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Frequently Asked Questions for incoming Non-EU students for April 2021 and September 2021 intakes

During this unprecedented time of COVID-19 our International Admissions Department is still accepting and progressing with applications for the April and September 2021 intake, remaining positive and we are available to answer any queries you may have. Should you have any immediate questions please do not hesitate to contact a member of the International Admissions Team at international@dbs.ie

If you are yet to submit an application, but wish to do so, you may do so [here](#)

Is DBS still accepting applications from all non-EU countries?

Yes, the DBS Admissions Office, and indeed all College Departments, remain open and operational. Applications are being processed as per usual and we endeavour to respond to all applicants within 48 working hours.

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 global situation is ever-changing and we would suggest that you apply, as you normally would, with a view to continuing your studies abroad when it is safe and advisable to do so.

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.

Is there flexibility around deposit payments?

If you have received a Confirmed Letter of Offer, you will have been invited to make a deposit payment that in many cases secures a scholarship. DBS will consider requests for a payment extension on a case-by-case basis and where there is a genuine case for an extension, an extension may be granted.

My current school/university is closed and I cannot complete my studies and exams?

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 globally and react accordingly. Any accommodations that may be given would be done in accordance with our quality assurance policies.

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

IELTS/TOEFL/iBT are English language tests required by DBS. Currently there is some disruption in registering for these tests.

Therefore, it will now be 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.

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 April. However, if you feel that it is not realistic for you please do contact our International Admissions Team who can help in advising you of your options.

Can I apply for a student visa at present?

Yes, Irish Visa Offices are taking applications and those students planning to study higher education level courses in Ireland are considered essential. Accordingly, higher education student visa applications are being processed. Please check the website of your closest Irish Embassy for new announcements.

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 2020/21 at Dublin Business School?

DBS aims to give you the best possible campus and blended learning experience. All classes for 2020/21 will be taught on a hybrid-learning basis. This means you will be on campus for some classes (when government advisories allow for on campus classes) and other classes will be online. Your timetable will be available once you register for the programme and will advise you of which classes are on campus and which classes will be taken online.

Our objective is for every student to have as much classroom teaching as possible. The amount of classroom teaching for any individual student is dependent upon how many other students are in the class. On average we expect that while a 2-metre social distance requirement is in place for Colleges and Universities, a student will spend approximately one-third of their time in the classroom and the remainder online. As the social distance protocol is reduced below 2 metres, more students can be in a classroom at the one time and therefore you will be spending more time on campus and less time online. When you get your timetable it will show how much time will be on campus and how much will be online. The timetable for the new academic year is built on the principle that First-year students and Award or Final year students will have more time on campus than others. However, the volumes of students in a particular class is the main factor that will contribute to the amount of time on-campus versus 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 so as students can access them online as well as on campus for when we return. 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. All meetings will need to follow Irish public health advice for gatherings. Events such as sports training, competitions and social trips are planned to take place in accordance with public health guidance. Each event will require a COVID-19 risk assessment to be done and our Student Experience team will help with this.

Can I travel to Ireland at this time?

As of today 1st April 2021 Ireland's borders remain open but there are some very important requirements and protocols to be aware of. The Irish Health Authorities require anyone coming into Ireland, apart from Northern Ireland, to have a negative PCR COVID-19 Test taken within 72 hours of departure to Ireland and to complete a [Public Health Passenger Locator Form](#) on arrival and to [restrict your movements](#) for 14 days or complete mandatory hotel quarantine if travelling from a red listed country. See further down.

Do I need a negative COVID-19 Test on Arrival in Ireland?

All passengers (including students) arriving into Ireland are required to have a negative/"not-detected" result from a pre departure COVID-19 PCR Test taken within 72 hours of departure.

- A negative test is required- regardless of port of origin.
- The negative test must be taken within 72 hours of departure for Ireland.
- The test must be a PCR COVID-19 Test
- You may be requested to produce this test prior to boarding your airplane or ferry
- You will be required to produce the results of the test on arrival in Ireland
- If no test is produced you must enter mandatory quarantine at a cost of €150 per day, until a test is arranged and is negative.

What if I have been vaccinated with a European Medicines Agency approved COVID-19 vaccine?

Anyone arriving from a designated hotel quarantine required country, with proof of full vaccination with an [EMA approved vaccine](#) from Pfizer, Moderna, AstraZeneca or Janssen, coupled with a negative PCR test, will now not need to enter hotel quarantine and can quarantine elsewhere.

Vaccinated students arriving into the country need have the vaccination document(s) to prove the same. Such students are still required to have a negative pre-departure PCR test and complete a period of self-quarantine at the address specified in the passenger locator form.

Which countries do Ireland class as high-risk for mandatory Hotel Quarantine purposes?

The Irish Government has classed a number of countries as high-risk. Accordingly a **14 days mandatory hotel quarantine is required for passengers who have been in these designated countries including those who have transited through a port or airport in a designated country, even if they stay airside or portside, in the 14 days prior to their arrival in Ireland. The list of these countries can be seen via the following link - <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/b4020-travelling-to-ireland-during-the-covid-19-pandemic/#designated-states-mandatory-hotel-quarantine>**

I intend transiting through one of the countries on the list but not staying there. Am I okay?

No. The rules will apply to everyone travelling from those countries. We advise that you change your flight arrangements to ensure that you do not transit through a listed country.

How much will mandatory quarantine cost, and how will I arrange a stay?

The [Quarantine Hotels Ireland booking site](#) is now live; a two-week stay will cost €1,875 for the first person, €625 for a second person over the age of 12 who shares the room.

I am intending to arrive and do mandatory quarantine- who pays?

Anyone arriving from one of the designated high-risk countries must arrange, and pay for, the mandatory quarantine himself or herself. DBS cannot arrange mandatory quarantine from high-risk countries.

What happens if I arrive in the country without having arranged accommodation at a quarantine hotel?

If you arrive in Ireland from one of the 33 countries and have not booked a quarantine hotel you are likely to be fined up to €2000 and then have to book anyway. It is likely that you will not be allowed to board the plane in your country of departure unless you show proof of mandatory quarantine booking.

Where can I get full details on the mandatory quarantine arrangements?

Full details are available [here](#)

[Although Ireland is a member](#) of the European Union (EU), the temporary restrictions on non-essential travel into the EU have not been adopted by Ireland.

Please note that students should travel without any family or friends accompanying them. Family and friends, of students, are not categorised as essential and therefore should not travel to Ireland.

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

What will happen when I arrive in Ireland?

Compulsory Airport Collection

It is an Irish Government requirement that DBS have oversight of all transfers from the airport to the accommodation where the student is staying for the first 14 days (unless students must complete mandatory hotel quarantine). Students cannot take any form of Public Transportation (Bus or Taxi) or arrange to be collected by friends.

Therefore, DBS will arrange transfer for all students from the airport to their accommodation.

A fee of €50 applies for airport transfer to their accommodation. In order to be able to book their transfer students must send an e-mail to intlservices@dbs.ie

Please note that the option mentioned above is only for those students that do not have to complete mandatory hotel quarantine.

For students that require mandatory hotel quarantine their transport will be arranged by Immigration Services at Dublin Airport and the transport fees are included in the hotel quarantine price.

At present, the Irish Health Authorities require anyone coming into Ireland, apart from Northern Ireland, to complete a [Public Health Passenger Locator Form](#) on arrival and to [restrict your movements](#) for 14 days.

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 - keep 2 metres apart from people
- avoid crowded places as much as possible - leave a location if social distancing becomes difficult
- wear a face covering if you are using public transport. This is the law - you may be fined or refused entry if you don't wear one
- only use public transport for essential journeys - walk or cycle instead, if you can
- wear a face covering if you are in a public place like in shops or in shopping centres. This is the law.
- wear a face covering when visiting people aged 70 or over, or other vulnerable people - be sure to practice social distancing for their safety
- for the first 2 weeks in Ireland you will be required to 'restrict your movement'. During this period you will be permitted to leave your residence to complete day-to-day tasks such as shopping and exercise.
- 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 International Students arriving in Ireland for the Academic Year 20/21?

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

A set of pre-arrival videos are currently being prepared and will be sent to all offer holders in due course.

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 International Student Services and Student Experience Teams who will be available to answer any questions you have.

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

In the event you can't make the start of the classes we recommend that you commence all classes online. You will need to be 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.

What are my health and safety obligations before travelling to Ireland to DBS and subsequent to my arrival?

In order to comply with Irish Government protocols all students travelling to Ireland must complete a health and symptom check daily for 14 days prior to arrival in Ireland and for the 14-day period of self-restriction in Dublin as well as having a negative PCR COVID-19 Test taken within 72 hours of departure to the Republic of Ireland. The DBS Student Experience Team will be monitoring this checker and will be in contact if it is not completed.

This information will be used to support you and verify that you are observing the period of self-restriction

Additionally, where applicable, students that need to complete mandatory hotel quarantine must make their hotel reservation before travelling to the Republic of Ireland.

Additionally all students will have to sign and submit a declaration outlining their arrival details **and must alert us immediately if they are coming from or connecting via a country where mandatory hotel quarantine in Ireland is required.** In addition, students must supply accommodation details of where they will be self-isolating (unless they must complete mandatory hotel quarantine) and that they understand and will comply with the requirement to restrict movement for 14 days upon arrival in Ireland.