

# ENTERING IRELAND AS AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT

Due to Covid-19, the Irish Government have introduced protocols to ensure the safe arrival of all international students to Ireland for the new academic year. These protocols apply to **all international students** (new and returning) and they apply to all Colleges and Universities in Ireland. The protocols require that new and returning international students must;

1. Not travel to Ireland if they test positive for Covid-19 or have any symptoms, 14 days prior to their travel date.
2. Inform their college when they will enter Ireland by completing an arrival form that confirms their flight and accommodation details
3. Confirm that they have suitable accommodation to restrict their movement for 14 days on arrival
4. \*Not use public transport to travel to their accommodation.

**All** NCI International Students entering Ireland must now complete the Starting at NCI & Arrival Form and this applies to:

- New incoming students
- Current students returning to Ireland to complete their studies or to graduate
- Current Ireland based students who decide to travel overseas against government advice.

## TRAVELING FROM THE AIRPORT TO YOUR ACCOMMODATION

When entering Ireland students must **not** use public transport to travel to their accommodation. Students must get a taxi from the airport to their accommodation.

The NCI Airport Shuttle service is a free service that is provided to all new and returning students which will drop NCI students directly to their accommodation in Dublin. This service is available before Christmas up to 23 December 2020 and after Christmas from 6 January 2021.

This service is not available during the Christmas holiday period from 24 December 2020 to 5 January 2021.

## PORT OF ENTRY LETTER

All international students (new & returning) must have a Port of Entry letter when entering Ireland which confirms they need to be present in Ireland for their studies.

The Port of Entry letter will only be issued to students when they submit their Starting at NCI & Arrival Form. Students must produce this letter to the immigration official when entering Ireland and failure to do so may result in refusal of entry into Ireland.

## SUITABLE ACCOMMODATION

To enter Ireland all students (new and returning) must have suitable accommodation to restrict their movement for 14 days and limit their contact with others. See the following links for guidelines on restricting your movements from the Health Service Executive (HSE):

<https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/coronavirus/managing-coronavirus-at-home/self-isolation.html>

<https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/coronavirus/managing-coronavirus-at-home/if-you-live-with-someone-who-has-coronavirus.html>

Accommodation deemed suitable by Irish authorities to limit contact with others must provide:

- A private bedroom
- Ideally a private bathroom
- Limited contact with other housemates
- Enough kitchen utensils for each tenant
- Possibility to avoid sharing the kitchen/common room with others at the same time
- Possibility to distance from others by 2 metres
- Accommodation that is NOT deemed suitable is sharing a bedroom or sleeping on friends couch for example

## SHARING STUDENT ARRIVAL DETAILS WITH A THIRD PARTY

The Irish Government protocol requires that all Colleges and Universities provide the arrival details of students with a third party provider. NCI must provide students arrival information, which is solely for the greet and transport of international students to their accommodation in Ireland.

# STARTING AT NCI & ARRIVAL FORM

All new and returning international students must complete this form to be issued a Port of Entry letter required for immigration at Dublin Airport. Students that complete this form and who have paid their fees in full (or set up an approved payment plan as a resident in Ireland) will be registered. Email the form to [internationalsupport@ncirl.ie](mailto:internationalsupport@ncirl.ie)

Due to Covid-19, International Students delayed travelling to Ireland for the start date of their programme, can start \*online and travel at any time during the first Semester. \*Students resident outside Ireland and from a visa required country must have their visa approved to start online. Please select one of the following options.

I am resident in Ireland with a valid visa *Complete section 1 only*

I will start online & travel later  
*Complete sections 1 and 2 now. Complete sections 3, 4 and 5 when you book your flight*

I will arrive for the start of my programme  
*Complete all sections now*

I am a current NCI student returning from a stay abroad. *Complete sections 1, 3, 4 and 5*

## 1. STUDENT INFORMATION

Name	Student ID Number
Nationality	Current Country of Residence
Email	Course

## 2. VISA DETAILS must be completed by international students who are resident outside Ireland

I am from a **non-visa required** Country e.g. USA, Malaysia, Brazil

I am from a **visa required** Country e.g. India, China, Nigeria - complete the boxes below

Visa Application Number	Date Visa was approved / /
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## 3. ACCOMMODATION DETAILS

You must book accommodation in Dublin which meets Irish government guidelines and is suitable for you to restrict your movement and limit contact with others for the first 14 days in Ireland.

Indicate if you have booked short term or long term accommodation by ticking the appropriate box. Short Term accommodation includes hostels, hotels and Airbnb. Long Term accommodation includes student residences, rented apartment or staying with family/ friends.

Short term accommodation  Long term accommodation

You must provide a contact name, contact number and full address incl. Eircode (postcode).

Accommodation or Landlord Name:	Contact Number of Accommodation:
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Address:

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## 4. FLIGHT DETAILS

NCI offer a complimentary Airport Shuttle Service to accommodation in Dublin for **new students when they travel to Ireland for the first time**. The service includes a single drop-off per student to your accommodation address in section 3.

**To book this service a minimum of 5 working days' notice is required (working days are Monday to Friday).**

Flight details	Airline	Flight number	Date of arrival	Arrival time
		(For flight arriving to Dublin)	/ /	(Dublin time)

NCI will confirm your driver details by email at least 48 hours prior to your arrival in Dublin. Please ensure that you have access to your email account before departing. NCI are unable to guarantee airport collections where less than 5 working days' notice has been provided.

## 5. DECLARATION

I declare that I have read and understood the Irish government and HSE guidelines. I confirm that my accommodation meets the guidelines and is suitable for me to restrict my movements and to limit my contact with others for 14 days on arrival.

I authorise NCI to share my arrival information to a third party (Cogs & Marvel)