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LEAP CARD

**THE ECI STUDENT'S GUIDE TO
DUBLIN'S TRANSPORT CARD**



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LEAP CARD [Transport Card]

- **What is a Leap Card?**

The Leap Card is the transport card in Ireland. You can use the Leap Card to pay for and travel on the bus, Luas [tram] and Dart [local train].

- **How does it work?**

You have to touch/tag on your Leap Card at a validator machine before and after travelling on the tram and train. For the bus, you only touch/tag on your Leap Card at a validator machine at the start.

- **Which are the different types of Leap cards?**

There are 4 different types of Leap Cards that Emerald students can buy depending on your age and the length of your study at Emerald Cultural Institute.

1. Adult Leap Card [pp.4-5] – All students can get this card. You will be able to buy this card on your first day either during the City Orientation or before leaving for the City Orientation at Grocer on the Green, a shop near the school.



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2. Student Leap Card (age 24+) [pp.6-8] – You must be 24 years old or older to buy this card. You can only buy this card online. You can collect your card after you buy it.

3. Young Adult Leap Card (age 19-23) [pp.9-10] – You must be aged 19 to 23 years old to get this card. You can only buy this card online. You will have to show proof of your age. It can take up to 1 week for your card to be delivered to your address. If you are staying here for a short period of time, it is suggested buying an adult leap card.

4. Child Leap Card (age 16-18) [pp.11-12] - You must be aged 16 to 18 years old to get this card. You can only buy this card online. You will have to show proof of your age. It can take up to 1 week for your card to be delivered to your address. If you are staying here for a short period of time, it is suggested buying an adult leap card.

For more information on the Leap card, please watch the YouTube video ‘Getting Started With Leap Card’: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rnXAoKDLp5Q>.

We advise for students to download for free the ‘Leap Top Up’ App. To download and for more information on this app please go to: <https://about.leapcard.ie/leap-top-up-app>.



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Leap Cards: how to choose

What is your age?

- **I'm over 24 years old**

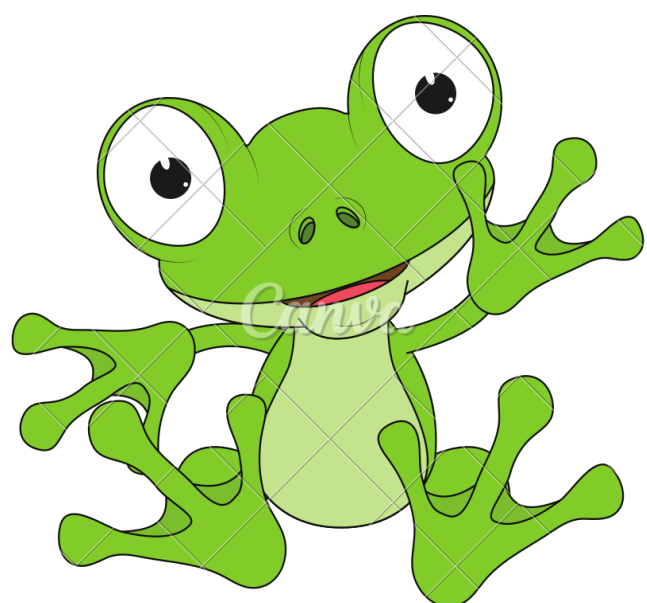
You can buy either a student leap card online (see pp.6-8) or an adult leap card at the convenience store (see pp.4-5).

- **I'm between 19-23 years old**

You can buy either an adult leap card if you are staying in Ireland for less than 3 weeks (see pp.4-5) or a young adult leap card if you are staying for more than 3 weeks (see pp.9-10).

- **I'm between 16-18 years old**

You can buy either an adult leap card if you are staying in Ireland for less than 3 weeks (see pp.4-5) or a child leap card if you are staying for more than 3 weeks (see pp.11-12).





HOW TO BUY AN ADULT LEAP CARD Any Age

Please note that we recommend this card for students staying here for a short period of time and who are not eligible for a student leap card 24+.

This is the only card that you can buy in a convenience store.

We suggest going to one of these two stores:



Centra Shop on Wicklow Street, 9 in the city centre
9 Wicklow St, Dublin, D02 TC56
<https://goo.gl/maps/rWAWY3qiYCmYReoXA>



Grocer on the Green, a shop near Palmerston Park
153 Rathmines Rd Upper, Rathmines, Dublin
<https://goo.gl/maps/AAhBu1JuesfuZ4Sy>



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FAQ

- **How much does it cost to use an adult leap card?**

The card costs 5 euros. You will have to pay €2.00 for each travel. Travelling by train may cost up to €3.90. For short journeys, it may be a bit cheaper.

Visit <https://about.leapcard.ie/about/fares-discounts> for more information.

- **What is the difference between an adult leap card and a student or young adult leap card?**

Travel fares are higher with the adult leap card. Journeys in the Dublin area are €2.00 for adults, €1.00 for young adults (19-23) and students (24+).

- **Why should I buy an adult leap card if I am a young adult/child?**

Students under 24 cannot buy a student leap, and the young adult and child leap card take up to 5 days to be delivered. Hence, if you are staying here for a short period of time, the adult leap card is the most convenient option.



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HOW TO BUY A STUDENT LEAP CARD

Age: 24+

1. Go to <https://www.leapcard.ie/>

2. Select 'MENU' → 'BUY' → 'STUDENT' → 'NEXT'

3. Type in your date of birth and confirm all the requirements

Eligibility Check:

Your card type will be determined by your age. We need to check if you are eligible for the selected TFI Leap Card. Please provide your date of birth below.

Birthdate: *

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I'm not a robot



Thanks, you are now applying for a Student card.

Please confirm the below requirements or buy TFI Adult Leap Card [here](#):

I have proof that I am a full-time third level student and I will bring [this proof](#) to a Student Leap agent within 14 days to verify my eligibility for a Student Leap Card.



I will upload a selfie of my face when requested. This selfie will be printed on my Student Leap Card.



I have my **Payment Card** ready.



4. Follow the application steps

6. Upload a selfie or a photo of yourself. Select 'CONFIRM PHOTO' → 'NEXT'.

7. Eircode: use Emerald's - **D06 H9X8** - or your home Eircode.

8. Location of College: **Co. Dublin**.

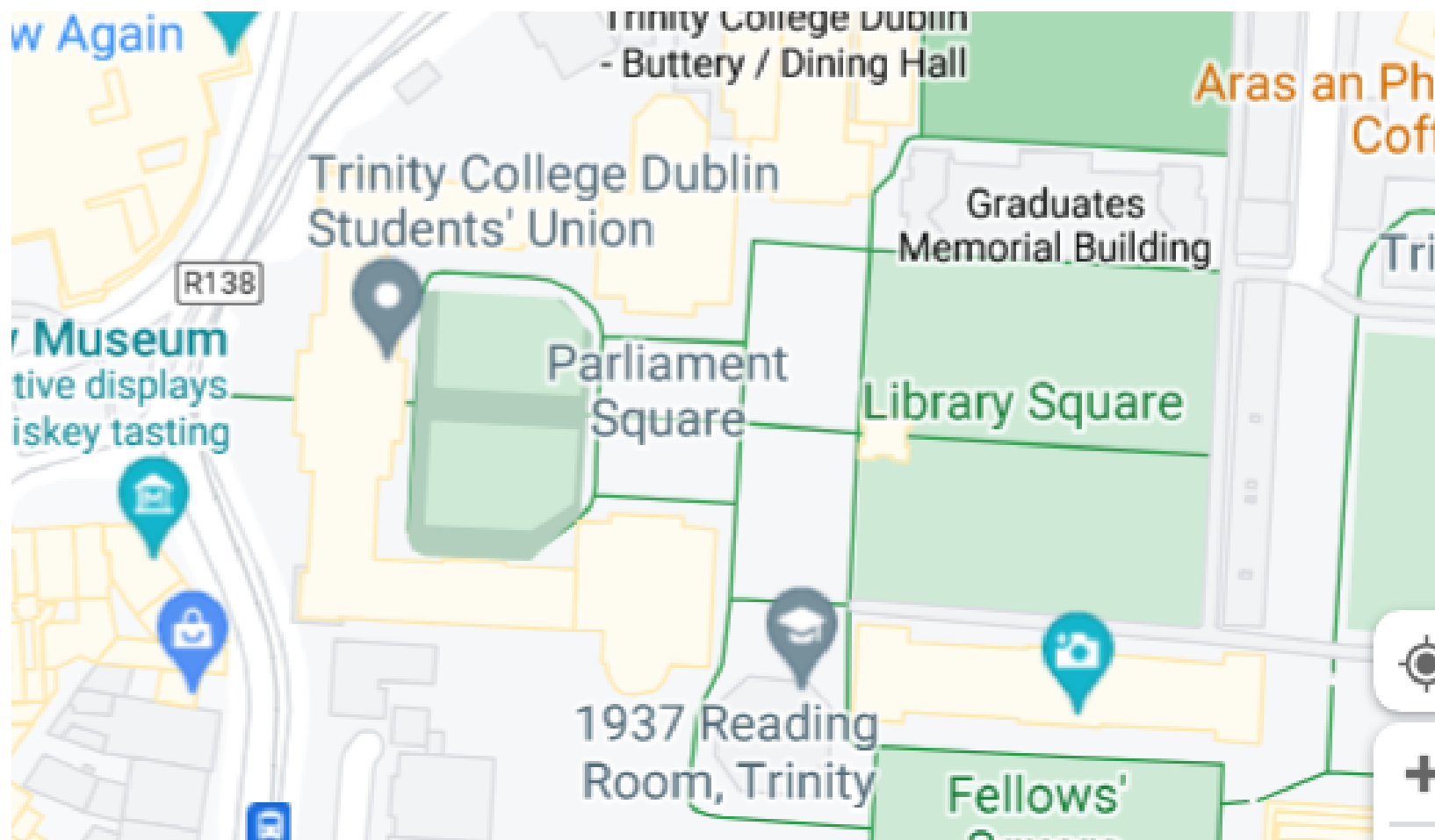
9. College name: **Other** → Type in: **Emerald Cultural Institute**.

10 Study Type: Other.

11. Pay €10 for your Student Leap Card. You will get €5 credit on it

12. Collect your Student Leap Card at Trinity College Student's Union.

House 6, Front Square Trinity College, College Green, Dublin 2, D02 FD37
When you enter the main entrance, turn left.



Remember! To collect your Leap Card, you will need your ECI student ID card or an ECI student letter.

If you are joining the city orientation, apply for your Leap Card beforehand and collect it at Trinity College right at the end of the orientation.



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FAQ

- **Is the application process only online?**

Yes, unfortunately, the application process for this type of leap card is only online.

- **Can I apply for the student leap card if I am staying here for a short period of time?**

Yes, you can. But if you are staying here just for one week, it is suggested to buy a 7-day leap visitor card, with which you can travel by luas, bus and train. For more information, see the page dedicated to the visitor leap card.

- **Where can I collect my student leap card?**

You can collect it at Trinity College Student's Union in the city centre. You will have to show your order number and your student ID card provided by Emerald on your first day.

- **When is my leap card ready to be collected?**

Your leap card can be collected as soon as you have made your order online.

- **How much does it cost to use a student leap card?**

The card costs 5 euros. You will have to pay €1.00 for each travel, €0.65 for each travel lasting less than 90 minutes. Travelling by train may cost up to €1.50.

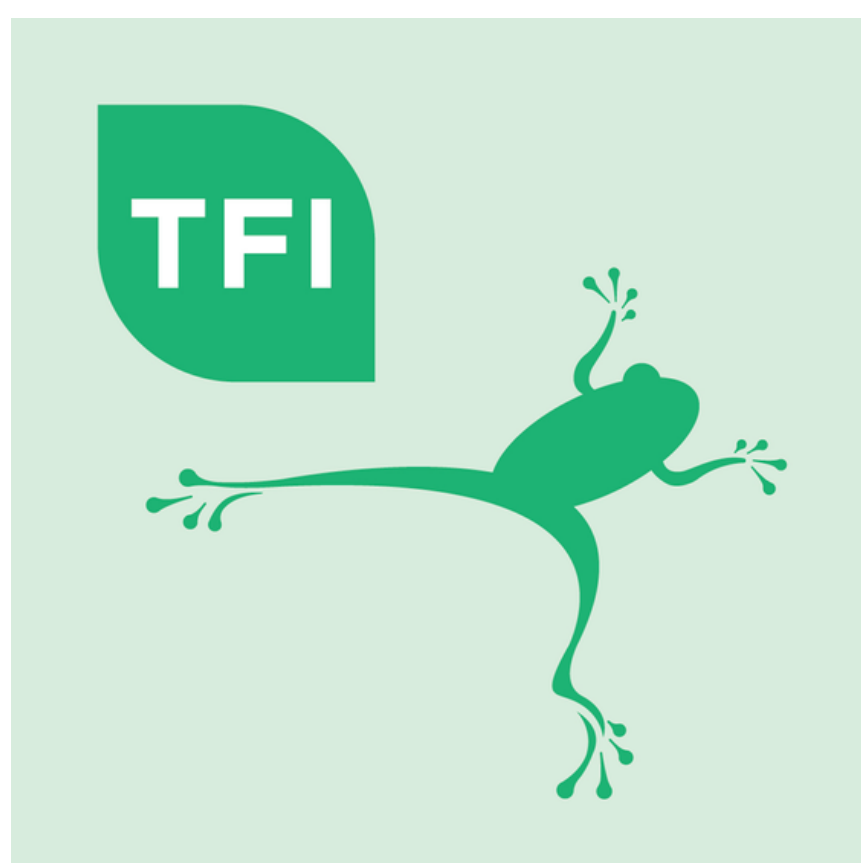
- **Can I collect my leap card at the weekend?**

No, Trinity College Student's Union is open from Monday to Friday from 9.00am to 5.00pm.



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HOW TO BUY A YOUNG ADULT LEAP CARD

Age: 19-23

1. Go to <https://www.leapcard.ie/>

2. Select 'MENU' --> 'BUY' --> 'YOUNG ADULT' (AGE 19-23) --> NEXT

Buy A TFI Leap Card

Card Type*

Young Adult (age 19-23) ▼

Next

Cancel

3. Type in your date of birth and confirm all the requirements

4. Follow the application steps

5. For the Eircode: use Emerald's - **D06 H9X8** - or your home Eircode.

6. Pay €10 for your Young Adult Leap Card. You will get €5 credit on it.

7. Upload a photo of your valid **PASSPORT / DRIVING LICENCE / EU NATIONAL ID.**

Once the application has been completed, the Leap Card will be sent to your chosen address (either the school or your home) within 5 working days. It may be convenient, while waiting, to buy an adult Leap until the ordered card arrives.

Remember! If you chose the school's Eircode, the card will be delivered at school and not at your home address.

FAQ

- **Is the application process only online?**

Yes, unfortunately, the application process for this type of leap card is only online.

- **Can I apply for the young adult leap card if I am staying here for a short period of time?**

Yes, you can. But if you are staying here just for one week, it is suggested to buy an adult leap card, because you can get it immediately from a convenience store.

- **When is my leap card going to be delivered?**

Your leap card will be delivered in 5 working days to the address you have chosen.

- **How much does it cost to use a young adult leap card?**

The card costs 5 euros. You will have to pay €1.00 for each travel, €0.65 for each travel lasting less than 90 minutes. Travelling by train may cost up to €1.50.



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HOW TO BUY A CHILD LEAP CARD Age: 16-18

1. Go to <https://www.leapcard.ie/>
2. Select 'MENU' --> 'BUY' --> 'CHILD LEAP' (AGE 16-18)
3. Follow the application steps
- 4 For the Eircode: use Emerald's - **D06 H9X8** - or your home Eircode.
5. Pay €8 for your Child Leap Card. You will get €5 credit on it.
6. Upload a photo of your valid **PASSPORT / DRIVING LICENCE / EU NATIONAL ID.**

Once the application has been completed, the Leap Card will be sent to your chosen address (either the school or your home) within 5 working days. It may be convenient, while waiting, to buy an Adult Leap Card until the ordered card arrives.*

*** We recommend that only students staying in Ireland for more than 3 weeks buy this Leap Card as it takes up to 1 week to get it!**

Remember! If you chose the school's Eircode, the card will be delivered at school and not at your home address.

FAQ

- **Is the application process only online?**

Yes, unfortunately, the application process for this type of leap card is only online.

- **Can I apply for the child leap card if I am staying here for a short period of time?**

Yes, you can. But if you are staying here just for one week, it is suggested to buy an adult leap card, because you can get it immediately from a convenience store.

- **When is my leap card going to be delivered?**

Your leap card will be delivered in 5 working days to the address you have chosen.

- **How much does it cost to use a child leap card?**

The card costs 5 euros. You will have to pay €1.00 for each travel, €0.65 for each travel lasting less than 90 minutes. Travelling by train may cost up to €1.50.



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