

# ENTERING IRELAND AS AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT

From August 2021 to August 2022

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, in the 14 days prior to travel.
2. inform the College / University when they will travel to Ireland.
3. follow the latest [Irish government advice for travel to Ireland during the COVID-19 pandemic](#).
4. confirm they have suitable accommodation to self-quarantine for up to 14 days on arrival (if applicable).
5. not use public transport to travel from the airport to their accommodation to self-quarantine.
6. complete the FREE COVID-19 PCR test at least 5 days post arrival (if applicable).

## TRAVELING FROM THE AIRPORT TO YOUR ACCOMMODATION

The NCI Airport Shuttle Service is a free service provided to all new and returning students, which will drop NCI students directly to their accommodation in Dublin, for quarantining at their chosen accommodation.

Students who are required to enter mandatory hotel quarantine will be securely transported to their pre-booked mandatory hotel quarantine. This is arranged by the Irish government and not by NCI.

Returning students arriving from the EU and from non-designated states with proof of full vaccination can use public transport to their accommodation and observe public health restrictions.

## STARTING AT NCI AND PORT OF ENTRY LETTER

**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.

The Starting at NCI & Arrival Form is required to ensure that:

- **Registration** is completed for all new students to start their classes. Note: this applies to students who opt to start online & travel later and students who decide to travel for the start of classes.
- **Airport Pick-Up** is arranged
- **Port of Entry Letter** is issued
- **Welcome Meeting** is scheduled

### Port of Entry Letter

Students who complete the Starting at NCI & Arrival Form will be issued a Port of Entry Letter before travelling. This letter can be presented to immigration on arrival in Ireland. It will be emailed to the student's personal email address two days prior to their arrival in Ireland.

## SUITABLE ACCOMMODATION

It may be a legal requirement for travellers, including students, to quarantine on arrival for up to 14 days. Students must follow the latest [Irish government advice](#) which is updated regularly.

Students will have to follow this advice to self-determine what is applicable to them (Mandatory Hotel Quarantine, Self-quarantine in suitable accommodation, or No quarantine requirement)

Students who are required to self-quarantine must book suitable accommodation to quarantine on arrival.

Accommodation deemed suitable to self-quarantine must provide:

- A private bedroom
- Ideally a private bathroom
- Enough kitchen utensils for each tenant
- Possibility to avoid sharing the kitchen/common room with others at the same time
- Accommodation that is NOT deemed suitable is, for example, hostel accommodation, sharing a bedroom or sleeping on a friend's couch.

You must also ensure that your accommodation provides strong wi-fi so you can access the welcome programme and your classes.

For more information, please read our [NCI Guide for the safe arrival of students and support during quarantine](#).

# STARTING AT NCI & ARRIVAL FORM

All new and returning international students must complete this form to be issued a Port of Entry letter. 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

It may be a legal requirement for travellers, including students, to quarantine on arrival for up to 14 days. Students must follow the latest [Irish government advice](#) to self-determine what is applicable to them.

Please indicate what accommodation you have booked:

Suitable private accommodation (please provide details)

Mandatory Hotel Quarantine (if hotel address not known at the time of submitting the form, please leave address blank)

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 in Dublin as detailed 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 <small>(For flight arriving to Dublin)</small>	Date of arrival / /	Arrival time <small>(Dublin time)</small>
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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 guidelines for travelling to Ireland during the COVID-19 pandemic. I confirm that my accommodation is suitable and meets the guidelines.