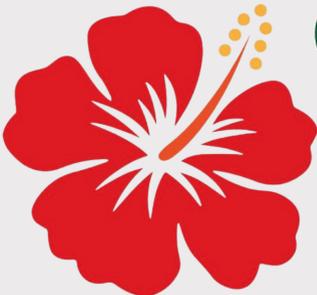




# A STUDENT'S COMPASS

Navigating Ireland

7<sup>th</sup> Council Welfare Department





# Pre-Departure Preparation

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BEFORE  
YOU FLY:

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- 01 Required Documents
- 02 Clothes to Pack
- 03 Electronics and Adapters
- 04 Meds and Health Items
- 05 Currency and Finances
- 06 House Viewing Services



# REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

ESSENTIAL DOCUMENTS TO BRING WITH YOU  
WHEN ENTERING IRELAND.

 <p>Passport</p>	 <p>Firm Offer Letter</p>	 <p>Tuition Fees Receipt</p>
 <p>Accommodation Proof</p>	 <p>Bank Statement €10,000</p>	 <p>Health Insurance</p>
 <p>Visa (if applicable)</p>	 <p>Official Certified English Documents</p>	 <p>Cash</p>



If you're under 18...  
Bring proof of consent of  
your parent or guardian.





# CLOTHES TO PACK



Winter Jacket



Windbreaker



Heattech



Scarf, Glove &  
Beanie Set



Sweats



Waterproof  
Shoes/Boots



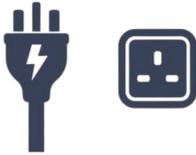
Socks



Formal Wear

# ELECTRONICS & ADAPTERS

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3-Pin Plug  
Charger



Universal  
Adapter



Powerbank

# MEDS & HEALTH ITEMS

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Panadol/  
Paracetamol



Charcoal  
Pills



Antihistamines



If you take prescribed medicines, bring enough supply in original packaging, with a doctor's letter explaining your condition and dosage.

# CURRENCY AND FINANCES



HOW TO BRING, MANAGE AND SPEND  
YOUR MONEY WISELY IN IRELAND.



## Bring some cash

- bring at least €200-300
- for emergencies. SIM Card etc
- get it exchanged before flying



## Download WISE

- bring at least €800
- exchange from MYR to EURO
- lower rates compare to other apps



## Spending Tips

- Pay in € to prevent from high fees
- Have both digital and physical Wise cards with you



# HOUSE VIEWING



A STUDENT-RUN SERVICE HELPING YOU VIEW RENTAL PROPERTIES BEFORE ARRIVING IN IRELAND

## What's Included?

- In-person property viewing by a trusted MYSAI Volunteer
- Photos and Videos
- Honest feedbacks
- Optional live video call during viewing (free)

## Prices

Prices vary depending on location

Location	Price
Dublin city centre (Zone 1-2)	€5
Greater Dublin (Zone 3-22) / Suburbs	€8
Commuter Towns or other cities	€10 / €12

QR code for our house viewing service



## How to Apply?

### Step 1

Fill out the [MYSAI Viewing Request Form](#)

### Step 2

Provide the following details:

Name & Contact info  
Property listing and address  
Preferred viewing dates  
Proof of payment

### Step 3

MYSAI assigns a volunteer. A live video call can be requested (optional)

### Step 4

Receive a detailed photo/video report within 24-48 hours.

## ! Disclaimer !

This service provides independent viewing and feedback only. MYSAI is **not responsible** for any tenancy agreements or rental decisions. Always verify details with the landlord/agency directly before making payments or signing contracts !



# Touchdown In Ireland

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WHEN  
YOU LAND:

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- 01 Immigration and Customs
- 02 Baggage Claim and Situations
- 03 SIM Card
- 04 Transport to Destination





# IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS



WHAT TO EXPECT, WHAT TO SAY AND WHAT  
TO PREPARE AFTER LANDING IN IRELAND

## What to Expect ?

After landing, you'll go through **immigration** where an officer will check your documents and may ask you a few questions. Just stay calm and be honest!



## Sample Questions At Immigration



**Why are you coming to Ireland?**

I'm here to study at  
[Your Uni Name].



**Where will you be staying?**

At [Your Accom Name].



**How long will you be staying?**

For the duration of my course -  
[X] months/years



**Do you have enough money to support yourself?**

Yes, I have my bank statement/sponsor letter.



**Is this your first time coming to Ireland?**

Answer honestly:  
'Yes/No'.



## Documents To Show



Passport



University Offer Letter



Proof of Accommodation

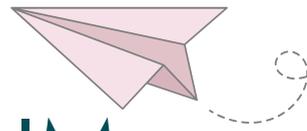


Proof of Funds

## Tips



- Keep all documents in hand luggage
- Be calm, polite and confident
- Keep digital backups (on phone, USB, Google Drive)
- Don't be nervous! Just answer truthfully.



# BAGGAGE CLAIM

FOLLOW THE SIGN TO BAGGAGE CLAIM  
TO COLLECT YOUR CHECKED LUGGAGE



## Where To Go

- Find this:



- Find the conveyor belt with your flight's number



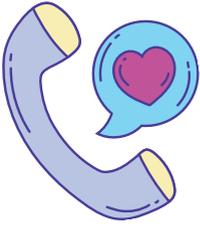
## Missing and Damaged Bags

- Report at the baggage help desk counter (within the luggage collection area)
- Show them your boarding pass



## Tips

- Check for damage before leaving
- Take a pic of your luggage before starting your journey
- Opt for plastic wrapping for maximum protection



# SIM CARD

HOW TO GET MOBILE DATA AND CALLS AFTER ARRIVING



## Where to Buy One



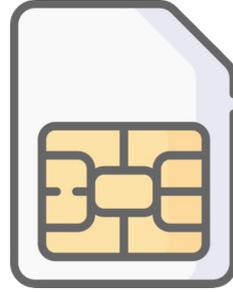
### Airport

Shops in Dublin Airport



### In Town

Phone stores, Telecommunication service providers, Online (some university may provide free SIM)



## Popular Providers



## What you'll need



Passport (ID)



Unlocked Phone



WiFi to activate SIM

## Tips

Choose plans with EU roaming if you plan to travel !





# TRANSPORT TO DESTINATION



HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE TO GET FROM DUBLIN AIRPORT TO YOUR NEW CITY? HERE'S A QUICK GUIDE TO HELP YOU PLAN YOUR JOURNEY RIGHT AFTER LANDING.

From Dublin Airport	Journey
Dublin City	30 minutes
Dundalk	1 hour
Athlone, Carlow	1.5 hour
Waterford	2.5 hours
Galway, Limerick, Sligo, Cork	3.5 hours
Tralee, Letterkenny	5 hours



# Living In Ireland

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## STARTER PACK:

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- 01 Leap Card and Public Transport
- 02 Bank Account
- 03 IRP Setup
- 04 PPSN Setup
- 05 Working In Ireland
- 06 Daily Living Essentials
- 07 A Taste of Home
- 08 Emergency Situations
- 09 Tips from MYSAI Council
- 10 Events





# LEAP CARD AND TRANSPORT

SAVE MONEY AND TRAVEL SMARTER WITH  
ONE CARD FOR ALL BUSES, LUAS AND DART



Click me for more info !

## What is a Leap Card?

Student Leap Card and Young Adult Leap Card give you **big discounts** to travel around Ireland — for buses, Luas, DART and commuter rail.



Click me to check your card eligibility !

STUDENT LEAP CARD	YOUNG ADULT LEAP CARD
16–18 YEARS	19–25 YEARS
Apply online, Collect at campus/agent	Apply online, Card delivered by post



Google Maps

Route options and  
Transport Timings



TFI LIVE-  
Transport times



LEAP TOPUP-  
Top up virtually

## Transport within Cities



City Bus



DART



Bus Eireann



LUAS

## Inter-City Transport



Irish Rail



Irish Citylink



# BANK ACCOUNT



STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE TO SET UP A BANK  
ACCOUNT WITH AIB OR BOI (Click on the icon)



## Allied Irish Bank

### Step 1

Download the AIB Mobile Banking App

### Step 2

Enter and verify your email address

### Step 3

Fill in your personal details

### Step 4

Complete a video call with an AIB agent

→ Have your passport and good internet ready

### Step 5

Enter additional details & select a branch

→ Register for internet banking

### Step 6

Wait for a verification letter by post

### Step 7

Enter the code from the letter into the app

→ Your account will activate after this

### Step 8

Your debit card & PIN will arrive separately by post



## Bank of Ireland

### Step 1

Apply Online  
[bankofireland.com](http://bankofireland.com) and start the student account application

### Step 2

Upload Required Documents

### Step 3

Account Processing

### Step 4

Receive Account Details

→ You'll receive your IBAN and BIC by SMS within 3-5 business days

### Step 5

Set Up Online Banking

→ Call BOI at 0818 214 365 to activate your 365 Online account (BOI's online banking system)

### Step 6

Download BOI App

### Step 7

Receive Debit Card & PIN  
→ Your Visa Debit Card and PIN will be sent separately by post.

# IRP AND PPSN SETUP

IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS LIVING IN IRELAND.  
ESSENTIAL FOR LEGAL STAY, WORK AND ACCESS TO KEY SERVICES DURING  
YOUR TIME HERE

## IRP: IRISH RESIDENCE PERMIT



The IRP card is your official proof of permission to live in Ireland. All non-EEA students staying over 90 days must register for it.

## OVERVIEW

### DOCUMENTS NEEDED \*

Passport  
University Offer Letter  
Proof of Address  
Medical Insurance  
Bank Statement  
€300 card payment

\* May vary by year \*

### NOTE

Your IRP must be renewed annually.  
Always bring it with you when travelling in and out of Ireland.

PROCEDURES MAY CHANGE FROM TIME TO TIME. ALWAYS CHECK UP WITH YOUR UNIVERSITY INTERNATIONAL OFFICE FOR MOST UP TO DATE GUIDANCE

## OVERVIEW

### DOCUMENTS NEEDED \*

Passport and IRP  
A Letter from university stating why you need it  
Proof of address in Ireland

\* May vary by year \*

### NOTE

No renewal is needed and applying is free of charge.

## PPSN: PERSONAL PUBLIC SERVICE NUMBER



The PPSN is a unique identification number used in Ireland to access public services such as working legally.



# WORKING IN IRELAND

WHAT EVERY INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SHOULD KNOW  
ABOUT PART-TIME WORK IN IRELAND.



As a non-EEA student, you need a valid **Stamp 2** Irish Residence Permit (IRP) to work. **Stamp 2A** holders cannot work.

You need a **PPS number** before starting any job. Your employer uses it to register you for PAYE (income tax). Without it, you could be taxed at the highest emergency rate.



## Working hours

During term time: up to **20** hours/week

Holiday periods: up to **40** hours/week



## Minimum wage

Age 20 & above €13.50/hr

Age 19 €12.15/hr

Age 18 €10.80/hr



# DAILY LIVING ESSENTIALS



SIMPLE WAYS TO SHOP, SAVE AND LIVE WELL

## 01 General Supermarkets



### Lidl –

Budget-friendly with weekly specials and seasonal promotions.

### Aldi –

Known for low prices, efficient shopping and quality store-brand items.

### Tesco –

Widely available, good value and great Clubcard discounts.

### Dunnes Stores –

Slightly more premium, but offers great multi-buy savings (eg. €5 off €25).

### SuperValu –

Local feel, good fresh produce and frequent in-store promotions.



## 02 Home Supplies



### Penneys (Primark) –

Great for cheap bedding, towels and home accessories.

### EuroGiant –

Discount variety store for kitchen tools, cleaning products and household bits.

### Mr Price –

Budget store with a wide range of home goods, toiletries, snacks and stationery.

### Home Store + More –

Wide selection of homeware, bedding, kitchen items and storage solutions at affordable prices.

### Woodie's –

DIY and home improvement store with cleaning, storage and utility essentials.



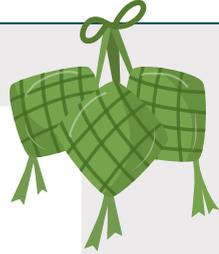


# A TASTE OF HOME

FIND FAMILIAR FLAVORS AND STAY CONNECTED

## DUBLIN

Asia Market  
Oriental Emporium  
Asian Food Co Mary St (Halal Grocery Shop)  
Nimra Asian Halal Foods



## CORK



Asian spices and halal meats  
Sultan'S Halal SuperMarket  
Cork Oriental Supermarket  
Xiao Ling Foreigners Market

## GALWAY

Asiatic Manila  
Terryland Asian Food Market  
Aroma Foods Galway  
Green Chilli Asian Foods



## LIMERICK

Good foods Asian Supermarket  
Cheong Heng Hong Oriental Supermarket  
Khan supermarket henry street limerick  
Asian Arabic Food



## WATERFORD

Asian Family Market  
Super Asia Foods 恒辉食品  
Asian food market  
Ahsan Halal Shop



## DUNDALK



Noor Foods  
Ayla Supermarket Dundalk  
Marhaba Food Store & Halal Meat Grocery  
East west cash & carry

## CARLOW

Little Panda's Asia Market  
Spicemax Asian food and grocery and halal butcher  
Ar Asian Foods carlow  
Needs



## ATHLONE



Super Asia Foods 恒辉食品  
Asian Foods Store  
Hera Foods  
New Lasani Store Halal Athlone

## LETTERKENNY

Asian Food Store Ltd  
Letterkenny Spice Land  
Royal Spice Land Letterkenny  
Payless Grocery



## SLIGO

Royal Spice Land Finisklin Sligo  
Sligo Spice Irish & Asian Supermarket  
Hamdan Asian Store Halal  
Pakiza Halal Food Ltd



## TRALEE

Tralee Supermarket  
Akira Asia supermarket  
Kingdom Spices Halal Shop  
Yusuf Spice Halal Shop





# EMERGENCY SITUATIONS



WHAT TO DO AND WHO TO CALL IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY IN IRELAND



## IMPORTANT EMERGENCY NUMBERS

999 / 112

- Garda
- Ambulance
- Fire Brigade
- Coast Guard



SITUATION	WHO TO CONTACT
Serious injury/ Medical issue	Call Ambulance
Fire / Smoke	Call Fire Brigade
Crime / Theft	Call Garda Síochána (Irish police force)
Felling unsafe / Harassed	Call Gardaí or University Security

## UNIVERSITY EMERGENCY SUPPORT

- Save campus security number
- Contact the student health centre





# TIPS FROM THE COUNCIL



HERE'S WHAT YOUR COMMITTEE WISHES THEY KNEW AS FRESHERS!



## *PRESIDENT*

“Don't forget you are in Europe, time to max out that passport of yours.”

## *VICE-PRESIDENT*

“The wind can make it feel colder than it is, even during the warmer months.”



## *TREASURER*

“You miss all the shots you don't take :p”



## *HR DIRECTOR*

“Eurogiant and Dealz have good quality home appliances at cheap prices !!”



## *P&E DIRECTOR*

“Take advantage of your perks as a student using discounts and offers when shopping, cafe hopping etc.”

## *WELFARE DIRECTOR*

“Don't be afraid to try new things !”



## *PUBLICITY DIRECTOR*

“Every house has its own unique Eircode.”



# WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS TERM ?



TAKE A PEEK AT THE EXCITING EVENTS  
PLANNED BY MYSAI !

## 2025

### Sept

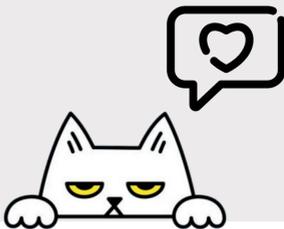
- AGM
- Outreach Programme

### Oct

- Deepavali
- Halloween

### Dec

- Christmas Market



## 2026

### Jan

- Medical Case Comp
- Chinese New Year

### March

- Hari Raya

### June

- Lepak Lah-Ireland Edition



Feel free to contact us !

