

# Emerald Cultural Institute

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# Student Immigration Information

## FOR FULL TIME NON-EEA LANGUAGE STUDENTS (staying over 90 days)

Please refer to the following link for full [conditions](#) and requirements:

All fees mentioned are valid as of September 2016 and subject to change.

### Key Points to Note

The **main conditions of being a Full Time Language Non EEA student** are:

- The course must be listed on the approved [Interim List of Eligible Programmes \(ILEP\)](#). All Emerald Academic Year Programmes are included on this list.
- A student on a full time language course may obtain an immigration permission of up to 8 months (35 weeks) for that course.
- A student may be granted immigration permission for a maximum of 3 language courses. The total duration of immigration permission for a new student attending language courses is 2 years (i.e. 3 x 8 months).
- A full time Language Course consists of a minimum of 25 weeks' tuition
- The minimum level of attendance on the course is 85%.
- The student must take a recognised examination at the end of the course

To **Register at the Immigration Office** and obtain immigration permission and registration card (process to be completed within 30 days of arrival):

- You need a Letter of acceptance from the school, confirming you have been accepted and enrolled on a course of full-time day-time education.
- You must have proof that fees have been paid to the school.
- You must have access to €3,000 at first registration. This is in addition to your course fees.
- All students are required to have private medical insurance, either personally or through a group scheme operated by the school
- The registration fee is €300

The main requirements for the **medical insurance** are:

- Policy must be in English (or be accompanied by an English translation)
- Insurance must be valid for the entire period of the student's stay (or one year)
- Insurance covers the student for a minimum of Euro€25000 Accident Expense and Euro€25000 for Disease/Sickness Expense
- There is no time period limit for hospitalisation coverage

*Private medical insurance is acceptable, or the school can arrange medical insurance for a fee of €110 (valid for any period up to one year maximum).*



## Second and Subsequent Registration

Renewal of registration may be granted if the following conditions are satisfied:

- A student has been engaging in full time course
- That a student can demonstrate a level of 85% attendance at class via a letter from their education provider
- You must have proof that fees have been paid to the school
- Proof that the student maintained private medical insurance, for the previous registration period for example by way of a letter of renewal

## Exam Requirement

Students booking an Academic Year Programme (25 weeks or more) must register for a recognised English exam to be taken before the end of the enrolment period. Exams that the school can assist in arranging are as follows (exam fees subject to change):

- Cambridge FCE (exam fee €175)
- Cambridge CAE (€185)
- IELTS (€197)
- TIE – Test of Interactive English (€115)

*The school can issue a sponsorship letter for immigration registration once this fee (or a deposit of €100) has been paid.*

## Working while studying

Non-EEA nationals with permission to remain in the State and registered for an Academic Year Programme (minimum course duration 25 weeks) are allowed to take up casual employment to supplement their income while studying in Ireland. During term time and during scheduled vacation periods students can work up to 20 hours per week.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Students can work up to 40 hours per week only during specific vacation periods scheduled from December 15 to January 15 and from June to September.

## Update regarding evidence of finance arrangements

Students now have the following options to show proof of funds (access to €3000)

- (a) A statement in respect of an Irish bank account showing sufficient funds, where the student can open an Irish bank account (Emerald can assist academic year programme students with this process)
- (b) A current foreign bank statement not less than one month old, together with a past statement, for an account in the student's name (as in his or her passport) accompanied by a debit card in the same name and same bank account
- (c) Documentary evidence that money is held in trust for a student by a financial services body regulated in Ireland by the Central Bank of Ireland
- (d) A pre-paid credit or debit card(s) with a verification of the amount(s) in credit

Visa required students who obtained a study visa to come to Ireland will no longer be obliged to present evidence of finance, on first registration, on the basis that the appropriate checks on finance have already been undertaken as part of the visa application process.

**On arrival to the school all students will receive a full orientation on the immigration procedures and will be assisted by school staff with the process.**



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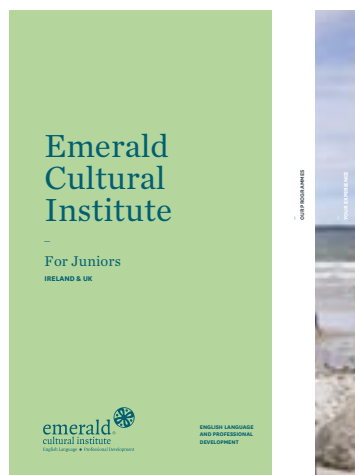
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