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STUDENT VISA INFORMATION – IRELAND GRIFFITH COLLEGE

U.S. Passport holders studying in Ireland for one semester or a 1-month summer program:

You must BRING THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WITH YOU WHEN YOU FLY TO IRELAND and be prepared to present them when you pass through Immigration at the airport upon your first entry into Ireland. Using these documents, you will receive a 90-day stamp in your passport, which is called Permission to Remain:

1. **VALID U.S. Passport:** Must not expire for at least 6 months following your proposed date of return from Ireland.
2. **PRINTED Invitation to Register** from Griffith College. ASA will email this to you shortly before departure.
3. **PRINTED Evidence of Finances** for your stay in Ireland. The purpose is to show that you have money to support yourself while in Ireland. Semester students must bring 2 recent bank statements, FROM A BANK ACCOUNT IN YOUR OWN NAME, showing at least €500 per month of stay in Ireland. (Fall Semester students €2,000; Spring Semester students €2,500; Summer students €500). One bank statement must be less than 1 month old from your departure date. The other bank statement must be less than 6 months old from your departure date. Both statements must be from the same bank account. Be sure to also bring the debit/ATM card for that account with you. **Check the current Euro to U.S. Dollar exchange rate prior to your departure at www.xe.com.**
4. **PRINTED Proof of Medical Insurance:** Print out your CISI Medical Insurance card, which ASA will email to you shortly before departure.
5. **PRINTED Round-Trip Plane Ticket:** The Irish Immigration Officer may want to see proof that you plan to leave Ireland.

The Permission to Remain stamp is **temporary** – it lasts only 90 days. **SEMESTER students:** Because your program is longer than 90 days, you will need to extend your Permission to Remain before it expires by registering with the INIS office in Dublin after arrival and obtaining an Irish Residence Permit. (INIS = Irish Naturalisation and Immigration Service.)

While the initial Permission to Remain stamp is free, **the INIS charges €300 for the Residence Permit** (but you won't have to pay this until your INIS appointment).

SEMESTER students: You are responsible for making an INIS appointment online prior to departure. ASA will email you when it is time to make your INIS appointment.

SEMESTER students: You will need to present the following documents at your INIS appointment:

1. **Printed confirmation of INIS appointment:** You must print the confirmation when you book your appointment online.
2. Your **Passport**
3. **Printed bank statement, less than 1 month old from the date of your INIS appointment, FROM A BANK ACCOUNT IN YOUR OWN NAME:** Fall Semester students must show an account balance of at least €2,000. Spring Semester students must show an account balance of at least €2,500. Check the Euro to U.S. Dollar exchange rate: www.xe.com.
4. **Printed bank statement, less than 6 months old from the date of your INIS appointment, FROM THE SAME BANK ACCOUNT IN YOUR OWN NAME:** Fall Semester students must show at least €2,000. Spring Semester students must show at least €2,500. Check the Euro to U.S. Dollar exchange rate: www.xe.com.
5. **Debit/ATM card linked to the same the bank account** for which you have provided the bank statements.
6. **Printed CISI Medical Insurance Card OR Medical Insurance Certificate:** If a Medical Insurance Certificate is needed for your INIS appointment in lieu of your CISI insurance card, Griffith College will give you the certificate after arrival.
7. **Payment of €300 by credit or debit card:** Payment must be submitted during your INIS appointment by debit or credit card ONLY. Cash is NOT accepted.

NOTE: If you travel outside of Ireland before your INIS appointment date, you must ALWAYS bring the 5 documents listed at the top of this page (the ones required for Permission to Remain, that you brought for your first entry into Ireland).

Visa requirements and procedures may differ for non-U.S. citizens.