



DIFC – Visa application requirements

This document has been designed by DIFC to assist in your visa application and summarises the main areas of importance when preparing your visa application.

Full details and guidelines on visa applications can be found on the Irish Department of Justice website: http://www.inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/Pages/Student_Visa_Guidelines

The Visa application form is also available from:

<http://www.inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/New%20Visa%20Application%20Form.pdf/Files/New%20Visa%20Application%20Form.pdf>

**Original documents are required and must be translated in ENGLISH.
No false document will be accepted.**

In addition to:

- Valid Passport Signed Visa application form 1 colour passport photo

You will need to provide information on **3 key areas** for your visa application:

- 1. Evidence of finance**
- 2. Your chosen college & level of English**
- 3. Your diplomas and employment history**

1. Evidence of finance:

- Provide proof of payment fees to DIFC – attach the Electronic Transfer of Funds.
- Provide proof that you (or your sponsor) have immediate access to **€7,000** (for your living cost for one year).
- 6 months Bank statement** (steady saving history) with name and address of the account holder and contact details of the Bank (on official Bank headed stationery).
 - If you are sponsored, give clear details on the support you will be given (e.g. financial guarantee letter from your sponsor / family).
Any big amount lodged in you (or your sponsor) bank account 3 months prior to your visa application must be explained.
- Provide details of your sponsor, name, contact details and explain relationship to you (you can attach reference letters). Please provide your birth certificate as well as your sponsor's one (if family member).
- If your sponsor is a private company, provide a Certificate of Registration from you country authorities.

2. Your chosen college and your level of English:

- Provide DIFC offer letter (letter of acceptance) with the following details:
- the course you are going to study, your study plan
 - confirmation that the fees have been paid to DIFC
 - medical insurance details
- Provide proof of your level of English (OPT Certificate or IELTS, TOFEL results).

Self-sponsored students must have a minimum level of 4.0 IELTS.



3. Your diplomas

- Provide details of your previous education (e.g. High school results), all diplomas should be translated and attached to your application.
- Provide information on any gaps between your last period of Education and your application to study in Ireland.
- Provide Employment history if you have been working (CV).

4. Immigration history:

- Provide details if you have applied for a visa for any country, including Ireland (stamps on your passports).
- If you have ever been refused a visa for any country, please submit the original letter of refusal.

5. Appeal:

If you are refused a visa, you may appeal this decision within 2 months in writing to:

The Visa Appeals Officer
Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform
13-14 Burgh Quay
Dublin 2

Note:

Please be aware that the quality of your initial visa application is essential
Please do not add your flight ticket in your visa application.

Allow 4 weeks from the date you have applied for your visa for a decision to be made on your application.