# COVID-19 AND STUDYING IN IRELAND



## Information for International Students

We are committed to providing you with a world-class education. We promise you the warmest of welcomes.

We're exploring all options to make this a reality.

Ireland is taking a measured, consistent and evidence-led approach to the COVID-19 situation, based on the best available international guidelines and local public health advice. The Government of Ireland is committed to protecting the health and safety of all people living, working and studying in Ireland during this time of unprecedented challenge.

### CURRENT PROTECTION MEASURES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS IN IRELAND



International students living in Ireland whose health has been adversely affected by COVID-19 can access the healthcare services at no cost.



International students at one of the higher education institutions who have lost their part-time jobs due to the COVID-19 pandemic can avail of the COVID-19 Pandemic Unemployment Payment.



Legislative measures to support tenants during the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic include a blanket ban on tenancy terminations and rent increases.



All Irish Residence Permits with valid immigration permissions which expire between 20th May 2020 and 20<sup>th</sup> July 2020 are automatically renewed for a period of 2 months.

## GETTING READY FOR THE 2020/2021 ACADEMIC YEAR



Universities and Colleges will commence re-opening on a phased basis at the beginning of the 2020/21 academic year.



Ireland and Irish higher education institutions are now accepting a number of online language tests required for visa purposes during 2020.



Irish higher education institutions will be as flexible as possible for students currently undertaking courses in Ireland.



If face-to-face lectures are not available in September 2020, Irish higher education institutions are ready to deliver lectures in alternative innovative ways.

## STAY IN TOUCH







Contact the International Office in your Institution for specific information about your course





