

Pre-Arrival Guide

FLIGHTS, TRAVEL, AIRPORT SHUTTLE



Due to Covid-19 students can choose to arrive on time for their programme, or to start their programme remotely in their home country and to travel to Ireland when it is safe and possible to do so.

Book Your Flight

Dublin has direct connections from many major international airports. If there is no direct flight to Dublin from your local airport, you will be able to connect through one of many airports.

Check all the possible connections and, if you require a transit visa for any of the countries you will be travelling through. The [CIBTvisas website](#) is useful to check if you need a transit visa.

It is also important to confirm your baggage allowance with the airline as, if you are availing of the complimentary NCI airport shuttle, you are only permitted to bring 3 pieces of luggage on board with you, and food is not allowed.

Pack Your Bags

Packing your bags is an essential part of any journey and travelling to study in Ireland is no different. The below information should help you when deciding what to bring in your luggage to Ireland.

- Bring warm clothes – if you cannot buy those in your home country don't worry, you can buy them when you arrive in Ireland.
- Prepare for changing weather and rain so a rain jacket is essential.
- Bring Vitamin D – Ireland does not get enough natural sunshine, so it is important you bring a vitamin D supplement with you.
- Prescription medication – if you need to bring it with you, make sure to have a prescription written in English and signed by your doctor.
- Pack important documents in your hand luggage – such as your passport, NCI offer letter, NCI Port of Entry Letter, your NCI fee receipts and medical insurance.

- Bring cash – do not carry more than €300 in cash, use a pre-paid credit card for bigger expenses such as rent when you arrive.

Airport Shuttle

As part of NCI's support for international students we offer a complimentary airport shuttle service for students arriving in Ireland for the first time.

If you wish to book the shuttle service, you must complete the [Starting at NCI & Arrival Form](#) and make sure you submit the form before the deadline but at least 5 working days prior to your arrival.

When booking the shuttle you must provide us with the following information:

- Airline e.g. Emirates
- Flight number which is usually a code made up of a 2-character airline designator and a 1-4 digit number, e.g. EK161
- Arrival time and day – the arrival time on your ticket is local Dublin time so there is no need to change it, please give us the time as stated on your ticket.

As the airport shuttle is a shared service for all incoming NCI students, there are a few simple rules you need to respect:

1. Once you arrive, please make use of the free airport Wi-Fi to let the driver know you have landed. Also let them know if there are any delays.
2. The service is for NCI students only. It is not available for family members, friends or students of other institutions.
3. No strong-smelling foods or drink are allowed on the shuttle bus.
4. There is a single drop-off rule in place which means that the driver can only bring you from the airport directly to your accommodation in Dublin, with no stops along the way.
5. Due to space restrictions, there is a limit of 3 pieces of luggage per student.