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Frequently Asked Questions for EU students for January & September 2022 intakes

As of today, regulations concerned with managing the COVID-19 situation remain in place across Europe and in Ireland. We realise there are still many questions you may have. So please find below a list of the most common question we receive.

Should you have any immediate questions please do not hesitate to contact a member of the European Admissions Team at europe@dbs.ie

As a recommendation, we strongly advise all EU students to apply for a European Health Insurance Card ahead of their travel to Dublin.

If you are yet to submit an application, but wish to do so, please contact your study abroad institution office.

Is DBS still accepting applications from EU countries?

Yes, the DBS Admissions Office, and indeed all College Departments, are fully open and operational. The European Admissions Department is still accepting and progressing with applications for the January & September 2022 intake, and we look forward to welcoming you to our campus soon.

Can I still apply if currently there are travel restrictions in my country?

Yes, while restrictions are commonplace in many countries we are still accepting applications. The travel situation is ever changing and we would suggest that you apply, as you normally would.

How will Covid-19 affect my application?

Your application will not be affected in any way whatsoever. We welcome all applications and normal admissions processes and procedures apply.

What is the DBS refund policy for courses commencing in January given Covid-19?

Should a student not be in a position to travel to Ireland, to commence studies, due to reasons associated with Covid-19 a full refund will be applied should the request be received prior to course commencement.

My current school/university is closed and I cannot complete my studies and exams? Or my exam results may be delayed?

We recommend that you still commence the application process and furnish what supporting documents that you can at present. DBS will continue to monitor the situation be as flexible as possible within the limits of our quality assurance policies.

I cannot currently register at a recognised English language test centre, what are my options?

IELTS, TOEFL/iBT, Cambridge are all English language tests accepted by DBS. Normally these tests need you to be physically present to complete, but we know there may be some disruption or delay in registering for these tests.

Therefore, it is also possible to take the [Duolingo English Test](#). This is an online test that can be taken anywhere, anytime and results will be issued in 2 days. The pass mark for Duolingo is 95.

Is it possible to defer my application?

We are accepting and assessing all applications as normal and look forward to welcoming new students to Dublin in September. However, if you feel that it is not realistic for you to accept your place at DBS this year, please contact our European Admissions Team who can help in advising you of your options.

Can I apply for a student visa at present? (For non-EU nationals' students)

EU passport holders do not need a visa to study in Ireland.

For non-EU passport holders, most Irish Visa Offices are now taking applications. Please check the website of your closest Irish Embassy for new announcements. In the meantime, please make sure you have all documentation required to support your application and be ready to apply soon as we are approaching start dates in a couple of weeks on many programmes.

Please note that a Schengen visa is not enough to enter Ireland to study.

If I contract the Covid-19 Virus, can/should I travel to Ireland?

No, in such cases you should not travel and follow local health advisories and seek medical assistance.

What will teaching look like for the Academic Year 2022/23 at Dublin Business School?

DBS aims to give you the best possible campus and blended learning experience. All classes for 2022/23 will be taught on a hybrid-learning basis. This means you will be on campus for some classes and other classes will be online.

All student services such as Career and Library Services, Student Welfare and Academic Support will still be fully available to all students. All of these support services have been reformatted for this academic year so as students can access them online as well as physically when possible. Details of these will be available at your induction to the College and your course.

We are also planning to run our Clubs and Societies as normal in the new academic year. All meetings will need to follow Irish public health advice for gatherings. Events such as sports training, competitions and social trips will take place in accordance with public health guidance.

Can I travel to Ireland at this time?

Yes - All essential COVID-19 travel advice for Ireland can be found at <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/77952-government-advice-on-international-travel/#travelling-to-ireland>

New travel measures that are coming into force will mean that anyone travelling into Ireland will need a negative or 'not detected' COVID-19 test.

Your status	Antigen test	RT-PCR test
Vaccinated or recovered	Negative test no more than 48 hours before you arrive	Negative test no more than 72 hours before you arrive
Not vaccinated	Not valid	Negative test no more than 72 hours before you arrive

- if you do not have a Digital COVID Certificate based on vaccination or recovery, you have to show a negative ('not detected') RT-PCR test which was carried out no more than 72 hours before you arrive in Ireland
- if you have proof of vaccination or recovery from COVID-19, you have to show a negative ('not detected') antigen test which was carried out no more than 48 hours before you arrive in Ireland. Alternatively, you can show a negative ('not detected') RT-PCR test which was carried out no more than 72 hours before you arrive

Antigen tests have to be carried out by approved professionals - you can't test yourself.

In situations where a person is required to present evidence of a negative ('not detected') RT-PCR test result prior to travel, and is unable to do so due to a persistently positive RT-PCR test after recovery, then a positive RT-PCR test result will be acceptable which was taken no less than 11 days and no more than 180 days prior to arrival to the State.

Note: This advice is subject to change at short notice and we will update accordingly.

What will happen when I arrive in Ireland?

Please check the [Irish Health Service COVID-19 Advice Page](#) for full information on these requirements. Bearing in mind that advice may change at short notice, you should check to ensure you have the latest information. We recommend that you take the restricted movement period into consideration for booking travel and accommodation.

While you are in Ireland, you are required to follow the public health advice as listed below.

You should:

- wash your hands regularly and thoroughly - especially after you have been out and about or in and out of other people's homes or businesses

- observe good cough and sneeze etiquette
- maintain social distancing where possible
- wear a face covering if you are using public transport.
- wear a face covering if you are in a public place like in shops or in shopping centres.
- Install the COVID Tracker app. The COVID Tracker app can alert you if you have come into close contact with someone who tested positive for the virus. Download the app from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store.

How will DBS support European Students arriving in Ireland for the Academic Year 22/23?

We recognise that there are additional support considerations for European students, as you prepare to book flights, confirm accommodation arrangements, and prepare yourself for moving to another country especially in these challenging times.

Students will then be invited to register for their programme online as well as attend specific programme inductions which will also take place online.

This will afford you an opportunity to engage with our European Student Services and Student Experience Teams who will be available to answer any questions you have.

What is the DBS Declaration Form?

All international students travelling to Ireland to study on campus in DBS are obliged to complete this form. It is a declaration that you will abide by all Covid-19 government rules and regulations at the time when in the College. You will also be required to complete your arrival information on the declaration form. You can complete the DBS International arrivals questionnaire and declaration form [here](#).

Are there any health and safety requirements needed to enter Ireland?

Please check the [Irish Health Service COVID-19 Advice Page](#) for full information on these requirements.

What if I can't travel in advance of the start date?

In the event you cannot make the start of the classes, we recommend that you commence all classes online. You will need to be fully registered on your programme to do this. Then when you arrive in Ireland, you will be able to commence your blended learning experience.

We recommend that you get to Ireland before the start date of your classes. Of course, we recognise that this may not be possible for everyone so in those circumstances, you must start your course online and you are expected to attend all your online classes at the scheduled time.