

## Accommodation & Living Costs

Finding the right accommodation, in the right location at the right price is one of the biggest challenges that all students have to face at the start of the academic year. Students from Ireland and International Students all arrive in Dublin at the same time looking for accommodation and it is difficult for everyone.

There are a number of options available for Long Term and Short Term accommodation.

Accommodation Options	Long Term / Short Term	Important Information
NCI On Campus Student Accommodation	Long Term	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Can be booked in advance of your arrival (subject to availability).</li> <li>· Must be booked for the full academic year for Semester 1 and 2 (from September to May).</li> </ul>
Rented Accommodation Off Campus	Long Term	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Can view apartments / rooms to rent online but can only go to see them and sign the lease when you arrive in Ireland.</li> <li>· Must sign a lease for a minimum period which is usually 1 year.</li> </ul>
Hosted Family	Short Term or Long Term	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Must be booked in advance of your arrival</li> <li>· Minimum stay of 2 weeks on a half board basis (Breakfast and Dinner included)</li> <li>· Option to negotiate long term stay directly with the family.</li> </ul>
Hostels	Long Term	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Must be booked in advance of your arrival</li> <li>· If staying in a Hostel / Hotel while seeking rented accommodation we recommend that you book for a minimum of 2 weeks.</li> </ul>

## NCI On-Campus Student Accommodation

NCI is located in Dublin city centre and our Campus accommodation is very popular with students from NCI and other Colleges and Universities. We have a limited number of rooms reserved for NCI International Students, so we strongly recommend that you seriously consider this option and reserve your place as soon as possible.

### Overview of NCI On-Campus Accommodation

<p>Why choose NCI Accommodation?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You have your own bedroom, bathroom and study area.</li> <li>• Share living room / kitchen with other students from Ireland and around the world.</li> <li>• You are only a few minutes away from your classroom / gym and students union.</li> <li>• A great location, as you are in the centre of the IFSC (International Financial Services Centre) which is in the docklands area of Dublin City.</li> <li>• There is 24 hour security On Campus.</li> </ul>
<p>What's included?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Each bedroom has a single bed, duvet and pillow.</li> <li>• Each living room has a fully fitted kitchen for cooking and a washing machine is also provided.</li> <li>• Wired Internet access is available in your bedroom (Not WiFi).</li> <li>• A detailed inventory list of what is included is available on the Accommodation office page. (link URL : <a href="http://www.ncirl.ie/Campus/StudentAccommodation/Whatcomesintheapartment.aspx">http://www.ncirl.ie/Campus/StudentAccommodation/Whatcomesintheapartment.aspx</a>)</li> </ul>
<p>What's not included?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bed Linen or Towels are not included.</li> <li>• The cost of electricity is not included and we recommend that you budget approx €10 per person/per week which also covers the cost of heating and hot water for the apartment.</li> </ul>
<p>How many students share each apartment?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Apartments are made up of 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 Bedrooms.</li> <li>• Rooms are allocated by the accommodation office and if possible the will try to accommodate specific requests for friends who wish to share an apartment.</li> </ul>
<p>How much does it cost?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The total cost for 40 weeks On Campus Accommodation is €5,760 which can be paid as follows;</li> <li>• €3030 to secure your place before you arrive which includes a *deposit of €300</li> <li>• €1,365 must be paid by November 3rd 2014</li> <li>• €1,365 must be paid by February 2nd 2015</li> <li>*When you leave the apartment your deposit of €245 is returned to you as €55 covers insurance.</li> </ul>
<p>Are there any extra costs?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The cost of electricity is not included and we recommend that you budget approx €10 per person / per week which also covers the cost of heating and hot water for the apartment.</li> </ul>
<p>Are there Terms &amp; Conditions for On Campus Accommodation?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yes, all residents of NCI On-Campus accommodation must agree to t Terms &amp; Conditions of occupancy which you must read and accept.</li> <li>• You will also have to sign a letting agreement when moving in to O Campus accommodation.</li> <li>• See attached Terms and Conditions</li> <li>• See attached letting agreement</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Link Terms &amp; Conditions to <a href="http://www.ncirl.ie/Portals/0/Commercial%20Office/NCI%20Conditions%20of%20Occupancy.pdf">http://www.ncirl.ie/Portals/0/Commercial%20Office/NCI%20Conditions%20of%20Occupancy.pdf</a></li> <li>· Link letting agreement to <a href="http://www.ncirl.ie/Portals/0/Commercial%20Office/NCI%20Letting%20Agreement.pdf">http://www.ncirl.ie/Portals/0/Commercial%20Office/NCI%20Letting%20Agreement.pdf</a></li> </ul>
How to book	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Once you have paid your tuition fees and applied for your student visa (if applicable) you can apply for On Campus Accommodation.</li> <li>· Rooms are limited and rooms can only be secured when payment has been received.</li> <li>· To secure On-Campus Accommodation you must make the payment of €3030 to the NCI Bank Account and inform the international office at <a href="mailto:international@ncirl.ie">international@ncirl.ie</a>.</li> </ul>
When can I move in?	<p>The contract for On Campus Accommodation is for 40 weeks and there are two move in dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Move in date 1 is from 23rd August 2014 up to 5 September and you must move out by 30th May 2015:</li> <li>· Move in date 2 is after 6th September 2014 and you must move out by 13th June 2015</li> </ul>

## Rented Accommodation Off-Campus

Finding accommodation is one of the biggest challenges that all students have to face at the start of the academic year. Students from Ireland and International Students all arrive in Dublin at the same time seeking accommodation and the competition to find the right accommodation, in the right location at the right price is difficult for everyone.

We recommend that you read as much information on renting in Ireland before you start your search for accommodation and the following websites offer some useful information.

<http://renting.ie/>

<http://www.threshold.ie/>

[http://www.icosirl.ie/eng/student\\_information/accommodation](http://www.icosirl.ie/eng/student_information/accommodation)

### **If you choose to rent you should take the following into consideration;**

- While searching for an apartment / room share you will have to stay in short term accommodation when you arrive in Dublin and this could take up to 4 weeks.
- If renting an apartment or house with other students you will have to sign a lease for a minimum period of time which is usually one year.
- When renting an apartment or house you will have to give a security deposit in addition to the first month rent (this should be returned to you when you leave if you don't break the terms of the lease).
- You should budget for additional costs such as refuse collection, gas, electricity, Internet and travel costs.
- NCI is in Dublin 1 and the cost to rent in the city centre is generally higher than other areas outside the city.
- Generally the further you go outside the city the cheaper it is to rent however, you have to consider other costs such as travel time and the cost for a monthly student ticket on the red luas line is €66 per month.

There are a number of online databases and websites that students use when looking for rented accommodation in Dublin and these will allow you to view what's available to rent.

The average cost to rent a two bedroom apartment in Dublin City is €1200 and this is for a maximum of 4 people sharing. However, you also have the option of renting a room in a house with families or home owners and you should also consider this option.

The following are some of the most popular websites to search for apartments or rooms to rent.

Website	URL	Notes
Daft.ie	<a href="http://www.daft.ie/">http://www.daft.ie/</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Search under 'lettings' for Apartments or houses to rent</li> <li>• Search under 'Sharing' to rent a room in a house or apartment share</li> </ul>
Rent.ie	<a href="http://www.rent.ie/student-accommodation/">http://www.rent.ie/student-accommodation/</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Go to Dublin Student Accommodation and select National College of Ireland.</li> <li>• A list of Houses / Apartments to rent near to NCI will be displayed</li> <li>• A list of Shared Accommodation (rent a room in a house/apartment) near to NCI will be displayed.</li> </ul>
Student Accommodation Off Campus	<a href="http://www.studenthousing.ie/index.html">http://www.studenthousing.ie/index.html</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Select either Student Apartments or Off Campus Housing</li> <li>• The Herberton Apartments are on the Red Luas Line which will bring you directly to the NCI Campus in 20 minutes.</li> </ul>
Collegecribs.ie	<a href="http://www.collegecribs.ie/">http://www.collegecribs.ie/</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Select either Student Apartments or Off Campus Housing</li> <li>• The Herberton Apartments are on the Red Luas Line which will bring you directly to the NCI Campus in 20 minutes.</li> </ul>
Indians in Ireland Message Board	<a href="http://www.indiansinireland.com/forum/portal.php">http://www.indiansinireland.com/forum/portal.php</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Some students from India have successfully found accommodation using this message board.</li> <li>• Simply put a message up on the board that you are moving to Dublin and seeking accommodation near to National College of Ireland.</li> </ul>
0086.ie	<a href="http://www.0086.ie/portal.php">http://www.0086.ie/portal.php</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chinese students may find this website useful as it has a lot of useful information for Chinese people living in Ireland.</li> <li>• There is also a section for renting/sharing a house or flat with people from your home country.</li> </ul>

## Host Family Accommodation

Moving away from your family home and country can be a big transition for some students. Staying with a host family is good way of having some home comforts while you adjust to life in Ireland and search for long term accommodation.

The International office has a database of a small number of families. We can reserve host family accommodation for you and you pay the Host Family directly. There is a minimum stay of two weeks when booking a Host family through the International office.

### Overview of Host Family Accommodation

Why choose Host Family Accommodation?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· It's a home away from home while you search for long term rented accommodation.</li><li>· NCI have visited the Home Stay family and placed students with the families.</li><li>· Improve your English language skills as learn about Irish culture while living with a family.</li></ul>
What's included?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Your meals are included with Breakfast and Dinner Monday to Friday and full board at the weekend.</li><li>· Access to the family room with TV and DVD and most Host Families will have free Internet Access</li><li>· You have access to laundry facilities to wash and dry your clothes</li></ul>
What's not included?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· You have to clean up after yourself</li></ul>
How much does it cost?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· €170 per week for full Board (Breakfast, Lunch &amp; Dinner) in Shared Twin Room</li><li>· €190 per week for half Board (Breakfast and Dinner) in Single Room</li><li>· €200 per week for full Board (Breakfast, Lunch &amp; Dinner) in Single Room</li></ul> <p><b>Note:</b> There is a minimum stay of two weeks</p>
Are there any extra costs?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Host families are based in the suburbs outside Dublin City Centre so you will have to use public transport to travel to the city centre and a weekly bus ticket for students costs €20.</li></ul>
How to book?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Host Family Accommodation must be booked in advance of your arrival. When your student visa has been approved you should contact the international office to reserve a host family at <a href="mailto:international@ncirl.ie">international@ncirl.ie</a></li><li>· The number of host families is limited and rooms go fast so we recommend you book as soon as possible. Don't worry if the NCI Host Family accommodation is full as there are other options for booking host families directly online.</li></ul>

### Other Host Family Accommodation

If the NCI Host Family accommodation is not available you can check the following websites to book a homestay. You can view the host family and photographs of their home and book directly with them. They usually have no minimum stay requirement and charge a nightly rate.

If you decide to go with this option please do not underestimate the amount of time you will need to stay with a host family while you search for long term rented accommodation. If you only book for a couple of nights and you need to extend your stay they may not have availability and you will have to move out.

The following are some websites to search for Home Stay Accommodation.

**Homestaybooking.ie** <http://www.homestaybooking.com/>  
**Homestay.ie** at <http://www.homestay.com/ireland/dublin>

Enter the search location as Dublin Ireland and you can review and chose a host family according to your budget. You can check their availability and price and contact the family directly to make a booking. There is no minimum stay with this site so you can stay for one night or longer, depending in their availability.

## Hostels

Dublin is a small city and it has a large number of hostels and budget hotels to choose from that you can search and book online.

If you choose to stay in a Hostel or Hotel when you arrive and while you are searching for rented accommodation you should budget to stay in for a minimum of two weeks or up to four weeks. Some hostels and hotels have cheaper rates for longer stays so you can shop around for better deals.

The following website has a lot of Hostels and Budget Hotels in Dublin City and I have listed some that are within walking distance of NCI.

<http://www.hostelworld.com/>

### Some Hostels in Dublin 1 and 2 within walking distance of NCI

Jacobs Inn	<a href="http://www.jacobsinn.com/">www.jacobsinn.com/</a>	Jacobs Inn 21-28 Talbot Place Dublin 1	Telephone: +353 1 855 5660 Fax: +353 1 855 5664 Email: <a href="mailto:jacobs@isaacs.ie">jacobs@isaacs.ie</a> <a href="http://www.facebook.com/JacobsInnDublin">www.facebook.com/JacobsInnDublin</a>
Isaacs Hostel	<a href="http://www.isaacs.ie">www.isaacs.ie</a>	Isaacs Hostel 2-5 Frenchmans Lane Dublin 1	Telephone: +353 (0)1 855 6215 Email: <a href="mailto:hostelreception@isaacs.ie">hostelreception@isaacs.ie</a> <a href="http://www.facebook.com/IsaacsHostelDublin">www.facebook.com/IsaacsHostelDublin</a>
Globetrotters /The Townhouse	<a href="http://www.globetrottersdublin.com">www.globetrottersdublin.com</a>	47- 48 Lower Gardiner Street Dublin 1	Phone: +353-1-8735893 E-mail: <a href="mailto:info@globetrottersdublin.com">info@globetrottersdublin.com</a> <a href="http://www.facebook.com/GlobetrottersDublin">www.facebook.com/GlobetrottersDublin</a>
Ashfield House	<a href="http://www.ashfieldhouse.ie">www.ashfieldhouse.ie</a>	19/ 20 D'Olier Street Dublin 2	Tel: +353 1 6797734 Fax: +353 1 6790852 EMail: <a href="mailto:ashfield@indigo.ie">ashfield@indigo.ie</a> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/astarhostels.fans">https://www.facebook.com/astarhostels.fans</a>
Abigails Hostel	<a href="http://www.abigailshostel.com">www.abigailshostel.com</a>	7 - 9 Aston Quay Dublin 2 Ireland	Telephone: +353 1 677 9300 Fax: +353 1 677 9007 Email: <a href="mailto:stay@abigailshostel.com">stay@abigailshostel.com</a>



## Living Costs

Before arriving in Dublin for your studies, you need to ensure that you have sufficient funds to cover the duration of your stay. Students from visa required countries must demonstrate that they have access to a minimum of €7,000 a year as part of their visa application.

While you may be able to take up part-time work during your stay in Ireland, you should not have to rely on this income to meet all your expenses.

To assist you on understanding the cost of living in Ireland you should take the following into consideration.

## Accommodation Costs

Your biggest monthly expense will be for accommodation and we estimate you should budget for the following.

1. On-Campus Accommodation (not-catered) - The total cost for 40 weeks On Campus Accommodation is €5,760 which can be paid as follows:
  - €3030 to secure your place before you arrive which includes a \*deposit of €300
  - €1,365 must be paid by November 3rd 2014
  - €1,365 must be paid by February 2nd 2015

(When you leave the apartment your deposit of €245 is returned to you as €55 covers insurance)

2. Off-Campus Accommodation (own room/ studio) - On an average (500 - 700 €)
3. Off-Campus Accommodation (shared room) - On an average (300 - 400 €)

## Month Living Expenses

For cost of living we would highly recommend that you refer to the following websites as price of essentials, transportation costs, etc. may change with short notice.

[http://www.numbeo.com/cost-of-living/city\\_result.jsp?country=Ireland&city=Dublin](http://www.numbeo.com/cost-of-living/city_result.jsp?country=Ireland&city=Dublin)

**Other websites which may be of assistance are as follows;**

<http://www.inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/Pages/WP11000003>

<http://www.educationinireland.com/en/Living-in-Ireland/Before-Arrival/Living-Costs/>

## One-Off Costs

In addition to accommodation and monthly living expenses you should also consider other one-off costs. This is for costs which you only have to pay once, not regularly which you may have to pay if you are travelling to Ireland.

- Visa application
- Travel insurance
- Medical insurance
- Post/baggage to/from Ireland
- Registration with police (As at July 2014 this is €300)
- Re-Entry Visa (As at July 2014 this is €60 for single entry and €100 for multiple entry)
- Television
- Mobile phone
- Deposit for Off Campus Rental Accommodation (You will probably have to pay a deposit if you move into accommodation that is privately owned. This is usually the same amount as about 4 weeks of rent. It should be returned to you at the end of your stay)