# The Ultimate Guide to Securing Your Irish Student Visa: A Step-by-Step Manual for Indian Students (2025/2026 Intake)

## Your Journey to the Emerald Isle: An Introduction

### Welcome and Purpose

Congratulations on securing your admission to an Irish educational institution. This achievement marks a significant milestone in your academic journey. The final step before you can begin your studies in the Emerald Isle is navigating the student visa application process. While this may seem daunting, it is a structured procedure that can be successfully completed with careful preparation and attention to detail. This guide is designed to be your comprehensive manual, breaking down the entire process into manageable phases and steps, ensuring you can submit a thorough and compelling application with confidence.

### Understanding the Key Players

To navigate the application process effectively, it is essential to understand the roles of the three main organizations involved:

* **Irish Immigration Service (ISD):** Formerly known as the Irish Naturalisation and Immigration Service (INIS), the ISD is the Irish government body responsible for all visa, immigration, and citizenship matters.1 It is the ultimate decision-making authority for your visa application. Their official website, irishimmigration.ie, is the primary source for all immigration policies, rules, and eligibility criteria.3
* **Embassy of Ireland, New Delhi:** This is the diplomatic mission in India that oversees the visa process for applicants from India, Nepal, Bangladesh, and Sri Lanka.6 The Embassy's website provides country-specific instructions, checklists, and updates relevant to Indian applicants.8
* **VFS Global:** VFS Global is the official third-party service provider contracted by the Embassy of Ireland in India.10 Their role is purely logistical and administrative. They manage the Visa Application Centres (VACs) where you will book an appointment to submit your documents, pay fees, and provide your biometric data. VFS Global has no influence over the outcome of your visa application; they are simply the facilitators of the submission process.11

The Irish visa process for students in India operates on a "one-shot" principle. Unlike some systems where an officer might contact you for a missing document, the New Delhi Visa Office generally does not request additional paperwork after submission.13 An application is judged solely on the documents provided at the time of your VFS appointment.8 Therefore, submitting an incomplete application is one of the most common reasons for refusal.14 Your objective is not merely to check off items on a list but to curate a complete, self-explanatory, and "bulletproof" dossier that presents a clear and convincing case for your student visa.

## Phase 1: Pre-Application Groundwork

### Choosing the Right Visa: 'C' vs. 'D' Study Visas

The first critical decision is to apply for the correct visa category. An incorrect choice is a fundamental error that leads to rejection.14

* **'C' Study Visa:** This is a short-stay visa for academic courses or programmes that last for **less than 3 months (90 days)**. It is suitable for students attending a summer school, a short-term language course, or a single semester abroad.3
* **'D' Study Visa:** This is a long-stay visa required for any course of study that lasts for **more than 3 months**. This is the visa that the vast majority of Indian students pursuing undergraduate or postgraduate degrees will need.3 This guide will focus primarily on the 'D' Study Visa.

### Critical Timelines: Your Application Calendar

Timing is crucial for a stress-free application process. Adhering to the recommended timeline prevents last-minute complications.

* **The Golden Rule:** You can, and should, begin your visa application **3 to 4 months before your course start date**.13 This provides ample time for document collection, application processing, and potential appeals if necessary.
* **The Hard Deadline - The "3-Week Rule":** The Embassy of Ireland in New Delhi operates a strict cut-off. Student visa applications received at the Visa Office **less than 3 weeks before the official course start date will be returned unprocessed**.13 Note that it can take VFS several working days to deliver your application to the Embassy, so you must submit it at your VFS appointment well before this 3-week deadline.
* **Processing Times:** The standard processing time for a student visa application is approximately **8 weeks**, but this can extend during peak periods (June-August) for the September intake.16 This reinforces the importance of applying early.

### The Approval in Principal (AIP) Scheme

The AIP scheme is a special provision designed for undergraduate applicants from India who are awaiting their final school-leaving examination results.11

* **What it is:** It allows students who have been accepted into a full-time undergraduate degree course (Level 7 or 8 on the National Framework of Qualifications) to apply for their visa before paying their full tuition fees.13
* **How it works:** Under the AIP scheme, the student must pay a minimum of €6,000 towards their tuition fees and submit their visa application with provisional results. If the application is otherwise complete and satisfactory, the Visa Office will issue an "approval in principle." Once the student receives their final results, they must submit them to the university, pay the remaining balance of their tuition fees, and then forward the final acceptance letter and proof of full payment to the Visa Office. The visa will then be formally stamped in their passport.13
* **Who it's for:** This scheme is exclusively for **undergraduate degree students**. It is no longer available for postgraduate (Master's) applicants.13

| Table 1: Visa Types at a Glance |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Visa Type** | **Course Duration** | **Permitted Activities** | **Typical Applicant** |
| 'C' Study Visa | Less than 90 days | Study only. Work is not permitted. | Student attending a summer school or short-term language course. |
| 'D' Study Visa | More than 90 days | Study and casual part-time work (up to 20 hours/week during term, 40 hours/week during holidays).4 | Student pursuing a Bachelor's, Master's, or PhD degree. |

## Phase 2: The Step-by-Step Application Process

The application process is a clear, linear sequence of online and in-person actions. Follow these steps precisely.

### Step 1: The AVATS Online Application

Your application officially begins online.

1. Navigate to the official AVATS (Automated Visa Application and Tracking System) portal at **visas.inis.gov.ie**.6
2. Select the correct visa type: "Long Stay (D)" and reason for travel: "Study".21
3. Fill in all sections of the form with complete accuracy. The information you provide must exactly match the details in your passport, letter of acceptance, and other supporting documents. Any discrepancy can be flagged as an inconsistency (INCO rejection code) and lead to refusal.14
4. After completing and submitting the form online, the system will generate a unique **Visa Application Summary Sheet**. This document is critical. You must print it, sign it, and date it.11 This signed sheet becomes the cover page of your physical application file.

### Step 2: Booking Your VFS Global Appointment

Once you have your AVATS summary sheet, you must book an appointment to submit your application.

1. Visit the official VFS Global website for Ireland in India: [**visa.vfsglobal.com/ind/en/irl/**](https://visa.vfsglobal.com/ind/en/irl/).10
2. Create an account and schedule an appointment at your nearest Visa Application Centre (VAC). VFS operates VACs in major Indian cities, including New Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru, Chennai, Kolkata, Hyderabad, and others.11
3. You will need your AVATS transaction number (found on your summary sheet) to book the appointment.11
4. This appointment is for the physical submission of your documents and the collection of your biometric data (digital fingerprints and a photograph).6

### Step 3: Paying the Fees

There are two separate fees you must pay.

1. **Visa Application Fee:** The standard fee for a single-entry 'D' Study Visa is **€60**.3 The equivalent amount in Indian Rupees (INR) varies with the exchange rate. As of early 2025, this was approximately ₹5,300 INR.6 Payment methods are specified by VFS during the appointment booking process.
2. **VFS Global Service Charge:** VFS charges a mandatory service fee for handling your application. This fee is approximately **₹3,518 INR** (subject to change) and is paid directly to VFS.12
3. Be aware that all fees are **non-refundable**, regardless of the outcome of your application.21

### Step 4: Submission Day at the VFS Centre

On the day of your appointment, you will finalize the submission process.

1. Arrive at the selected VFS VAC on time.
2. Bring your complete and organized application dossier, including your passport, the signed AVATS summary sheet, and all original supporting documents with photocopies as required.
3. Your documents will be checked for completeness by VFS staff, and your application will be formally accepted.
4. Your biometric information will be captured.6
5. You will receive a receipt which includes a reference number. This number is essential for tracking your application's progress. Keep it safe.
6. VFS will then securely dispatch your entire application file to the Visa Office at the Embassy of Ireland in New Delhi for assessment and decision-making.13

## Phase 3: Assembling Your Dossier - The Definitive Document Checklist

This section details every document required for a robust application. All documents must be originals unless specified, presented in English (or accompanied by a certified translation), and be clear and legible.8 Submitting fraudulent documents will result in refusal and a potential five-year ban from applying for an Irish visa.13

### A. Personal & Application Documents

* **AVATS Application Summary Sheet:** The printed form from the online application, signed and dated by you.13
* **Supplementary Student Form:** A specific form for student applicants that must be fully and correctly completed, signed, and dated. This is a mandatory document.8
* **Passport-Sized Photographs:** Two recent (taken within the last 6 months) color photographs that meet strict specifications: 35mm x 45mm, white background, neutral expression, with your name and visa application transaction number written in block capitals on the back.18 Do not staple or attach them to the form.
* **Current Passport:** Your passport must be valid for at least **12 months** after your proposed date of arrival in Ireland and must contain at least two blank pages for the visa stamp.18
* **All Previous Passports:** You must submit all previous passports to show your travel history. If a past passport has been lost, you must provide a police report and a detailed written explanation. It is critical to disclose any previous visa refusals from any country. Concealing this information is considered misrepresentation and will lead to an automatic refusal and a potential five-year ban.13
* **Signed Letter of Application:** This is your personal statement. It should be a formal letter that outlines:
  + Your reason for choosing to study in Ireland.
  + Your rationale for selecting your specific course and institution.
  + An undertaking that you will obey the conditions of your visa, will not become a burden on the state, and will return to India upon completion of your studies.22
* **Police Clearance Certificate (PCC):** A mandatory document to prove you have no criminal record.11

### B. Academic Documents

* **Letter of Acceptance:** An official letter from your Irish Higher Education Institution confirming your unconditional acceptance onto a full-time course. The course must be listed on the **Interim List of Eligible Programmes (ILEP)**.4
* **Evidence of Fee Payment:** A copy of the Electronic Transfer of Funds (EFT) or a formal receipt from the college showing that you have paid your tuition fees as per the visa regulations (e.g., a minimum of €6,000 or 50% of the total fee, depending on the amount).11
* **Academic Transcripts and Certificates:** Original mark sheets, transcripts, and completion certificates for all your qualifications, starting from Class 10 onwards.11
* **Evidence of English Language Proficiency:** A valid, original score report from an approved English language test (e.g., IELTS, TOEFL, PTE). This is a **compulsory requirement** for the visa application, even if your university granted you an admission waiver. The minimum required score can vary, but an IELTS score of 5.0 is an absolute baseline, with most universities requiring 6.5 or higher.13
* **Explanation for Gaps in Education:** If there are any gaps of more than six months in your educational history, you must provide a signed letter explaining your activities during that time (e.g., working, preparing for entrance exams, travel).18

### C. Other Essential Documents

* **Proof of Private Medical Insurance:** The letter of acceptance from your college may confirm that they have arranged medical insurance on your behalf. If not, you must purchase a policy yourself and provide the certificate. The policy must provide full cover for accidents and disease and cover you for hospitalization in Ireland for the duration of one year.11

| Table 2: Master Document Checklist |  |  |  |
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| **Document Name** | **Specific Requirements/Format** | **Why it's Important (Purpose)** | **Check Box** |
| Signed AVATS Summary Sheet | Printed from online portal, signed and dated. | The official cover sheet of your application. | ☐ |
| Supplementary Student Form | Fully completed, signed, and dated. | Gathers specific student-related information not on the main form. | ☐ |
| Passport Photos (x2) | 35x45mm, recent, white background, name & transaction no. on back. | For identity verification and the final visa vignette. | ☐ |
| Current Passport | Valid for 12+ months post-arrival, 2+ blank pages. | The travel document where the visa will be placed. | ☐ |
| All Previous Passports | Original copies required. | To verify your complete travel and immigration history. Hiding refusals is a critical error. | ☐ |
| Signed Letter of Application | Personal statement of purpose and intent. | Explains your motivations and commitment to return to India. | ☐ |
| Police Clearance Certificate | Original certificate. | Confirms you meet the character requirements for entry. | ☐ |
| Letter of Acceptance | From an ILEP-listed course. | Proves you have a valid reason to travel to Ireland for study. | ☐ |
| Fee Payment Evidence | EFT copy or official receipt. | Shows you have financially committed to the course. | ☐ |
| Academic Documents | Originals from Class 10 onwards. | Proves you have the academic ability to undertake the chosen course. | ☐ |
| English Test Score | Original IELTS/TOEFL/PTE report. | A mandatory document proving your ability to study in English. | ☐ |
| Gap in Education Letter | Signed personal explanation. | Accounts for your timeline and demonstrates transparency. | ☐ |
| Private Medical Insurance | Policy certificate. | A mandatory condition ensuring you will not be a burden on the Irish healthcare system. | ☐ |

## Phase 4: Proving Financial Stability - A Deep Dive into Funding

The financial assessment is arguably the most scrutinized part of the application. The visa officer is not just checking if you have a certain amount of money; they are assessing your overall financial stability and the legitimacy of your funds. A well-documented and transparent financial history is a strong indicator that your primary purpose in Ireland is genuine study, as it shows you are not under financial pressure that might lead you to breach visa conditions. For this reason, it is advisable to begin organizing your finances and ensuring clear documentation trails at least 6-7 months before you plan to apply for the visa.

### Decoding the "Proof of Funds" Requirement

* **The Magic Number:** For courses beginning after July 1, 2023, you must demonstrate that you have immediate access to at least **€10,000** to cover your living expenses for one academic year. This is *in addition to* having paid the required amount of your first year's tuition fees.3
* **Subsequent Years:** You must also be able to demonstrate that you or your sponsors have ready access to a similar amount (€10,000 plus tuition fees) for each subsequent year of your studies.26

### Preparing Bank Statements

* You must provide up-to-date bank statements covering a continuous period of the **last six months**.26
* Statements must be on official bank-headed paper. If you are submitting e-statements printed from the internet, every single page must be stamped and signed by a bank official.26
* Any large or irregular deposits into the account during this six-month period must be clearly explained with supporting documentary evidence. For example, if funds came from the sale of a property, you must include the sale agreement. If it was a gift, a formal gift deed may be required.26 This is to prevent "funds parking," where money is borrowed temporarily just to meet the visa requirement.

### Documenting Your Sponsors

* Any person providing financial assistance for your education is considered a sponsor, and this **always includes your parents**, even if you are using your own savings.13
* You must provide clear evidence of your relationship to your sponsor(s) (e.g., your birth certificate to prove your relationship with your parents).26
* For each sponsor, you must provide a comprehensive set of their financial documents, including:
  + Their 6-month bank statements.
  + Their three most recent payslips and a letter from their employer.
  + Their Income Tax Returns (ITRs) for the last two to three years.17

### Using an Education Loan

An education loan is a very common and acceptable way to fund your studies, but the documentation requirements are strict.

* **The Critical Rule:** A loan sanction letter by itself is **not sufficient** evidence.13
* You must submit the **full, original loan documentation**. This includes the loan agreement, disbursement details, and a copy of the deeds for any property or other assets used as collateral to secure the loan.13
* The loan must be from a reputable financial institution and should cover both tuition and living expenses.28 The visa officer will assess your sponsor's ability to repay the loan based on their existing income, not your potential future income in Ireland.17

### The Education Bond Alternative

For students enrolled in degree programmes (NFQ Levels 7-10), there is an alternative to providing six months of bank statements for living expenses.26

* This pilot program allows a student to lodge a minimum of **€10,000** into an approved student fee payment service, such as the one offered by Transfermate.26
* A receipt confirming the purchase of this "education bond" is generally accepted by the Visa Office as sufficient proof of funds for living expenses.
* The funds are held in escrow and are released to you upon your arrival and registration with immigration authorities in Ireland.26

| Table 3: Financial Requirements Summary |  |  |
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| **Expense Category** | **Required Amount** | **Acceptable Forms of Proof** |
| Tuition Fees | 100% of first-year fees (or min. €6,000 / 50% as per rules). | Official college receipt or EFT copy showing payment. |
| Living Expenses | Minimum of €10,000 for one academic year. | 1. 6-month, stamped bank statements (student's and/or sponsor's) with explanations for large lodgements. 2. Complete education loan file (not just sanction letter). 3. Education Bond receipt (for degree students only). |

## Phase 5: The Visa Interview - Preparing for a Confident Conversation

### Will You Be Called for an Interview?

A personal interview is **not a mandatory part of the process for every Indian student**.21 Many visas are granted based on the documentary evidence alone. However, the Visa Office reserves the right to call any applicant for an interview if they require clarification on any aspect of the application, such as complex financial situations, unusual academic progression, or doubts about the applicant's intentions.11 Therefore, you must be prepared for an interview from the moment you apply.

### Core Interview Themes

If called, the interview is a structured conversation designed to verify the information in your application and assess your credibility as a genuine student. The questions will revolve around five key themes 31:

1. **Your Study Plans:** Expect questions like "Why do you want to study in Ireland?" and "Why not study this course in India?".31 Your answers should be specific and academic. Focus on the high quality of Ireland's education system, the global recognition of its qualifications, and unique aspects of your chosen course or the research facilities at your university. Avoid generic answers about culture or scenery.30
2. **Your University & Course Choice:** Be prepared to justify your choices. "Why this particular university?" "How does this Master's degree build upon your Bachelor's degree?" "What are your future career goals, and how will this course help you achieve them?".30
3. **Your Academic Capability:** The officer may ask about your previous grades, projects, and why you believe you are qualified to succeed in the demanding Irish academic environment.
4. **Your Financial Status:** You must be able to clearly and confidently explain how your education and living expenses will be funded. "Who is sponsoring you?" "What is your father's occupation and annual income?" "How will you pay for the second year of your course?".31
5. **Your Post-Graduation Plans (Intent to Return):** This is the most critical part of the interview. The officer needs to be convinced that you are a temporary visitor for the purpose of education and that you will leave Ireland after you graduate.

### Demonstrating Your "Intent to Return" to India

This is a primary concern for visa officers worldwide. You must demonstrate strong ties to your home country to overcome any presumption that you intend to immigrate permanently.15 This is directly related to avoiding the "Obligation to leave" (OB) rejection code.14

* **How to prove it:** Discuss tangible connections to India. These can include family responsibilities, property or assets in your family's name, and, most importantly, a clear and logical career plan that involves returning to India. Explain the specific job roles and opportunities available in the Indian market for someone with your Irish qualification.16

### Interview Do's and Don'ts

| Do's | Don'ts |
| --- | --- |
| **Do** dress in formal or smart-casual attire.19 | **Don't** provide false or misleading information.19 |
| **Do** arrive at the interview location ahead of schedule. | **Don't** argue with the visa officer, even if you disagree.32 |
| **Do** answer all questions honestly, clearly, and confidently. | **Don't** give vague, one-word answers. Elaborate where appropriate. |
| **Do** bring a file with copies of all the documents you submitted. | **Don't** express a primary interest in working or settling in Ireland permanently. |
| **Do** practice your answers to common questions beforehand.32 | **Don't** panic. Stay calm and composed throughout the interview.19 |

## Phase 6: The Waiting Game and Beyond

### Tracking Your Application

After your appointment at VFS, your application is sent to the New Delhi Visa Office for a decision. You can monitor its status online using the reference number provided on your VFS receipt.12 The VFS tracking system will inform you when a decision has been made and when your passport has been dispatched back to the VAC or for courier delivery.

### Visa Approved! What's Next?

1. Once a decision is made, VFS will notify you. As per current rules, your passport with the visa vignette (sticker) will be mandatorily returned to you via courier.12
2. **Crucial Advice:** Do **not** book flights, pay for accommodation, or make any other non-refundable travel arrangements until you have your passport with the approved visa physically in your hand.8
3. **Prepare for Arrival:** When packing, keep essential documents in your hand luggage. You may be asked to present your letter of acceptance, fee payment receipt, and proof of medical insurance to the immigration officer upon arrival at the airport in Ireland.3

### Visa Refused: Understanding and Appealing

If your visa application is refused, you will receive a formal letter of refusal that details the specific reasons for the decision.14

* You have the right to **appeal this decision within 2 months** of the date on the refusal letter.18
* An appeal is not a re-application. It must be a written submission that directly addresses and provides evidence to counter each of the reasons for refusal cited by the visa officer. If the refusal was due to a missing document, you must provide it with your appeal letter.
* There is no additional fee for an appeal.35 A well-reasoned and well-documented appeal has a reasonable chance of success.

## Avoiding the Pitfalls: Common Mistakes & Rejection Codes

Understanding why applications are refused is the key to preventing it from happening to you. This section demystifies the common rejection codes you might see on a refusal letter.

### Top Mistakes by Indian Students

1. **Insufficient or Poorly Documented Finances (Rejection Code: F):** This is the most common reason for refusal. It includes not meeting the €10,000 + fees requirement, failing to explain large deposits, or providing incomplete sponsor documentation.14
2. **Incomplete Application Dossier (Rejection Code: ID):** Missing even a single mandatory document, such as the English language test result or a previous passport, can lead to refusal.14
3. **Failure to Demonstrate Intent to Return (Rejection Code: OB):** Not providing a convincing narrative and evidence of your strong ties to India.14
4. **Poor Justification for Course Choice (Rejection Codes: SP/CP):** Choosing a course that does not align logically with your previous academic or professional background can raise doubts about your true intentions.14
5. **Concealing Information:** Failing to disclose a previous visa refusal for any country is a serious breach of trust and will result in refusal and a potential ban.13
6. **Applying Too Late:** Submitting your application inside the 3-week window before your course starts will result in it being returned unprocessed.13

| Table 4: Common Visa Rejection Codes Explained |  |  |  |
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| **Rejection Code** | **Official Meaning** | **What it Means for an Indian Student** | **How to Proactively Avoid It** |
| **F** | Finances | You have not shown sufficient funds, or the source of your funds is not clear and verifiable. | Follow the financial guidance in Section 5 meticulously. Ensure 6-month stamped bank statements, full sponsor documents, and complete education loan files are submitted. |
| **ID** | Insufficient Documentation | Your application was missing one or more mandatory documents. | Use the Master Document Checklist (Table 2) and double-check that every single required document is included before your VFS appointment. |
| **OB** | Obligation to Leave | The visa officer is not convinced that you will return to India after your studies. | In your application letter and interview, clearly articulate your strong family, financial, and career ties to India. |
| **SP / CP** | Student Profile / Course Profile | Your choice of course seems illogical or does not represent clear academic or career progression. | Clearly explain in your application letter how your chosen Irish course is a natural and necessary step forward from your previous studies and for your future career in India. |
| **INCO** | Inconsistencies | There are contradictions between the information on your application form and your supporting documents. | Proofread your AVATS form multiple times. Ensure all names, dates, and figures are 100% consistent across all documents. |

## Welcome to Ireland: Post-Arrival Formalities

Your visa allows you to travel to Ireland, but your legal permission to reside there is granted upon arrival and registration.

### At the Airport

When you arrive at an Irish airport (e.g., Dublin Airport), you will present your passport and visa to an immigration officer at border control. The officer may ask to see your letter of acceptance and other key documents. Upon being satisfied that you are a genuine student, they will stamp your passport, granting you initial permission to enter the country, typically for up to 90 days.3

### Registering for your Irish Residence Permit (IRP)

This is a mandatory step for all non-EEA students staying in Ireland for more than 90 days.3

1. You must register with the local immigration office, which is managed by the Immigration Service Delivery (ISD). In Dublin, this is at Burgh Quay; in other cities, it is typically at the main Garda (police) station.4
2. You must book an appointment online in advance. These appointments can be in high demand, so book it as soon as you arrive.
3. At your appointment, you will need to present:
   * Your passport with the entry visa.
   * Your original letter of acceptance from the college.
   * Proof of payment of college fees.
   * Proof of private medical insurance.
   * Evidence that you can support yourself financially (e.g., access to your €10,000 in an Irish bank account).25
4. You will pay a registration fee of **€300** by credit/debit card.24
5. Your fingerprints will be taken, and your passport will be stamped with the appropriate student permission (e.g., Stamp 2). You will then be issued an **Irish Residence Permit (IRP) card** by post. This credit-card-sized permit is your official proof of residence in Ireland.

## Appendix: Quick-Reference Tools

### Printable Master Document Checklist

(A condensed, printable version of Table 2 for practical use during document collection.)

* [ ] Signed AVATS Summary Sheet
* [ ] Completed Supplementary Student Form
* [ ] 2 Passport Photos (with name/transaction no. on back)
* [ ] Current Passport (valid 12+ months)
* [ ] All Previous Passports
* [ ] Signed Letter of Application
* [ ] Police Clearance Certificate (PCC)
* [ ] Letter of Acceptance (from ILEP course)
* [ ] Fee Payment Evidence (EFT/Receipt)
* [ ] All Academic Documents (Originals, Class 10+)
* [ ] English Test Score Report (Original)
* [ ] Letter explaining any Gaps in Education
* [ ] Private Medical Insurance Certificate
* [ ] Full Financial Dossier (6-month bank statements, sponsor docs, loan file, etc.)

### Financial Summary Form (FSF)

The Embassy of Ireland, New Delhi, requires student applicants to submit a completed Financial Summary Form (FSF). This form can be found on the Irish Immigration website under the "How to apply for long-term study visa" section. Direct access is often available through the document checklists provided by the Embassy.8

### Glossary of Terms

* **AVATS:** Automated Visa Application and Tracking System. The online portal for all Irish visa applications.
* **ISD:** Immigration Service Delivery. The Irish government body in charge of all immigration matters.
* **ILEP:** Interim List of Eligible Programmes. The official list of courses approved for non-EEA students.
* **IRP:** Irish Residence Permit. The credit-card-sized permit that proves your legal residence in Ireland.
* **VFS:** VFS Global. The third-party company that manages the visa application centres in India.
* **SEV:** Single-Entry Visa.
* **MEV:** Multiple-Entry Visa.

### Directory of Official Websites

For the most current information, always refer to the official sources:

* **Irish Immigration Service (ISD):** <https://www.irishimmigration.ie/> 3
* **AVATS Online Application Portal:** <https://www.visas.inis.gov.ie/avats/> 20
* **Embassy of Ireland, India:** <https://www.ireland.ie/en/india/newdelhi/> 6
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