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Frequently Asked Questions for incoming Non-EU students for the September 2021 intake

During this unprecedented time of COVID-19 our International Admissions Department is still accepting and progressing with applications for the September 2021 intake 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 International 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.

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.

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 September. 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 2021/22 at Dublin Business School?

DBS aims to give you the best possible campus experience for 21/22 subject to meeting government guidelines. All classes for 2021/22 will be taught on a hybrid-learning basis. This means you will be on campus for some 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 can be taken online.

Our objective is for every student to have as much classroom teaching as possible. 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.

COVID-19 Travel Protocols

Please find below some important information and actions that need to be completed by you with respect to COVID-19 travel protocols when entering the Republic of Ireland.

International students with Proof of Vaccination

Students who have proof of vaccination are required to do the following:

- Complete a [Passenger locator form](#) before arrival into Ireland. This is compulsory.
- Complete DBS International [arrivals questionnaire and declaration form](#). This is compulsory

- Follow Standard public health advice upon arrival. All advice can be found here: <https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/covid19/>
- Airport transfer- This is optional (€50 must be booked and paid for in advance). This must be booked through the arrivals questionnaire and declaration form.

International students with Proof of Vaccination from an Emergency Break Country

Students who have proof of vaccination are required to do the following:

- Complete a Passenger [locator form before arrival](#) into Ireland. This is compulsory.
- Complete DBS International [arrivals questionnaire and declaration form](#). This is compulsory.
- Students must have a Negative PCR test pre departure- within 72 hours of arrival.
- Follow Standard public health advice upon arrival. All advice can be found here: <https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/covid19/>
- Airport transfer- This is Mandatory. (€50 will be debited to the student account). This must be booked through the arrivals questionnaire and declaration form
- Students must self quarantine for 14 days in their place of accommodation.

International students who do not have Proof of Vaccination

Students who do not have Proof of Vaccination are required to the following:

- Complete a Passenger [locator form before arrival](#) into Ireland. This is compulsory.
- Complete DBS International [arrivals questionnaire and declaration form](#). This is compulsory.
- Students must have a Negative PCR test pre departure- within 72 hours of arrival.
- Follow Standard public health advice upon arrival. All advice can be found here: <https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/covid19/>
- Airport transfer- This is Mandatory. (€50 will be debited to student account). This must be booked through the arrivals questionnaire and declaration form.
- Students must self quarantine for 14 days in their place of accommodation.

Mandatory Hotel Quarantine (MHQ)

Any person who has been in a designated State within 14 days of arriving in Ireland, and does not have proof of vaccine, must pre-book accommodation in a designated quarantine facility and present for quarantine on arrival. If required, Mandatory Hotel Quarantine must be booked directly by the student to the link below, DBS do not book MHQ.

See the full list of [mandatory quarantine facilities](#)

See the current [list of designated States](#).

It is important to note that the list of designated States will be subject to change at short notice and passengers are required to check the list before travelling to Ireland, to be sure of their obligations.

Please see some useful links for further information

- [What constitutes fully vaccinated and approved vaccines?](#)
- [Flight Transit countries](#)
- [Emergency brake](#)
- [Standard public health advice Dublin](#)

- [Post arrival test HSE](#)

What happens if I arrive in the country from a designated Mandatory Hotel Quarantine State without having arranged accommodation at a quarantine hotel?

If you arrive in Ireland from one of the Mandatory Hotel Quarantine 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.

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.

How will DBS support International Students arriving in Ireland for the Academic Year 2021/22?

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 have been sent to all offer holders.

Students will 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.