

Pre-Arrival Guide

ACCOMMODATION



Finding the right accommodation at the right price and location is one of the biggest challenges you will encounter as a student. With the help of our [preparation guide](#), [accommodation information](#) on our website and guidance from office staff you will find a place in Dublin.

When travelling to Ireland during the Covid-19 pandemic you will have to take quarantining upon arrival into consideration. You will find the most up to date information on the [Irish Government](#) and [Citizens Information](#) Websites.

Which option is best for me?

You decide which option is right for you: student residence or privately rented accommodation. Dublin has something to suit everyone's study and budget preferences.

Student Residence

+ Booking in advance	- Payment in advance
+ Save time	- Potentially expensive
+ Purpose-built	- House rules
+Great facilities incl. strong wi-fi	- Limited flexibility regarding house mates
+Share with other college students	

We strongly recommend students book student residence accommodation as this is the best option for safe arrival of international students. There is a large number of [student residence accommodation](#) in Dublin. All of these can be booked in advance from your home country. That means you do not have to spend any time house hunting in Dublin. They are safe and comfortable places to live in with great facilities such as common rooms and gyms. However that makes them a little more expensive. Most of the residence buildings are in walking distance or with very good transportation links to NCI.

Privately Rented Accommodation

+ Monthly rent instalments	- Can only be arranged when in Dublin
+ Flexibility regarding housemates	- Need for temporary accommodation
+ Lease for 12 months or more	- Time-consuming
+Potentially more affordable	- Search might interfere with studies

You cannot book [privately rented accommodation](#) from abroad but must be in Ireland to arrange it. Otherwise you are an easy target for scams. You must first arrange suitable temporary accommodation* and then start your search for permanent accommodation. This is time consuming as you have to contact potential landlords and arrange viewings. As this will make it difficult for you to focus on your studies we recommend you arrive well in advance of your course date to focus on your accommodation search. Students arrive in Dublin at the same time to start their courses, all hoping to find accommodation. The earlier you come the less time you will need and the less hassle you will have in finding your home for the next year.

*Please consider the [government guidelines for quarantining](#) after arrival into Ireland. You will need to book suitable accommodation upon arrival into Ireland.

Please also see our [Starting at NCI & Arrival Form Guide](#).