Employment Opportunities for International Students

Entitlement to Employment

International students do not need a work permit to work in Ireland.

* EU/EEA (European Economic Area) nationals have the same entitlement to take up employment as that of an Irish person.

* Non-EU/EEA students are entitled to work up to 20 hours part-time per week and full-time during the college holidays.

* Non-EU/EEA postgraduate students who are working on producing their dissertations beyond their examinations are not entitled to work for more than 20 hours part-time per week during the college's summer break as they are still regarded by the GNIB as being in full time study.

* The entitlement to take up employment ceases once your student visa finishes.

* Following completion of your studies, if you wish to continue in employment, you will require a work permit to do so.

* Although this entitlement to work certainly eases the financial burden on international students, we would not advise that you rely solely on this source of income during your stay here.

* It should be noted, however, that when applying for your student entry visa you will need to show that you have sufficient funds to cover the entire period of your programme, without having to rely on income from a part-time job.

* The Garda National Immigration Bureau also expects proof that you will have sufficient funds to cover your period of study in Ireland.

Searching for a Part-Time Job

Many students in Ireland seek part time employment while studying in Ireland. Unfortunately, it has become more difficult for students to secure part time jobs in Dublin over the past year due to the downturn in the global economy. However, there are part-time jobs advertised as follows:

* DIT Student's Union Notice Boards
* Daily Newspapers e.g. Evening Herald, Irish Independent, Irish Times, Examiner
* Shop Windows, Word of Mouth e.g. friends in your class in DIT
* Many students prepare a number of Curriculum Vitas/ Resumes and these are generally referred to in Ireland as a 'CV'. Students visit places of work (shops, garages, restaurants, fast food restaurants, hotels etc) in person and leave their CV for review. Please note that you may be required to attend an interview for a position, if so, dress well and arrive early.

The following web sites are also a good source of job listings:

www.fas.ie
www.idaireland.com
www.recruitireland.com
www.skillsbase.ie
www.nixers.com
www.jobshipireland.com
www.irishjobs.ie
www.gradireland.com

Foreign Language Employment Information Booklets

Chinese   **www.entemp.ie/publications/employment/2005/chinese.pdf**
Russian   **www.entemp.ie/publications/employment/2005/russian.pdf**
English   **www.entemp.ie/publications/employment/2005/english.pdf**

Rights of an International Student Working in Ireland

* All international students working in Ireland are covered under Irish legislation
* The legal minimum wage per hour is €8.65
* International students are permitted to work for up to 20 hours per week during college term and up to 40 hours per week during school holidays.
* If you are experiencing financial or personal difficulty in the work place, please feel free to contact the following for assistance:

Department of Enterprise, Trade & Employment

Davitt House, 65a Adelaide Road, Dublin 2.

Telephone: +353 1 631 2121

LoCall: 1890 220 222

Fax: +353 1 631 2827

Email: info@entemp.ie

Students Carrying Out a Work Placement While Studying in DIT

Some students will complete a work placement as part of their programme in DIT. Students are entitled to work full time and to receive a salary. If you are placed outside of Dublin County, you will need to register with the Garda (Irish Police Force) in the new locality where you are working. You will need to tell them when you arrived and when you will finish. You will need to submit a letter from your Programme Tutor giving the details of the work placement. Finally you will need to notify the GNIB in Dublin of your new address and the duration of your placement.