

## Study while you work in Ireland



Yes, while you study English on a **study/work** programme you can also work and earn money!

# What is the study/work programme?



Study English for 25 weeks with a recognised test at the end (Cambridge/Trinity, IELTS etc.) and work part-time (max 20 hours per week **PLUS** up to 8 weeks working full-time (up to 40 hours per week))

## How much can I earn?

The currency in Ireland is the **Euro €**

- The current (Jan 2022) **minimum wage** is €10.50 per hour (you *\*may\** earn more than this)
- While you study (25 weeks) your visa will permit you to work up to 20 hours per week = €210



## How much can I earn?

The study/work programme also allows you to work full-time for a maximum of 8 weeks

- While you work full-time (8 weeks) your visa will permit you to work up to 40 hours per week = €420



## How much can I earn?

**Total minimum potential earnings =**

- 25 weeks @ €210 p.w. = €5,250
- Plus, 8 weeks @ €420 p.w. = €3,360

**TOTAL = €8,610**



# What type of work can I do?



- The usual types of work are hospitality jobs (restaurant, cafes) or office work
- Type of work depends on your level of English
- Type of work also depends on your existing skills



## When can I work full-time?

- The visa type (2) for the work part of the programme allows you to work for a maximum of 8 weeks during:
- 15th December to 15th January inclusive
- or, any 8 weeks during June, July, August and September
- You will need to state when you will be working full-time for the visa application – your school will help you with this



## What English do I study?

- Your course must be for 25 weeks or more and appear on the Interim List of Eligible Programmes (ILEP) (all programmes we offer through our partners will meet this requirement)
- Typical courses are General English for Cambridge or Trinity English exams including IELTS (Business English may also be available)
- Moving up a level in English generally takes 150 hours of study (10 weeks with 3 hours per day)



## How much will it cost?

The course fee will depend on whether you select morning or afternoon classes.

Morning classes will usually be equal to 20 hours per week of study (some are 15)

Afternoon classes will be equal to 15 hours per week of study and so cost less.

- Typical morning course fee = €3,500-5,000
- Typical afternoon course fee = €2,500 – 4,000





## Other costs?

In addition to the course fee, you will normally need to pay a registration fee for the school plus a fee for study materials and your English exam fees

- Typical school registration fee = €50-200
- Typical course materials fee = €50-150
- Typical exam fees = €100 – 300 (depends on exam)



# Accommodation costs?

There are various types of accommodation available while you study and work in Ireland. You can find your own or your school will help you. The cost will depend on the type you select and your Traveledex advisor can discuss this with you.

- Homestay with a family
- Student accommodation in school residence
- Student accommodation (available in Dublin)
- Private accommodation (share or on your own)



# Visa requirements

If you want to study in Ireland and are a non EEA/non Swiss national, you will need to have:

- A letter of enrolment
- Paid your fees

You will apply for an entry visa for visiting longer than 90 days and, on entry, at the airport you will need to show proof of savings to live on of at least €3,000 held for 28 days before coming to Ireland.



# Visa requirements

Once you have entered Ireland, your school will help you to apply for the type 2 visa which will allow you to work while on the study/work programme.

You will need to specify the 8 weeks when you will be working full-time.

Visa cost approx. €300

Your school will usually help you to renew this at the end of the period if you wish to repeat the programme.



## Total costs?

- Visa fee
- Course fees
- Additional course costs
- Accommodation
- Visa savings requirement (to show you have enough money to live on when you arrive)

**Our estimate is that you allow for €8,000 – 9,000**

But remember that you do not need all of this when you start your application. You must, however, make sure you have had the savings required by the visa deposited at least 28 days before you arrive in Ireland

## Planning your work/study visit



1. Speak to a Traveledex advisor to find the best course for *you*
2. Check you have enough money to cover all your costs – course fees, visa savings, additional costs and accommodation
3. Ask Traveledex to book your course and get letter of confirmation
4. Apply for entry visa

# Study/Work Examples

## Student considering study/work in Jan 2022:



Start date 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Study during March/April/ May/June	Work full-time July/August	Return to study September & October	End Oct - Take English exam	November – re-apply for new visa	Study Nov to mid Dec	Work Dec 15 – Jan 15	Study Jan – May then exam
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This shows the programme being taken twice to maximise earning over a year.



# Study/Work Examples

## Student considering study/work in April 2022:



Start date	Study during	Work full-time	Return to	Dec - Take
1 <sup>st</sup> June	June/July	July/August	study Sep/Oct/Nov/ Dec	English exam

This shows the programme being taken just once.

# What next?

1. Check your savings!

2. Contact Traveledex



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