland. If you want to apply for Permanent Residency, you need to stay a total of 5 years in Ireland on a general work permit to become eligible to apply. In case you hold a Critical Skills Employment Permit, then you require only 2 years of stay in Ireland to be eligible for Permanent Residency. Critical Skills Employment Permit is designed to attract highly skilled people into the labour market with the aim of encouraging them to take up permanent residence in Ireland. The completion of 5 years or 2 years is calculated from the time of registration for the residence permit at GNIB 9 (Garda National Immigration Bureau). After living in Ireland for a period of 5 years post permanent residency, one becomes eligible to apply for citizenship of Ireland.



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Your dream of studying in Ireland is within reach with Leap Scholar.

We at Leap Scholar provide end-to-end guidance to help make your study dream come true. Our team of expert, experienced counsellors work along with successful student mentors currently studying in top universities in Ireland to give you the best personalised counselling experience.

From shortlisting the right course to visa processing, from college applications to financial guidance - we do it all. We are committed to helping our students fulfil their potential, and believe in deep expertise and empathy.



Understanding your requirements



Guiding you on IELTS/Duolingo training



Finding the right course and college



Filling in your college application



Collecting all the necessary documents



Counselling you through the entire process



Ensuring you get a successful admission



Providing you the best knowledge on education loans, forex cards, bank accounts in Ireland



Supporting you through the Visa application process



Advising you on travel and forex requirements



Preparing you for your move to Ireland

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