

# HIGHER EDUCATION

## 3 types of institutions

- > Universities
  - 7 universities
  - 15 institutes of technology
  - 7 colleges of education
  - 5 recognized Colleges of the National University of Ireland
  - 11 state-aided institutions

## Why study in Ireland?

- > Low fees and top universities
- > Hospitality and stunning landscapes

# DEGREES

## Undergraduate level

- > Higher Certificate ( 2 years)
- > Ordinary Bachelor Degree ( 3 years)
- > Honours Bachelor Degree ( 3 to 4 years)
- > Higher Diploma ( 1 year = transition year)

## Postgraduate level

- > Postgraduate Diploma » or « Higher D
- > Master degree = 1 to 2 years
- > PhD = minimum 3 years







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## SEARCH ENGINE

[www.cao.ie](http://www.cao.ie)

## USEFUL WEBSITES

<http://educationinireland.com/en/>

<https://v2.pac.ie/>

[www.qualifax.ie](http://www.qualifax.ie)

[www.education.ie/en/](http://www.education.ie/en/)



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## studying in ... IRELAND



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# APPLICATION

## Applying through CAO.ie

- > Applications for undergraduate courses are managed by the Central Applications Office-CAO ([www.cao.ie](http://www.cao.ie)) and have to be sent in before **1st February**
- > Admission to postgraduate courses: You must apply directly to the different higher education institutions. Some universities however will ask you to apply through the Postgraduate Applications Center ([www.pac.ie](http://www.pac.ie)).

## Application procedure & deadlines

- > **1st February:** standard application through CAO
- > **1st May:** late online application
- > **1st July:** change of mind

**Always remember to place your course choices in a genuine order of preference!**

## Requirements

- > Secondary school leaving diploma
- > Good school results
- > Good English language skills
- > The entry requirements are determined individually by each institution and are generally based on national examination performance and English language aptitude. Entry requirements may vary between different universities and degree programmes so it is best to contact the international office of your chosen university to find out what grades you will need for your course.

## English tests

- > **IELTS test**  
[www.ielts.org](http://www.ielts.org)  
offered at the Institut national des langues [www.inll.lu](http://www.inll.lu)
- > **TOEFL test**  
[www.toefl.org](http://www.toefl.org)





# TUITION FEES

## Undergraduate courses

- > EU students eligible for inclusion in the Irish Government's Free Fees Initiative will only have to pay a **student contribution of up to € 3.000**.

Tuition fees will be paid by the Higher Education Authority (HEA) for Irish / EU nationals entering higher education (third level) for the first time and who have been ordinarily residents in the EU for at least 3 of the 5 years preceding entry into third level **unless they belong to one of the following categories:**

- > Students repeating a semester or a year
- > Students pursuing a second undergraduate course

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## Postgraduate courses

- > Postgraduate courses may cost between € 3 800 and € 21 000 (depending on the subject and specialization).

### More information

[www.educationinireland.com](http://www.educationinireland.com)

[www.studentfinance.ie](http://www.studentfinance.ie)

# FINANCIAL AID

## Financial aid from the Luxembourg State

- > The Ministry of Higher Education and Research offers grants and loans to students enrolled in higher education and meeting certain conditions.
- > Financial aid is awarded only for recognised degree courses!
- > Consult the section « eligible degree courses » on our website [www.cedies.lu](http://www.cedies.lu)
- > Contact Cedies in case of doubt [etudes@mesr.etat.lu](mailto:etudes@mesr.etat.lu)

### Application deadlines:

- > from 1st August to 30th November (winter semester)
- > from 1st January to 30th April (summer semester)

For more information on the financial aid application procedure and the eligibility criteria (with the possibility to use our calculation simulator), please visit: [www.cedies.lu](http://www.cedies.lu).

For a faster processing, apply online via  
**MyGuichet.lu !**



# STUDENT LIFE

ACEL (Association of Luxembourg Student Unions) informs you about all aspects of student life: housing, social security, student jobs and internships, etc.