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WELCOME & FIRST STEPS IN IRELAND

Dear Student

No doubt you are very busy making final preparation for your trip to Ireland.

I hope you will come to feel at home here in Ireland and that you will be touched by the warmth and friendliness of the Irish people and that your experience at Dublin Business School will contribute to your personal and professional development. We have a strong support structure to help you both succeed in your studies and adapt to life in Ireland.

Please take a moment to read through this guide because it contains a lot of useful information in planning your trip and understanding what to expect on arrival.

We look forward to welcoming you in person very shortly.

Safe travels!

DBS International Student Services Team





Ireland's Capital Dublin



Dublin is the capital of the Republic of Ireland and a beautiful place to live. The country is home to some of the most wonderful sights in the world and we are sure you will enjoy your time here and in Dublin Business School.

Dublin experiences a maritime climate with cool summers, mild winters, and a lack of temperature extremes. The average maximum January temperature is 7.6 °C, while the average maximum July temperature is 18.9 °C.



Arrival at Dublin Airport



documentations.

Dublin Airport is very small and it will be easy to find your way around. Make sure you have the following documents: College Acceptance Letter, College Fees Payment Receipt, Medical Insurance, these are mandatory regulations because the immigration official will ask you for these

Airport pick up can be arranged for students who have reserved for home stay. Make sure you have the contact number of the college and also information about your host family. After the passport control and once you have collected your bags, please proceed to the **Arrivals hall** and look for someone with a **DBS sign**.



Visa/GNIB



Legally resident non-EEA nationals who have entered the State with the intention of residing in Ireland for a period of more than three months must register with their local immigration registration officer. An immigration certificate of registration (GNIB Registration Card) is issued by the Garda

National Immigration Bureau to a non-EEA national who so registers. A fee of €300 is charged in respect of each immigration certificate of registration issued to a non-EEA national with effect from 19 November 2012.

On your first day in Dublin Business School you will receive all the information you need in order to register with the Garda National Immigration Bureau (GNIB). It is very important to attend your Induction Day as you will be registered and a member of the team will be there to meet you and make your stay in Ireland and Dublin Business School is enjoyable for you.



Accommodation

Tips for Your Dublin Accommodation Search

Be realistic in your search.

Open your mind to areas outside of the city. September and October are high demand periods each year for accommodation in Dublin so you may have to consider an area outside the city centre. Dublin is a small county with many commuter towns that are well serviced by quality bus corridors and commuter rail lines.

Don't be passive in your search.

If you have a smartphone, download the daft.ie app and set up email alerts so that you are notified about new lettings and properties that come on stream daily. Be sure that you have an Irish phone number so that you are easily contactable. A phone call is more effective than an email. SIM cards are available in most phone retail stores in the city centre. Set up alerts via email on databases and check them daily so that you can stay ahead of the crowd.

Stay positive and exhaust all avenues.

A little bit of luck and a lot of hard work will get you the right accommodation at the right price. Advertise yourself as a potential roommate on offline noticeboards and online databases. Don't discount newspapers as well as online platforms.

More tips can be found on DBS website: <http://www.dbs-students.com/StudentServices/Default.aspx>



Local Travel in Dublin

Student Leap Card



In order to be eligible to purchase a discounted student bus, train or LUAS ticket, students must in addition to their college student card also have a student travel card. This card costs €12 and is valid for one year. To purchase this card you will need your DBS student card, an application form and two passport photos (photos can be taken at point of purchase for an

additional €3 fee). Application forms are available from the Student Service office in DBS or alternatively you can visit an Express Agent. The nearest ones are located in Trinity College.

Dublin Bus



(www.dublinbus.ie) is the main state-run transportation system for Dublin City. Buses run from approximately 6:30am - 11:30pm. Fares range from 90 cents to €3.50. The fare is calculated on the number of “stages” that the passenger wishes to travel. It is important to note that you must ‘flag the bus down’ –this means putting out your hand to alert the driver to stop as several different buses may all service

the same stop. Dublin bus operates an Autofare system meaning that you must pay the exact fare in coins to the bus driver. If you deposit more than the exact fare, the driver will issue a passenger refund ticket which can be refunded at Dublin Bus, 59 Upper O’Connell Street. Alternatively pre-paid bus tickets can be purchased from a newsagent. Many buses will have the Irish words for places as well as the English. Buses marked ‘An Lár’ are going into the city centre.

LUAS



(www.luas.ie) - Luas (Irish for “speed”) is a light rail system serving the western and south-western suburbs of the city. It is a fast and reliable system which students should bear in mind when looking for accommodation.

Dublin Area Rapid Transit (DART)



(www.irishrail.ie) is a quick and efficient means of accessing the city center from the suburbs. DART is an above-ground train, which operates for 25 miles on the East coast of Dublin between Howth in the north and Greystones in the south. Although the system is quick and relatively inexpensive, its destinations are limited.

Nitelink



(www.dublinbus.ie) is a late-night bus service that runs between the city center and most suburban areas. Depending on the route that you take, the buses run from 12:00am - 3:30am on Thursday, Friday and Saturdays nights. The Nitelink fare is approximately €4 - €6 depending on the route and length of the journey. Nitelink is an express service that only stops at Nitelink designated bus stops.

For exact daily, weekly and monthly Dublin bus fares and combination tickets, bus routes, timetables including the Nitelink and further information on Dublin Bus please visit: <http://www.dublinbus.ie>

Dublin Bikes



Dublin Bikes is a service whereby you can rent a bicycle for short term trips within the city. There are over 41 stations distributed throughout the city centre, stations are equipped for Long Term Hire Card and 3 Day Ticket users. Check: <http://www.dublinbikes.ie/>



Cost of Living



This information is intended as an outline guide to some of the costs of living as a student in Dublin. No two people will live in the same way, so it is impossible to say exactly how much anyone needs.

The following information is an **estimate** of student expenditure.

Estimate of a Monthly Student Budget for room in a rented house:	
Accommodation	€600
Food	€250
Electricity, heat (based on a house share with 3-4 people)	€50
Textbooks and Study equipment	€50
Clothes, entertainment and other living expenses	€400
Transportation (depends on type of ticket required)	€70
Total	€1420

Although some people might be able to manage on less than this, these figures are near the minimum needed to survive.

Other miscellaneous costs:

Allowing for occasional illness such as colds etc., medical expenses might amount to about €15 per month on average. Prescription medication is relatively expensive so bear this in mind. If you need long term medication you could perhaps bring a supply with you. Postage costs 70c for letters within Ireland and €1.05 for the rest of the world. Newspapers vary from €1 to €2.



Practical Tips and Information

Safety

Ireland has one of the lowest crime rates in Europe. However as in all large cities there is some degree of danger. Although crimes and violence are especially low it is important, nevertheless, that you do not take risks with yourself or your property. Students should consider taking out insurance for their belongings during their stay in Ireland. Cover4students offer insurance specifically designed for students; see <http://www.cover4insurance.com/students-insurance>.

Listed below are some basic guidelines which can prevent you from becoming a victim of crime.

- Try to avoid carrying large amounts of cash and important documents such as passports etc.
- If any emergency arises, and you need the GARDAI (Police), dial 112/999 and ask for the Garda. These calls are free.
- Be particularly careful at night in pubs and clubs. Do not leave your bags or coats/ jackets unattended.



Mobile Phones

Mobile phones can be brought into Ireland. It is possible but very expensive to use roaming whilst in Ireland so most students will purchase a new sim card when they arrive for approx. €15. If you do not intend to purchase a new mobile, you must ensure that your cell phone is unlocked prior to arrival.

Dialing within Ireland

If dialing from a mobile phone you will need to continue to use the area code so for example to dial the main DBS number you would dial 01 417 7500 (01 is the area code for Dublin). However, if dialing from a landline in Dublin you can drop the 01. To call someone's mobile, you would simply dial 086 123 4567.



Facilities

DBS students have access to all the facilities of DBS in its buildings: Aungier Street (the main building), Castle House, Balfe Street, Bow Lane and Wicklow House. These include an open network WiFi in all DBS buildings, extensive library in Aungier Street. Students will also have access to a limited number of laptops which can be borrowed from the library in Aungier Street. You will have classes in a lot of buildings within the campus. There is a map of the campus below. Computer Labs are located in Castle House. There are some on the 2nd floor that are open access for you to use.



Dublin Business School Student Intranet

<http://www.dbs-students.com/>

This site will be invaluable for your stay at Dublin Business School. This is the portal for you to access timetables, E learning sites (Moodle), student services, reception, the library and the IT department.



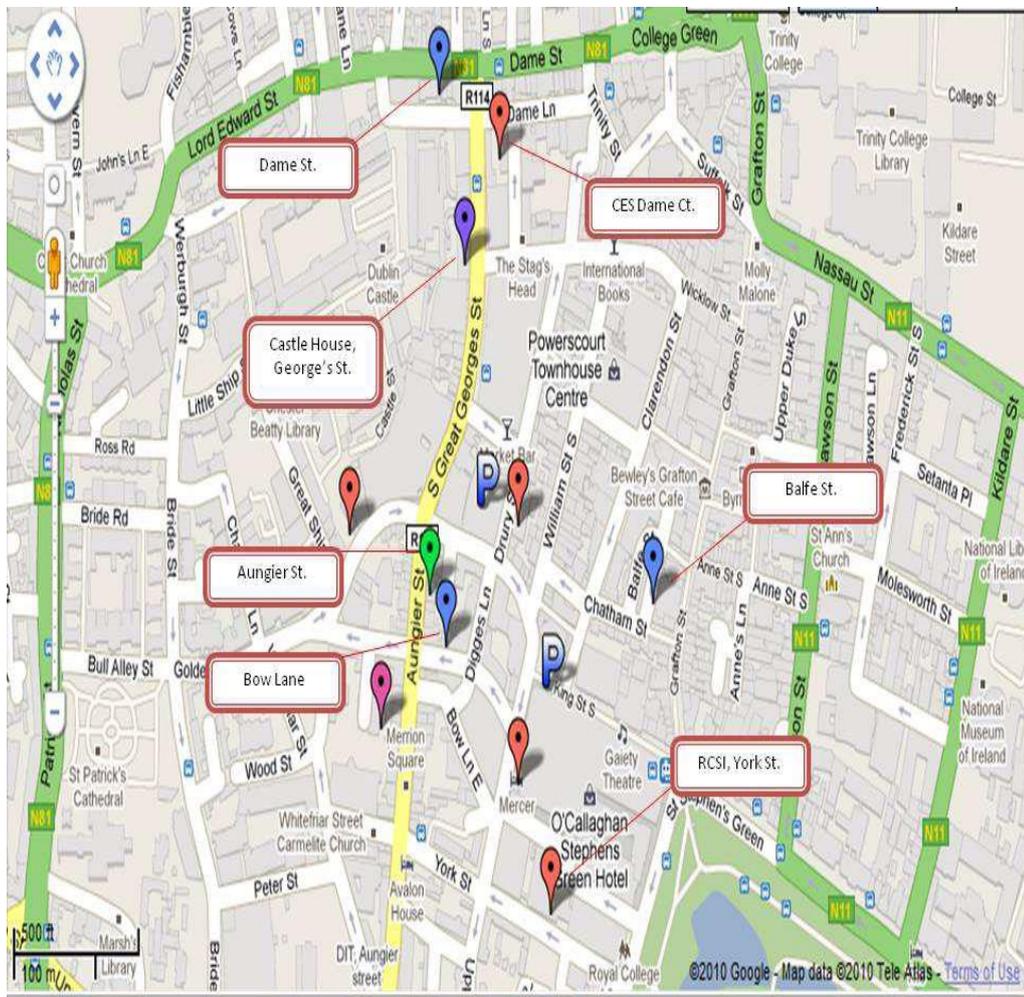
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Check out the canteen in the basement of the Aungier Street building
Career workshops on CVs, cover letters and interviews
STUDENT SERVICES - NEW LOCATION CASTLE HOUSE
Mauritian Visa Update
Open Evening - Wednesday 5th January, 5-7pm

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DBS LOCATIONS





Travel within Ireland – DAY TRIPS

Dun Laoghaire



Howth



Dalkey



Malahide Castle



Bray





Travel within Ireland



We hope that you will take the opportunity of seeing as much of our country as possible during your time in Ireland.

Rail: The two main rail stations in Dublin are Heuston Station and Connolly Station. Connolly serves Belfast, Rosslare (for ferry services) and Sligo. Heuston Station serves all other cities including Cork, Limerick, Galway and Waterford. Trains are usually quicker and more expensive than buses. Passenger information is available on 00 353 1 836 62 22 or <http://www.irishrail.ie>

Bus: Bus Éireann is the main bus service in Ireland. Buses leave from and arrive at Busaras (Central Bus Station) which is located in the city centre, near Connolly train station. Passenger information is available on 00 353 1 836 61 11 or www.buseireann.ie

Car hire: Car Hire can be a great way to see rural Ireland as the best way to see the small villages and towns is the stop and wander around.

<http://www.carhire3000.ie/>

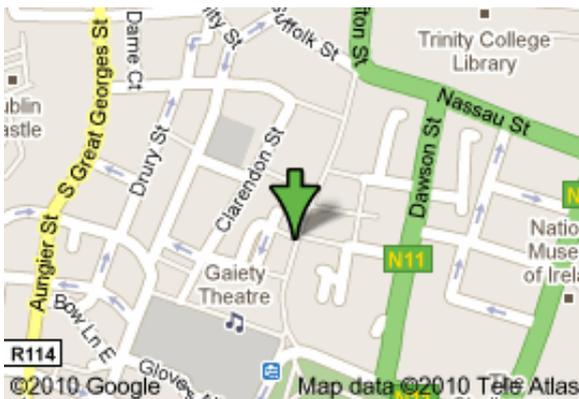
<http://www.budget.ie/>

<http://www.europcar.ie/>



Health

In the event of illness the following are all close to DBS:



Doctor:

- Grafton Medical Clinic, 34 Grafton Street, Dublin 2, Tel: (01) 671212
(Very close to the school you can make appointments by calling them)
- Mercers Health Centre Stephen St Lwr, Dublin 2 Tel: 01 402 2302
- Aungier St Medical Clinic, First floor, 16 Redmonds Hill, Dublin 2 Tel: 01 4005708
- St. James Hospital, St James St, Dublin 8, 01 410 3000

Pharmacy: - George's St Pharmacy 8 South Great Georges St D2 Dublin. Tel 01 4791683
South William Pharmacy, South William Street, Dublin 2

Dentist: - Harcourt Health, 35 Upper Camden Street, Dublin 2 - Dentist 01 475 9551
- Dental Clinic, 10 Cornmarket, Dublin 8. Tel 01 6777671 (emergency treatment only – attend clinic before 9.30 am Monday to Friday)
- Declan Molloy 64 Harcourt Street, Dublin 2 Tel 01 475 1658