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Key Pre-Arrival Information:

Login information and system access

All students who have completed their application and payment with the admissions team will receive their login credentials no later than 6 days before the Monday of the first week of term. Please check your spam or junk folder if you can't find it. This will provide access to Student Email, Moodle (our virtual learning environment) and your student dashboard where you can update personal details and access other self service items.

Getting your Student Card

To receive your student card, you must have completed all parts of the admission process and made payment. We also require a photo to be submitted at <https://www.dbs.ie/photoupload>. If you have any issues uploading your photo, please go to Castle House, second floor, and we can take your picture on site.

You will then receive an email when your card is ready for collection. Please wait until you are notified that your card is available.

Getting your Login details

If you have not received any login details it may be due to the following reasons

- Fees have not been fully paid
- Registration process has not be completed

You will need to contact international@dbs.ie to confirm your registration is completed

An email will be sent to your personal email address with all the login details and important links for the induction schedule. This email will come from DBSlogin@mydbs.ie. Please check your inbox and your spam folder for this email.

Please wait until you have completed your Orientation, Induction and IT talks. During your induction talks you will be shown how to use the student portal services and you will be given access.

I don't understand my login details

Your student email will be your student number followed by @mydbs.ie

If you need to reset the password please click this link [here](#)

If you are having difficulty with login please [click here for instructions](#).

Please note your student login access will ONLY be available after inductions and registration processes are completed.

What if I miss my Inductions?

If you have missed your induction talks you must watch the recordings via the induction schedule sheet that was sent to you by the college, there will be links to the recordings at the bottom of the induction sheet.

Please note Inductions are mandatory and should only be missed under extreme circumstances

How do I get from Dublin Airport to the City Centre or Wider Dublin Area?

Dublin Airport is located approximately 10 km north of Dublin City Centre, which is accessible by bus, taxi, car, cycling or walking. There are several transport options for those travelling to Dublin City Centre and beyond. You can travel directly to central locations such as O'Connell Street or connect to the rest of Ireland, by reaching Connolly and Heuston train stations, as well as Ireland's central bus station, Bus Áras.

Here are some of the best options you can use once you arrive.

Taxi:

Taxis are readily available at the airport. You can find them at designated taxi ranks outside the arrivals terminal. Make sure to use official airport taxis or reputable taxi services.

Bus Services for Dublin City and Greater Dublin Area (most popular):

Dublin Airport is well-connected to the city center and other locations via a network of bus services. Dublin Bus route 41 serving Swords and the city centre via Dublin Airport operates on a 24 hour basis. For more information on tickets, booking and payment for all services, please click operator name below.

Operators and Route Numbers

Dublin Express 782, 784

Aircoach 700, 702, 703

Dublin Bus 16, 41

Go Ahead 33a, 102

Airport Hopper 767, 777

Dublin Coach 750

All buses operate from stops located within a short walking distance from the airport terminals. To view a map of Dublin Airport bus zones, bus stops and the location of bus operators, please see below or click [here](#).

Airport Shuttle: Some hotels and accommodations offer shuttle services to and from the airport. Check with your hotel to see if they provide this service.

Car Rental: If you prefer the flexibility of driving yourself, you can [rent a car from various car rental agencies](#) located at the airport. This option is ideal if you plan to explore areas outside of Dublin.

Private Transfers: You can arrange for a private transfer service in advance. This option provides a comfortable and personalized experience, often with a driver waiting for you upon your arrival.

Uber and Ride-Sharing: Uber and other ride-sharing services might operate in Dublin, so you could use their apps to request a ride from the airport. Some examples include [FREENOW](#), [Uber](#), or [Lynk](#).

Remember to consider factors such as cost, convenience, and the number of people traveling with you when choosing your transportation option. It's also a good idea to check for any updates or changes in transportation options before your trip, as services may evolve over time.

Can I open a bank account before I arrive in Ireland?

Yes you can, but you will need an Irish address for the bank card to be delivered to. This is essential to complete the application process. This can include a friend or family member.

Moneyjar has made the opening of a bank account really simple for our students, and the application will also help you to share everyday costs and plan future goals with friends and family.

Please note that you do not need a stamped college letter to open a bank account with Moneyjar.

A quick guide on getting started:

- 1 - Download the [Moneyjar app](#)
- 2 - Sign up using the 5 digit code. The DBS reference number is 41775
- 3 - You will need proof of identity - passport or driver's licence

[Watch our 'How to get your banking started with Money Jar' video here.](#)

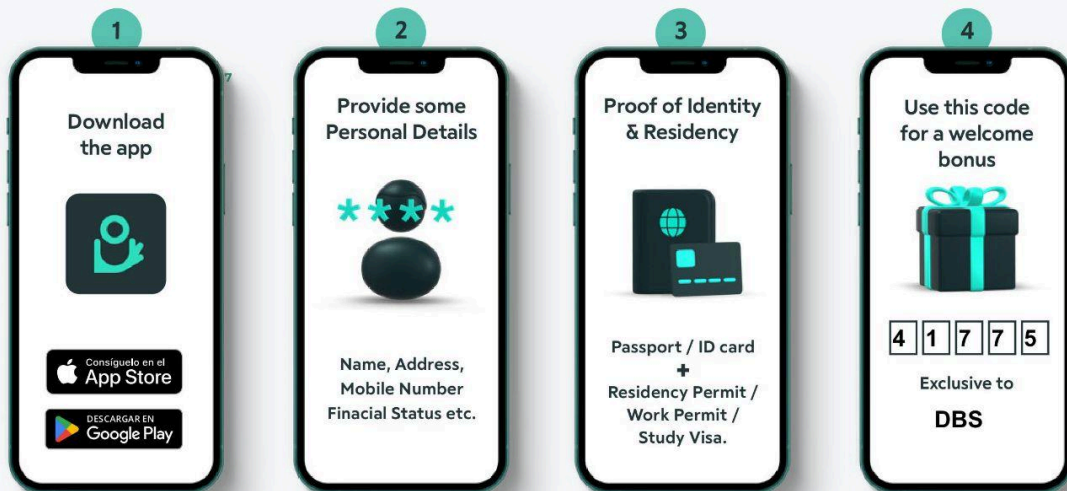
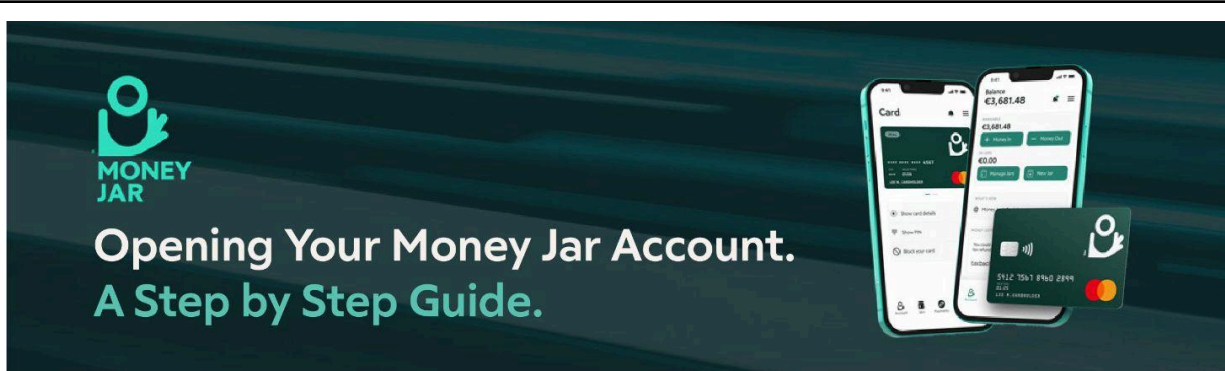
Onboarding Guidelines when opening MoneyJar accounts

1. Outside the EEA

1.1 Signing Up

Opening up a money jar Account outside of the EEA requires the customer to have an Irish address. This address can be their temporary or permanent address once they move to Ireland. It can be a friend, relatives or Hotel / B&B **once its an Irish address is key**

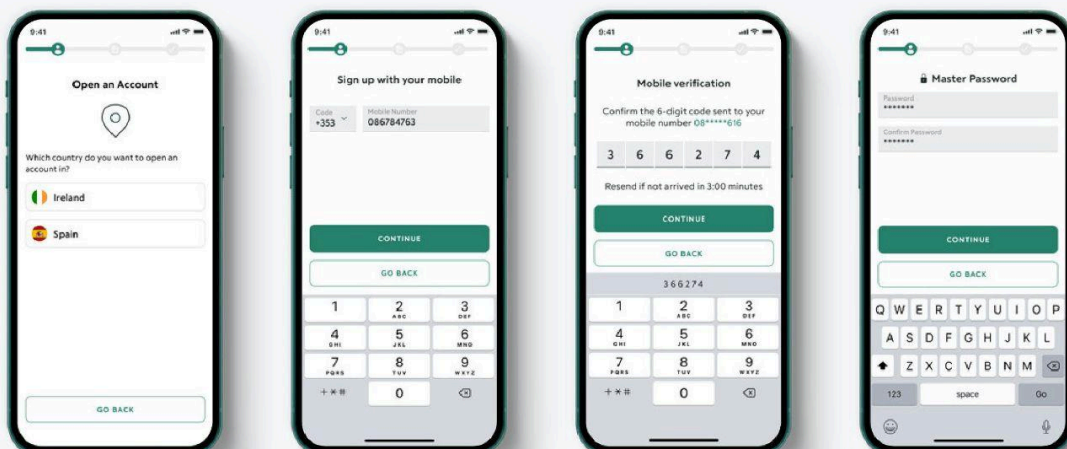
Please note; the bank card will be sent to this address



Provide your Personal Details



After downloading the Money Jar app to your phone, sign up for a new account and provide some personal details. All personal details are stored in an anonymous way for maximum security.



Choose a country to open your account in.

Your Mobile number is your unique identification

Receive an SMS to verify your mobile number.

Set a unique Password for security access.



Opening Your Money Jar Account: Step by Step Guide.



Personal Details Continued...

Your full name and date of birth. **Please note: They must be exactly as they appear on your official identity document, if not, it could delay your account application.**

Your local address. **Please note: This must be a valid address indicating you reside in the country you are opening the account in.**

Review and agree to, the **Money Jar Privacy Policy.**

Review and agree to, the **Money Jar Terms & Conditions.**

Fill in the **personal financial** questionnaire.

Please Note: Your Answers should be accurate as this will impact your account application.

American Citizens are required to enter their TIN (Tax Identification Number).

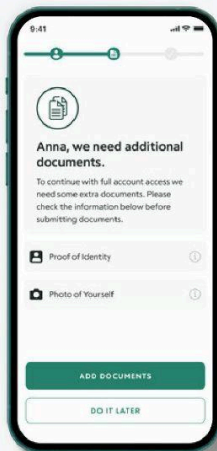


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Proof of Identity & Residency.

To successfully open a Money Jar account all applicants must provide standard proof of identity documents through the process within the app.



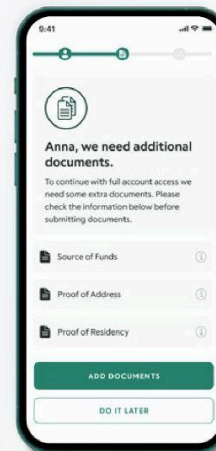
You will be shown what documents you will need to provide on this screen. Everybody is required to provide **Proof of ID** and a **photo of yourself**.



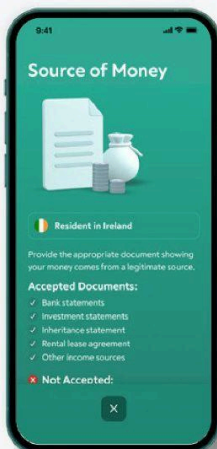
Proof of identity document requirements.



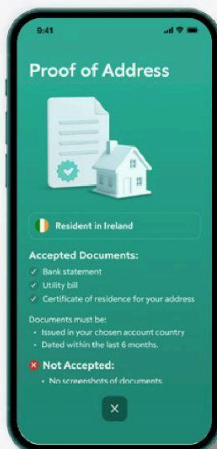
Photo requirements.



Customers from outside the European Union could be asked for further proof that they are eligible to live/work/study in Europe.



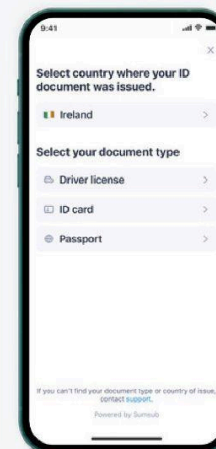
Source of Money document requirements. (if requested)



Proof of Address document requirements. (if requested)



Proof of Residency document requirements. (if requested)



Select the type of Identification you will submit.



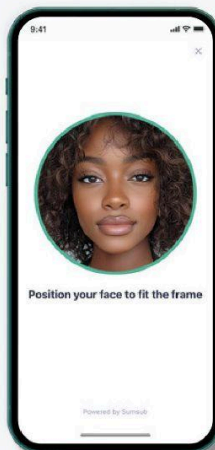
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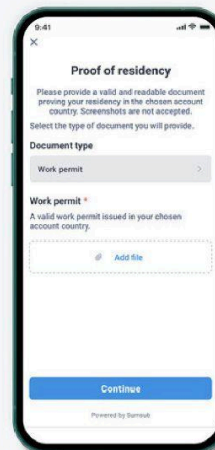
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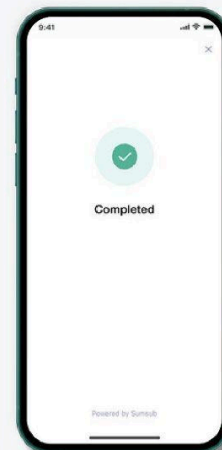
Take a photo of your Identity document.



Take a photo of yourself.



Customers from outside the European Union will be asked to provide extra residency documents.



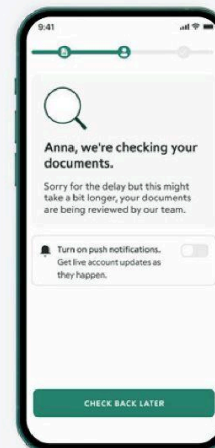
Identity checks will be completed when all required documents have been uploaded.



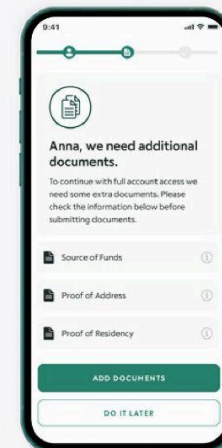
Your documents should be processed quickly.



If all your documents are in order you should have a Money Jar account in a few minutes.



If there are concerns with your documents, there will be a delay while they are checked further.



Some customers may need to add a new document before accounts are opened.

Let us know if you need any help or support when opening your account.

Email: support@moneyjar.ie | Call: +353 (0)1 211 8569

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Accommodation Queries:

I am looking to book accommodation with Brickworks.

Accommodation Partnership with Mezzino Brickworks:

DBS partners with Mezzino Brickworks to offer a selection of stunning rooms located within close proximity to the college each term. These rooms are available for both the full academic year and for semester-based bookings too, but are based on availability. Bookings must be arranged directly through the College. Please contact the [Student Experience Team](#) to inquire about current availability.

All rooms at Brickworks are designed for comfortable student living, featuring:

- Ample storage space
- Dedicated workspace
- Private ensuite bathroom
- Access to spacious, well-equipped living and kitchen areas
- All-inclusive bills (utilities, contents insurance, WiFi)

Brickworks also provides a range of excellent on-site amenities, including:

- A fully equipped gym
- Study rooms
- Games area
- Cinema room
- A roof terrace with panoramic views of Dublin.

For a virtual tour of Brickworks, please [click here](#).

If you are interested in booking accommodation for the current semester, please contact the [Student Experience Team](#) to proceed with your booking.

I am looking to stay with a host family.

To enquire and book you need to contact our [Homestay Partners ISA](#) directly.

These are booked on a first come first serve basis. Prices for staying with a family start at €230 per week (single room/half board), with the locations spread across the Dublin area. You need to budget a further €25 - €35 per week for a weekly commute to the DBS Campus.

For more information you can visit - <https://isaccommodation.com/>

I am looking to stay in purpose built student accommodation (PBSA).

If you are looking to secure accommodation in Purpose Built Student Accommodation in Dublin your budget here should be €330-400 per week. Most Purpose Built Student Accommodations may have waiting lists if they are currently fully booked.

You can view a list of providers and contact details by [here](#).

I am searching privately for a place to stay.

Average single room rent is around €800-1100 per month. The closer to the city you are, the more expensive your accommodation will be. DBS recommend www.spotahome.com where accommodation is checked and verified by the website.

Spotahome offers DBS students **25% discount** on the one time service fee. Use the promo code DBS25 at time of booking .

They also provide DBS students with [personalized assistance via this email](#). simply contact spotahome with your accommodation search requirements and a dedicated agent will provide you with options that best fit your needs.

You can view some of the popular platforms to use by [clicking here](#).

What challenges will I face when searching for private accommodation?

To get all of the necessary information on how to source a place to stay this coming term, watch back our '[Webinar on sourcing accommodation in Dublin](#)'.

What this webinar covers:

- Current Accommodation Landscape across Dublin
- Summary of accommodation options across Dublin
- Expectations as a student arriving to Dublin
- Choosing where to stay in Dublin
- Navigating private accommodation platforms effectively
- FAQ's (Frequently asked questions)

How do I ensure that a property I am looking at is not fraudulent?

Please be cautious when renting accommodation from private landlords, and do not hand over a deposit/ rent without viewing the property in person. In particular, do not use Facebook or other social media outlets, instead use the sites recommended on this page.

Please follow the following advice when sourcing your accommodation:

- Do not pay anything without viewing.
- View all accommodations with a friend.
- Do not make any online payments.
- Use a credit card for payments if possible.
- Be sure that all banks/online companies are legitimate.
- Do not make any payments if the bank account given is not an Irish Bank Account.
- Do not pay a deposit until you have personally viewed the property.
- Contact a member of our Student Services to help advise you if an accommodation source looks suspicious. You can contact us through this email- student.services@dbs.ie
- Alert the local authorities of your suspicion - (Gardai - 01 666 9063).

I am unsure what part of Dublin to stay in.

Dublin is a busy city to live and study in and DBS is conveniently located in the heart of the City Centre. This makes for great ease of access no matter where you are living across the city.

You can choose where to stay by using the transport network or the area codes as a main reference. You can get more advice on how to choose where to stay in Dublin by [clicking here](#).

What do I do if I need accommodation short term?

There are short term accommodation options available, to give yourself time to do a more permanent accommodation search when you arrive in Ireland.

DBS recommends www.staycity.com , which is ideal short term accommodation for groups of 2,3, or 4.

Dublin also has many Hostels, Hotels & Air BnB's located around the city. This will be your best option, while you get settled into life at DBS.

These will be more expensive compared to all other accommodation options and is not recommended for a long term solution.

List of Hostels:

- Barnacles Temple Bar - <https://barnacles-temple-bar-house-hotel-dublin.hotel-ds.com/en/>
- Kinlay House - <http://www.kinlaydublin.ie/>
- Abbey Court- <http://www.abbey-court.com>
- Generator Hostel - <https://staygenerator.com/hostels/dublin>

Further accommodation support:

If you still need more information regarding sourcing accommodation in Dublin you can watch back our '[Webinar on sourcing accommodation in Dublin](#)', which is a short recording that gives you the tools to assist in your room search in Dublin.

We hope that all of the above information will help you in search for accommodation this semester. If you need further assistance or have any queries please email the [student services team](#) via student.services@dbs.ie who will be more than happy to help.

You can also check out the [DBS Accommodation Guide](#) for more comprehensive information on finding your home this academic year.

International & VISA Queries

How can I get college letters? I am looking for bank letters, general reference letters and PPSN letters.

Students can only generate and request letters once you have fully completed your registration to the college, and your course has begun.

You will be shown how to request letters during Induction. Your inductions are mandatory, for more information regarding inductions, please visit our Eventbrite. Here you will be able to secure a ticket for a date and time that suits you.

You do not need a bank letter to open a Moneyjar Account - see below.

What hours am I allowed to work on a Stamp 2 visa?

Students must have registered with ISD and received your IRP card- if you have not registered you are not eligible for work.

Under the conditions of a student visa (stamp 2) you can work up to 20 hours a week during term time. This includes while doing dissertation or waiting for results.

This is extended up to 40 hours a week during a holiday period, June to September inclusive and from 15 December to 15 January.

What documents do I need for first time registration with ISD?

To book an appointment with ISD for first time registration you can free phone 1800 800 630 or visit the [ISD registration website](#).

- 1) Confirmed Offer and Acceptance letter
- 2) Registration Fee / Receipt of college fees
- 3) Passport
- 4) [Proof of medical insurance](#)

Students do not need a letter from the college for your first time registration.

I am arriving in Dublin with no friends? How do I meet new people?

Don't worry you will have lots of opportunities to get involved in everything that DBS has to offer. We have 100's of events and activities each term for students to enjoy, while giving everyone to meet new people too. The Student Experience Team will be on hand during your inductions to give you all of the important information that you need. This will cover events, activities, as well as opportunities to network and socialise with your classmates.

The Student Experience Team and Student Union provide various student events throughout the year for students to get to know each other. We have recently launched our summer series, for more information and how to purchase tickets, please check out our Eventbrite.

Here at DBS we also have many Clubs and Societies you can join. We will have a Clubs and Societies Day which will show you all of the Clubs and Societies that we have here within the college. If you do not see a Club or Society catered to you, email us at student.services@dbs.ie and our Clubs and Society Officer, Subomi, will happily sit down with you to discuss options!

What are my attendance requirements as an international student?

Full (100%) attendance is required at all lectures and workshops. This is a condition of your student visa. If attendance falls below 85% DBS may notify Immigration Services.

Attendance Policy as per our Quality Assurance Handbook. You can read this in [full here](#).

How can I open a bank account in Ireland?

DBS has partnered with MoneyJar. MoneyJar offers a simple step by step process to opening an account. You do not need a bank letter to open an account with Money Jar. All DBS students need the 5 digit sign in code 41775 to start their application.

[How to Open a Student Bank Account with MoneyJar.](#)

Does DBS arrange airport transfers on behalf of students?

No, there are no arrangements directly with DBS. The transport links from Dublin Airport are excellent and easy to get to on arrival. We advise students to arrange their own transfer using a taxi or public transport when you arrive in the airport.

Disabilities Office Queries

How do I register for the Disabilities Services?

Please contact the Disabilities and Inclusion Officer via email student.services@dbs.ie who will arrange to meet with you and take you through support which can be provided.

Our officer will also guide you through the process for availing of these supports.

[You can view the support guide HERE](#)

Student Life Queries

How many Clubs & Societies are there?

There is a wide variety of clubs and societies that can be found in DBS, catering for all interests and passions. We have over 50 active clubs & societies.

1. **Academic and Professional:** These clubs and societies focus on specific academic disciplines or professional fields, such as business, data analytics, law, event management, sustainability or psychology...
2. **Cultural and Ethnic:** These clubs and societies celebrate and promote the culture, traditions, and heritage of specific ethnicities or countries. DESI society, Italian Society, International student society, Malaysian society...
3. **Hobby and Interest:** These clubs and societies are centered around shared hobbies or interests, such as photography, gaming, music, dance, drama, chess, hiking, creative writing, or debate...
4. **Sports and Recreation:** These clubs and societies are dedicated to sports and physical activities. Such as Football, basketball, badminton, ultimate Frisbee, tennis, sea swimming, volleyball, rock climbing, martial arts and yoga...

We have a very diverse range of options available, and if you don't find a club that matches your interests, you can even consider starting your own club with like-minded individuals.

How do I sign up for our Clubs & Societies?

During your inductions, a Clubs & Societies Sign-Up form will be shared. This is your way of showing your interest in any of our Clubs & Societies, who will follow up with you. All clubs and societies are free (no charge) to join.

[CLICK HERE TO VIEW CLUBS & SOCIETIES SIGN-UP FORM](#)

Where do I register for the college events?

It is simple to register for College events. The Student Experience Team and Student Union provide various student events throughout the year for students to get to know each other. For more information and how to purchase tickets, please check out our [Eventbrite HERE](#).

What are the main social media networks?

Here are the links to all of our social media handles. Start following us now to keep up to date of what's going on.

INSTAGRAM - @dbsstudentexperience
TIKTOK - @dbsstudentexperience
FACEBOOK - DBS Student Experience
SPOTIFY - DBS Student Experience Podcast

Careers Hub Queries

How many hours can I work each week?

Students must have registered with ISD and received their IRP card - if you have not registered you are not eligible for work.

Under the conditions of a student visa (stamp 2) you can work up to 20 hours a week during term time. This includes while doing dissertation or waiting for results.

This is extended up to 40 hours a week during a holiday period, June to September inclusive and from 15 December to 15 January.

What services are offered by the Careers Hub?

The Careers Hub offers a range of free career support services to all DBS students. We host workshops throughout the year and cover various career related topics in the following areas:

- CV development
- LinkedIn and optimising your profile
- How to get a Part-time job
- Networking
- Career Planning and Job Searching
- Interview preparation and skills

You must attend all careers workshops when included in your timetable.

We host podcasts with industry professionals who give advice and pointers which will help you on your job search and career journey. We invite employers to participate at events during the year where they'll talk to you about career opportunities in their companies and the kind of things that they expect from graduates.

Can I book an appointment with the Careers Hub?

Students can book individual coaching sessions with a DBS careers coach. If you are looking to update your CV and LinkedIn profile, build a professional network, start your job search and prepare for interviews, the Careers Hub can support you every step of the way. There are a number of steps that must be completed first before scheduling a coaching session and we will advise you of these steps during class visits.

You can request a coaching session by sending a request through the Helpdesk.

What resources are available to help me find employment?

There is a wide range of tools and resources available in the DBS Careers Hub to help you with planning your career and finding employment.

Practical Queries

What is the weather like in Ireland?

Ireland enjoys a mild, temperate climate with warm summers and mild winters...for the most part. Weather extremes are very rare here. In winter, temperatures vary from 3 to 8 C. In summer, averages range from 12 to 18 and peak in the low 20's.

The one thing you can count on in Ireland is rain. December and January are the wettest months. Snowfall in winter tends to be light and typically lasts no more than a couple days. The summer periods can be very enjoyable with long evenings and mild conditions making it very pleasant for socialising outside during the weekends.

Will I need to bring my own winter clothes?

You should definitely bring clothes for the varying elements of the Irish climate. A good rain jacket will serve you very well in most circumstances. We would recommend that you also bring good footwear with you.

But do not worry about bringing loads of heavy items with you, there are loads of fashion and outdoor wear retailers within walking distance from the DBS campus. We have a wide variety of branded DBS clothing available from the Student Services Hub, which includes jacket, hoody's, jumpers, tee's, and most important of all rain jackets.

[Read more on What to Wear in Ireland from a popular blog.](#)

Should I bring my own laptop or should I get one over there?

You can bring your own laptop to Ireland, as most electrical items should work over here. However you may need to use an adapter if the plug sockets don't match with yours.

If you do want to get a laptop over here, there are a lot of options for you to purchase one at an electrical appliance store.

Which plug sockets are used in Ireland?

For Ireland the associated plug type is G, which is the plug that has three rectangular pins in a triangular pattern. Ireland operates on a 230V supply voltage and 50Hz.

Will my mobile phone work over in Ireland?

This depends on your network provider, however most students register with one of the Irish networks when they arrive in Ireland. You can compare which of the networks is right for you by [clicking here](#). Mobile data is probably the most important element in choosing a package that is right for you, and there is great connectivity in Ireland.

Can I drink the tap water over there?

It is safe to drink tap water in Ireland.

Enjoying Ireland and Dublin

Can you give me advice on what I should do when I come to Ireland?

Check out our latest initiative from the Student Experience Team. This 'Passport Competition' at Dublin Business School is your ultimate guide to maximising your college experience with us. By visiting each of the places on our list, you will not only create unforgettable memories, but you will have a chance to win some other epic prizes.

[Click here to read more about getting started on the competition.](#)

Can you give me advice on cool places I can visit across Dublin?

Are you looking for advice from the Student Experience Team on where to go to have some fun across the city, or where the coolest places across the city are? Maybe you're looking for cheap spots for lunch near the campus? Or even where our favourite coffee shops are?

Well then make sure you check out our [Student Experience Guide to our City Campus](#). This is a comprehensive guide covering everything you need to know as a student studying with us.

Medical Information

What do I do if I get sick when I am in Ireland?

If you get sick while you're in Ireland, here are some steps you can take to ensure you receive the appropriate care and assistance:

Assess Your Condition: Determine the severity of your illness. If it's a minor ailment that you can manage with over-the-counter medication, you might not need immediate medical attention. However, if your condition is serious or worsening, seek medical help promptly.

Contact a Doctor or GP: If you need medical attention, you can call a local doctor (General Practitioner or GP) to schedule an appointment. They can provide advice, diagnose your condition, and recommend appropriate treatment.

Which Doctor or GP should I visit?

DBS has partnered with Dame Street Medical should students require a doctor's appointment. As many students may require a GP whilst studying, we believe this partnership will be beneficial to students due to its close proximity to the DBS campus.

Dame Street Medical is now taking on new patients and registering is extremely easy. To register simply book an appointment to see one of their doctors.

To book an appointment:

Call (01 6790754) or email damestreetmedicalcentre@gmail.com

[Read more here.](#)

What other medical options do I have outside of a GP?

Visit a Pharmacy: For minor illnesses or common ailments, you can visit a pharmacy (chemist) for advice and over-the-counter medications. Pharmacists in Ireland can provide guidance on non-prescription remedies.

Hospital or Emergency Care: In case of a medical emergency or if your condition is severe, go to the nearest hospital emergency department. Dial **999** for emergency services in Ireland or **112** for emergency services in any European Country.

Travel Insurance: If you have travel insurance, contact your insurance provider to understand the coverage and procedures for seeking medical care. They can guide you on how to proceed and what documentation you might need.

Public Health Clinics: Depending on the nature of your illness, you might be able to visit a public health clinic or urgent care center for non-emergencies.

Language Barrier: If English is not your first language and you're having trouble communicating your symptoms, consider having a local friend or someone who speaks English accompany you to the medical facility.

Prescription Medication: If a doctor prescribes medication, you can have it filled at a pharmacy. Keep in mind that some medications that are available over the counter in other countries might require a prescription in Ireland.

Rest and Hydration: Regardless of the severity of your illness, make sure to rest, stay hydrated, and follow any medical advice you receive.

Stay Informed: Keep up to date with local health advisories, especially if there are any specific health concerns or outbreaks in the area.

Remember that it's important to seek appropriate medical care when needed. If you're unsure about the best course of action, don't hesitate to ask locals or staff at your accommodation for guidance. It's also recommended to have a basic understanding of your travel insurance coverage before you travel to ensure you know what to do in case of illness.

Cost of Living in Dublin as a DBS Student

Embarking on your academic journey at Dublin Business School is an exciting step. To ensure a smooth transition and a fulfilling student experience, understanding the cost of living in Dublin is essential. This guide provides a comprehensive overview of potential expenses and valuable budgeting tips.

Understanding Your Expenses:

The cost of living varies depending on your lifestyle, accommodation choices, and personal spending habits. However, it's crucial to have a realistic budget in place.

General Cost of Living Estimates:

It's recommended that students budget a minimum of €2,500 per month to cover basic living expenses in Dublin. However, this is just a guideline, and actual costs may vary.

Annual / Once-off Costs

Item	Cost
Flights	Variable
Irish Residence Permit (Non-EU / non-EEA / non-UK / non-Swiss)	€300
Laptop (if you have to purchase on arrival)	€850
New Bedding and Cooking Utensils	€200

Monthly Costs

Item	Lowest estimate	Highest estimate
Accommodation	€1,000	€2,000
Bill & Utilities	€80	€150
Food	€300	€500
Local Travel (Student Leap Card)	€40	€70
Clothing and Hygiene	€100	€200
Internet and Mobile	€25	€80
Personal / Social	€90	€200
Miscellaneous (medical, unforeseen expenses, tourism)	€50	€150
Gym/Sport & Recreation	€30	€75
Total	€1,715	€3,425

Key Expenses to Consider:

Accommodation:

This is typically the most significant expense. Options include private rentals, shared accommodations, or purpose-built student housing. Researching and securing accommodation well in advance is highly recommended.

Purpose built student accommodation: This costs between €275-450 per week.

Private rental: Costs vary widely depending on location and type of accommodation. Consult websites like [Numbeo](https://www.numbeo.com/cost-of-living/) or [Daft.ie](https://www.daft.ie/) for average rental prices.

Remember to factor in deposit costs (usually one month's rent) and potential utility setup fees.

Food:

Groceries, dining out, and takeaway meals contribute to your monthly expenses. Cooking at home can significantly reduce costs.

Transportation:

Dublin's public transport system is efficient. Consider a Leap Card for discounted travel. Cycling or walking are also viable options.

Utilities:

If living in private accommodation, budget for electricity, gas, internet, and waste disposal (if living in private accommodation).

Personal Expenses:

This category includes clothing, entertainment, social activities, and personal care items.

Health Insurance:

Non-EU/EEA/UK/Swiss students are required to have health insurance. Costs can range from €160 to €670 per year.

Irish Residence Permit (IRP):

Non-EU/EEA/UK/Swiss students must register for an IRP, which costs €300 per year.

Initial Setup Costs:

These include initial groceries, household items, and any necessary deposits.

Budgeting Tips for DBS Students:

Create a Detailed Budget:

Track your income and expenses to identify areas where you can save.

Utilize Student Discounts:

Take advantage of student discounts on transportation, entertainment, and other services.

Cook at Home:

Preparing your own meals can significantly reduce food costs.

Explore Free Activities:

Dublin offers numerous free activities, such as parks, museums, and cultural events.

Consider Part-Time Work:

If your visa allows (Stamp 2 visa), a part-time job can supplement your income. Remember to prioritize your studies. Students on a stamp 2 visa can work 20 hours a week during term, and 40 hours a week during holidays. The minimum wage in Ireland is currently €13.50 per hour.

Open a Bank Account:

Having an Irish bank account will make managing your finances easier. Consider opening a digital current account before travel.

Use Budgeting Apps:

Several apps can help you track your spending and create a budget.

Prepare for Unexpected Costs:

Set aside a portion of your budget for emergencies.

Research and compare costs:

Use websites like Numbeo, and other cost of living websites, to get a good understanding of realistic costs.

Financial planning:

Do not rely on finding a job to fund your studies. Ensure you have enough funds before arriving in Ireland.