



# DBS Guide for International Students

# Why DBS?

Our certificate, degree and postgraduate programmes have been designed to allow students flexibility in their career choice.

Dublin Business School is located right in the heart of Dublin, Ireland's capital city and a perfect place to live, work, play and study.

We recognise that you may need different types of support, be it academic, career advice or personal attention.

Over the last 46 years DBS has built a reputation for the quality of its teaching and improvement of the learning experience.

## WELCOME TO IRELAND

Dublin's strength and success comes from its diversity and unique mix of cultures. The city is constantly changing - retaining a sense of tradition while also embracing the new. We are proud to reflect these aspects of Dublin at DBS; many of our students are from Ireland, but we also attract students from all over the world. This background gives you the outlook you need to succeed in an increasingly global and competitive job market.

While studying, you will benefit from our world-class teaching facilities. Student life in Dublin is not just about your study – it's about the friends you make and the time you spend exploring one of the most fascinating cities in the world.

## VISA AND FINANCE INFORMATION

Some students will require an Irish Visa to study in Ireland. Click [here](#) for more information about needing a visa and how to obtain one.

Thousands of students from all over the world annually come to Ireland to study. Dublin Business School's student body consists of approximately

30% international students hailing from over 70 different countries.

The Irish Student Visa regulations permit students to study, work and live in Ireland for up to 7 years which includes the right to work in casual employment part-time (20 hours per week) when studying and full-time (40 hours per week) when academic break during their studies.

Additionally there is also a [Third Level Graduate Scheme](#).

Graduates with an award at Level 8 on the National Framework of Qualifications will be granted a period of residence in the State, the lesser of either, twelve months or such period as would bring their overall time resident in the State (i.e. time spent on Stamp 2 as a student and on Stamp 1G under this programme) to seven years in total.

Graduates with an award at Level 9 or above on the National Framework of Qualifications qualify for the Programme will be granted permission for twenty-four months to a maximum of eight years' student permission overall (i.e. time spent on Stamp 2 as a student and on Stamp 1G under this programme cannot exceed an aggregate time of eight years in total).

Further information about the Irish Student Visa process can be found [here](#).

## FIRST REGISTRATION WITH INIS

If you are allowed into Ireland, an immigration officer at border control will stamp your passport and then add a date to the stamp.

You must visit a registration office in person before this date to:

- Apply for permission to stay here, ie to study
- Register your details with immigration
- If you don't get permission/register in time, you may have to leave the country.

You must bring:

- Your passport
- An original Letter of Acceptance from a college/university confirming you have been accepted & enrolled (see note 1 below)
- Proof that you have paid any college/university fees (see note 2 below)
- Proof of scholarship funding (if appropriate) (see note 3 below)
- Proof that you have private medical insurance (see note 4 below)

If you did not need a visa to come to Ireland, you must also prove that you can support yourself financially after you arrive here. You do this by showing you have direct access to:

- €3,000, if you are staying for more than 6 months (see note 4 below)
- €500 per month or €3,000 (in total) if you are staying 6 months or less
- If any of these are missing, you cannot be given permission to stay and won't be registered.

#### Cost & payment options

You must pay a fee of €300 per person to register. You can pay by:

- Bank giro: A giro is a pre-printed form and can be collected from any registration office.
- Credit card or debit card: These can be used at Burgh Quay Registration Office and some others.

Read more about what happens [when you visit a registration office](#).

For further details about Irish visa permission, stamps and & conditions please see [here](#).

## ACCOMMODATION FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

The DBS campuses are all located in central Dublin, with extensive transport links to the greater Dublin area. We aim to help students to find accommodation within this area. If you are successful in securing a place to study at Dublin Business School you will find our Accommodation Guide useful.

### Accommodation Guide 2022/2023

#### Airport Pickup

The college can organise an airport pick-up for you. For more information please email [intlservices@dbs.ie](mailto:intlservices@dbs.ie).

#### Other Accommodation Options

Choosing the right accommodation is as important as picking the right course. You'll have to think about cost, location, and facilities. Below are some options and you can read about them in our Accommodation Guide.

#### Private Student Residences

Various private student residences are available throughout the city which offer facilities and services specifically designed for students:

accommodation is in self-catering fully-furnished houses/ flats including a number of single and sometimes double bedrooms, a shared bathroom and living/ kitchen area. Each bedroom is equipped with free Internet access.

Read more information about private student residencies in our [Accommodation Guide](#)

## ***Independent Arrangements***

### ***Rent or Share***

Each year, students at Dublin Business School locate and secure their own accommodation. These are all to let or to share, and can be long-term and short-term

[www.daft.ie](http://www.daft.ie) [www.let.ie](http://www.let.ie) [www.accommodationforstudents.com/Dublin.asp](http://www.accommodationforstudents.com/Dublin.asp)

Students also can contact letting agencies. You can also find various addresses on: [www.goldenpages.ie](http://www.goldenpages.ie) and [www.independent.ie](http://www.independent.ie).

### ***Hostels***

Hostels addresses can be found through [www.goldenpages.ie](http://www.goldenpages.ie) and online bookings can be made through [www.hostelworld.com](http://www.hostelworld.com). Many Dublin hostels are centrally located and within walking distance of the college.

## **MEDICAL INSURANCE**

All students from outside the EU/EEA must obtain medical insurance as a requirement of their Irish study visa. Immigration Service Delivery requires that this insurance must include hospital cover and a minimum of €25,000 for Accident and €25,000 for Disease. Students must buy their own medical insurance as it is not provided by DBS.

Students may purchase medical insurance in their home country prior to travel for their first year only in Ireland provided it meets these requirements.

### ***Courses with a Duration of 12 months or less (Postgraduate/ MBA/ MSc)***

If you are coming to Ireland to study on an academic course of one year or less, basic medical expenses insurance policies are available for approximately €160. These insurance policies will satisfy the visa/immigration requirement for private health insurance and can be

obtained before students arrive in Ireland. The following policies are only available for students for courses of 12 months or less:

1. [studyandprotect.com](http://studyandprotect.com)
2. [halligan.ie](http://halligan.ie)
3. [guardme.eu](http://guardme.eu)

## ***Courses with a Duration of more than 12 months (Undergraduate)***

Students studying a course of more than 12 months must buy private medical insurance. [Studyandprotect.com](http://Studyandprotect.com) provide a policy which meets this requirement.

Comprehensive plans are also available from one of the three main private health insurance companies in Ireland: [VHI](http://VHI), [Irish Life](http://Irish Life) or [Laya Healthcare](http://Laya Healthcare).

There are a large range to choose from and the HIA (Health Insurance Authority) have a [comparison tool](http://comparison tool) to help you decide on the best policy to suit your needs, budget and the requirements for your student visa.

## ***Graduates***

Medical insurance is a requirement for graduates on the Third Level Graduate Scheme (Stamp 1G or 1A) which must include hospital cover and a minimum of €25,000 for Accident and €25,000 for Disease.

Graduates can buy Graduate Medicover from [Study& Protect](http://Study& Protect). This policy is designed specifically for International graduates and currently meets visa requirements.

If graduates are working and their employer provides medical insurance that meets the visa requirements they can submit this with their visa application.

Graduates can also buy private health insurance from any provider in Ireland. There are a large range of policies that you can choose from and the HIA (Health Insurance Authority) have a [comparison tool](http://comparison tool) to help you decide on the best policy to suit your needs, budget and the requirements for your graduate visa.

# DBS STUDENT EXPERIENCE

Dublin is our campus, it is a historic, vibrant and beautiful city, where there is always something going on. DBS will provide an outstanding Student Experience and enable strong academic outcomes. We promote a community and culture that is focussed on your well-being and success.

Students are the primary focus of DBS, and we realise that there is a lot more to college than what goes on inside the classroom, what is also hugely important is to have a lively college life making friends and memories that will last long after your time in the classroom has ended.

The welfare of our students is of the utmost importance and the dedicated Student Services Department caters exclusively for student needs. In DBS we take a holistic view to college life, integrating academia with a stimulating social scene. The Student Services Team serves to:

- Offer information, advice and support to all students of the College, be it accommodation, financial, J1 visa advice or study problems
- Facilitate the personal and academic development of the student
- Offer a variety of support from personal advice to organising sports teams
- Place an emphasis on empowering the student and facilitating their development.
- Provide an interface between staff and students
- Provide a forum for student input into academic and administrative matters
- Provide a channel for information to be passed on to students
- Finally, Student Services provides a public face for the College both to students and those outside the College

## SPORTS AT DBS

Getting involved in a sports club is an ideal way to keep fit, learn a new skill, meet people with similar interests, as well as provide a welcome break from academic life. DBS sports clubs are student-run and student-led, so you can play your sport and if you wish also lead and develop your club. With over 30 clubs there are a huge range of opportunities to train, play and compete in sport, no matter what your passion, ability or level.

# Societies at DBS

With over 40 student societies, DBS has something for everyone. Being involved in a society is a great way to make friends, develop your skills and enjoy the full student experience.

You can join any of the DBS student societies [here](#).

Societies include:

Business Society  
Computer Society  
Psychology Society  
Data Analytics Society  
Computer Society  
Rainbow Society  
Law Society  
Debating Society  
Fintech Society  
Fashion Society  
Film Society  
Photographic Society

The DBS Innovation Summit- Organised by the Business Society

The Start-Up Summit- Organised by the Business Society

The Fintech Society Breakfast Series

Psychology Week- Organised by the Psychology Society