



# KIE UK Immigration and U18 Updates

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# Short-term Study Visa (STSV) January 2019

- UKVI review 2018
  - STSV is granted for 6 or 11 months, BUT the leave is only valid for the dates on the provider's visa letter
  - Students with an STSV cannot extend more than 30 days after their course has finished even if the visa is still valid
  - Students can stay longer if they declare their intentions on the visa application form
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# Short-term Study Visa (STSV)

- **Sponsored students:** full period of study is recorded on the FG/Offer Letter and the student *should also declare this on their visa*
  - **Visa nationals:** students should declare the full study period on their visa application if they want the option to extend
  - **Non-visa nationals:** the offer letter has been amended to enable study for the whole period of their entry stamp (6 months), not just the original course dates
  - **Walk-ins:** We can continue to accept walk-ins from other providers but can only allow them to study up to 30 days after the original end date of their previous course
  - **All students** will need to show that they have **sufficient funds** for the **whole period** they want to remain the UK
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# Short-term Study Visa (STSV)

## Visa Nationals (see [Immigration Rules App V2](#))

- Must apply in their home country
  - 6 month visa (£97.00) or 11 month visa (£186.00)
  - Minimum age 16
  - Can extend their course up to 30 days (as long as the visa is still valid) unless intention to study longer is stated on the application form
  - Must return home at the end of their study period
  - Be aware of the “FREQUENT STUDY” rule – 2 month gap between applications
  - Students staying more than 6 months will receive 30 day visa then collect BRP
  - Visas obtained in home country are multiple entry
  - Student can be at any level of English
  - Students cannot work or bring dependants
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## Non Visa Nationals

- 6 month study stamp on arrival in the UK \*\*
- Must apply in their home country if studying over 6 months

**\*\* On arrival in the UK the student must present all Kaplan documents to the Entry Clearance Officer and ensure they receive VST on their entry stamp. Visas obtained in the UK are single entry only.**

***Students CAN extend for the period of their 6 month visa as long as they have the updated version of the KIE offer letter***

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# STSV - How to Apply

## Required Documents

- ✓ Current passport or other valid travel identification
- ✓ Evidence of financial support **for the whole study period** (e.g.) bank statements or payslips for the last 6 months
- ✓ Accommodation address and travel plans **if staying for longer than first course ensure return date reflects this**
- ✓ Proof of acceptance at an accredited institution
- ✓ Under 18's contact details for at least one parent or guardian in the home country, required under 18 parental consent forms, accomm address
- ✓ TB test results if required (see [www.gov.uk/tb-test-visa](http://www.gov.uk/tb-test-visa))
- ✓ Certified copies of any translations will be required

<https://www.gov.uk/study-visit-visa/documents-you-must-provide>

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# STSV – How to Apply

## Application Process

- Apply online up to 3 months before start date
  - Book an appointment at a local visa application centre
  - Take all required documents to the appointment
  - Biometrics taken for 11 months visa
  - Decision within 3 weeks
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# Completing the application

Course start date

Enter date in the format DD MM YYYY

Day Month Year

05 05 2019

Course end date

Day Month Year

30 05 2019

Enter the course details as they are on the offer letter.

What will you do when your course finishes and your visa expires?

I may decide to extend my course after 30th May 2019 to take an external exam course but will ensure I leave the UK before my visa expires.

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Make sure it is clear that they intend to stay after the course



# Completing the application

Date you will arrive in the UK

Enter date in the format DD MM YYYY

Day Month Year

01 05 2019

Date you will leave the UK

Day Month Year

01 11 2019

Enter the full length of the visa (6 or 11 months)

If you needed to add more information about your application but were not able to, you can write it here.

If there is no further information you want to add, click the 'Save and continue' button.

Add further details:

I may decide to extend my course after 30th May 2019 to take an external exam course but will ensure I leave the UK before my visa expires

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Use the further details box to confirm they will stay longer than the course.

# Visit Visas

Kaplan can accept students on a Visitor Visa by adhering to the below Immigration rules: <https://www.gov.uk/standard-visitor-visa>

- ✓ The main reason for visiting the UK is NOT to study \*\*
- ✓ The visa was granted on or after 1<sup>st</sup> October 2013
- ✓ Total study on the visa does not exceed 30 tuition days (6 weeks) – can be one course or multiple courses
- ✓ The school must be accredited

Kaplan can only accept Visit Visa bookings if:

- The student is **ALREADY** in the UK and decides to book a course of study
  - OR has entered the UK previously on the visa and has a UK entry stamp
  - AND has not already studied 30 days on the visa
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# Other Visa Types

**Business Visas** – we can accept for a maximum of 30 days student and require a letter from their company confirming the work being carried out in the UK

**Electronic Visa Waiver (EVW)** – Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, UAE nationals. £30 for 6 months single entry, can apply online up to 48 hours before arrival

**Tier 4** – we can accept under “supplementary studies” and would need proof of their current course. The student can study before, during or after their main course of study as long as it does not interfere.

**Dependants** – can study with us and we would ask to see a copy of the main visa holders visa

**Tier 1, 2 & 5** – can be accepted but please check before booking

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# BREXIT – Deal or no deal?

**DEAL** = No changes until after the transition period (31<sup>st</sup>  
December 2020)

**NO DEAL** = students can still enter the UK up to 3 months.

To stay longer, they will need to apply for European Leave to  
Remain.

*For students who arrived in the UK before Brexit we will  
provide a letter confirming their enrolment and start date if  
required*

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# BREXIT – what happens next?

- **EU ID cards** accepted up to 31/12/2020
- **Passports required** from 01/01/2021
- From 2021: **“light touch”** visa process for EU student
- **Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA)** with STS on arrival
- **We will keep you updated!**

Any questions: [compliance.support@kaplan.com](mailto:compliance.support@kaplan.com)

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# U18/Minor Documents

- Kaplan have a responsibility to safeguard the welfare of U18s
- We must receive signed **minor consent document** prior to arrival
- U18s in **private accommodation** must have **written consent** from their parent and be accommodated with a suitable adult
- U18s travelling without parents must have somebody meeting them at the airport and have contact details with them
- Failure to provide this info can lead to delays at the UK border and even refused entry

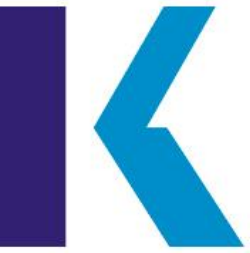
# Under 16 Groups

- U16 Groups should travel with a Group Leader (GL) The GL must have police checks and are only responsible for students in their own group
  - Transfers must be included from the airport to school/accommodation
  - U16s are taught in closed classes
  - U16 students cannot be accommodated for more than **27 nights** without foster care arrangements in place (only offered in Torquay)
  - They cannot be accommodated with adult students
  - Activity programmes are included in the course price and confirmed pre-arrival which is appropriate to the age, ability and interests of the students
  - They should be supervised at all times in school, activities, with their group leader and in accommodation which also has adult supervision overnight
  - U16 programmes are, therefore, only suitable for group not individual bookings
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# Insurance

- **U18s MUST** have medical insurance or access to public healthcare – strongly recommended for all students
  - EU students – **EHIC card**
  - Non-EEA **less than 6 months** – **medical insurance required**
  - Non-EEA **over 6 months** - Immigration Healthcare Surcharge (IHS)
  - Kaplan strongly recommends all students purchase both medical and travel insurance. (Medical insurance does not cover loss of luggage, travel disruption, etc this is not compulsory)
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# Ireland Immigration refresher & updates

9 April 2019

# Today's agenda

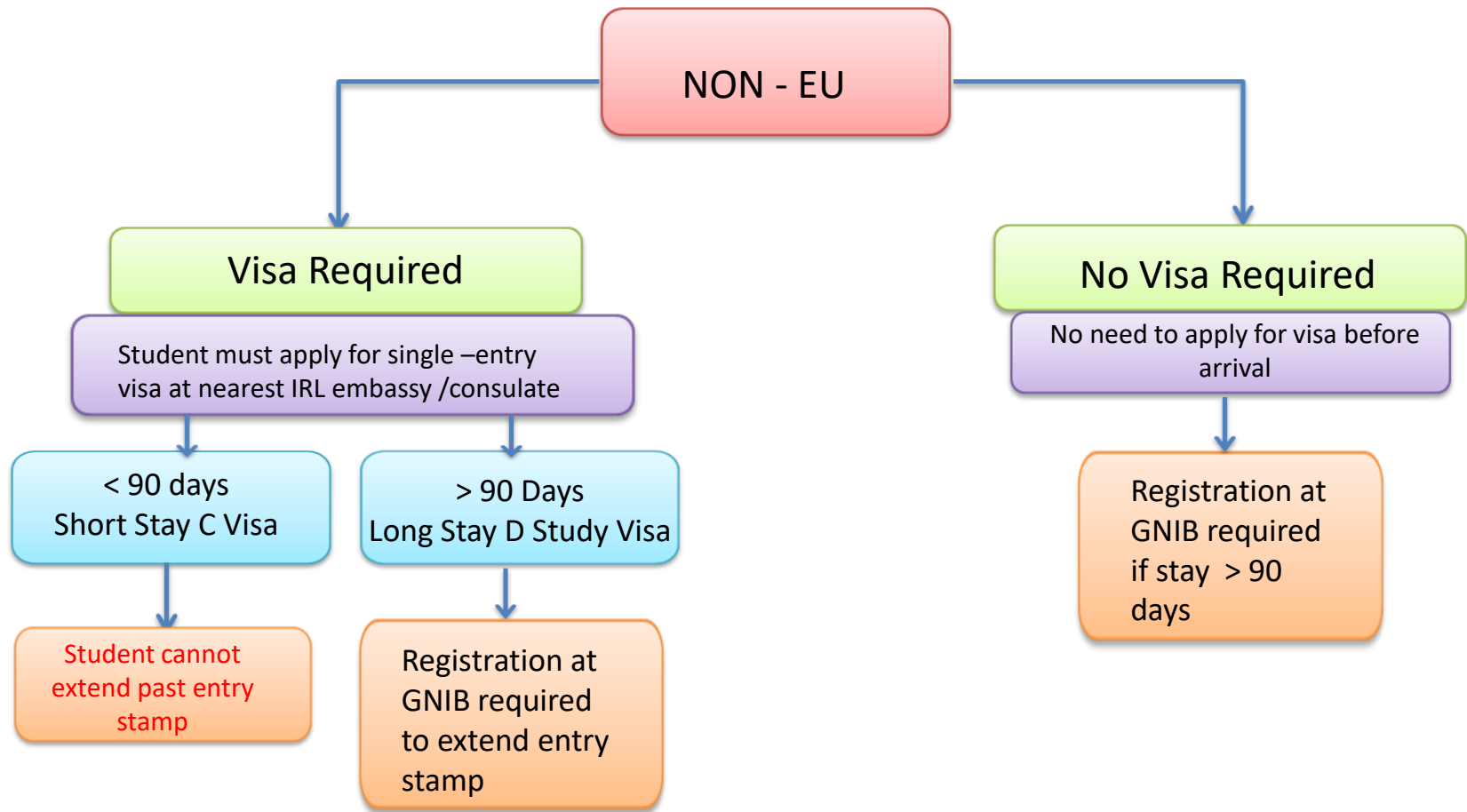
- Visas: Who needs one, Application & Categories
- Registration requirements in Ireland
- 25+ week student conditions & Work entitlements
- Banking & PPS numbers

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# Categories of Non-EU students

- Countries requiring an entry visa
- China
- Saudi Arabia
- Turkey
- Russia
- Colombia
- Thailand
- Countries allowed to enter Ireland visa-free
- Brazil
- South Korea
- Japan
- Argentina
- Chile
- Taiwan
- Mexico

Not sure? Check <http://www.inis.gov.ie/>

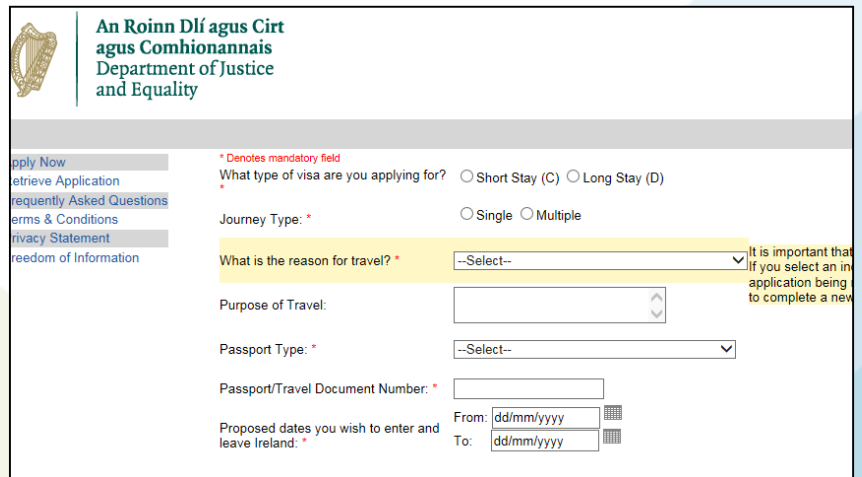


# VISA applications

Students will be applying for either a single entry Short Stay (C) or Long Stay (D). Multiple entry visas are not given to students.

1. **Create** a visa application online
2. **Pay** the visa application fee €60
3. **Send** your passport & other documents for processing

Apply 3 months before intended date of travel



The screenshot shows the online visa application form for Ireland. At the top, it features the logo of the Department of Justice and Equality, with the text 'An Roinn Dlí agus Cirt agus Comhionannais' and 'Department of Justice and Equality'. Below the header, there is a navigation menu with links: 'Apply Now', 'Retrieve Application', 'Frequently Asked Questions', 'Terms & Conditions', 'Privacy Statement', and 'Freedom of Information'. The main form area contains several fields and options:

- What type of visa are you applying for? \***: Radio buttons for 'Short Stay (C)' and 'Long Stay (D)'. A red asterisk indicates this is a mandatory field.
- Journey Type: \***: Radio buttons for 'Single' and 'Multiple'. A red asterisk indicates this is a mandatory field.
- What is the reason for travel? \***: A dropdown menu currently showing '--Select--'. A red asterisk indicates this is a mandatory field. A tooltip on the right says: 'It is important that if you select an application being to complete a new...'
- Purpose of Travel:**: A text input field.
- Passport Type: \***: A dropdown menu currently showing '--Select--'. A red asterisk indicates this is a mandatory field.
- Passport/Travel Document Number: \***: A text input field. A red asterisk indicates this is a mandatory field.
- Proposed dates you wish to enter and leave Ireland: \***: Two date input fields labeled 'From:' and 'To:', both with a calendar icon. A red asterisk indicates this is a mandatory field.

# VISA documents

Two colour passport sized **photographs** not more than 6 months old

Your current **passport** (must have 12 months validity after date of travel) and a full copy of all previous passports

A **signed letter** of application including your full contact details (explaining reasons for undertaking course)

Evidence that you are **enrolled** on a privately funded course

Evidence **accounting for any gaps** in your educational history (job history where applicable)

Evidence **fees** have been paid to college

Evidence of **sufficient finances: 6+ months course: access to €7000, <6 months: €500 per month or €3000**

(see INIS requirements: <http://www.inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/Student%20Finances.pdf/Files/Student%20Finances.pdf>)

## Private Medical Insurance

(see INIS guide: <http://www.inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/Private%20Medical%20Insurance%20for%20full%20time%20Non-EEA%20Students.pdf/Files/Private%20Medical%20Insurance%20for%20full%20time%20Non-EEA%20Students.pdf>)

## Previous Visa Refusals

see: <http://www.inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/Pages/Study> for more details

# Travel to / from other countries

- Ireland is not in the Schengen area of common travel
- Any visa student will be need to apply for a **re-entry visa** in order to travel and return to Ireland. This is done while in Ireland by post and can take up to 8 weeks. (Fee = €60 single / €100 multiple)
- Short Stay visa waiver programme for certain countries\* allows travel to Ireland within the validity of a UK Short Stay visa. Under this scheme UK visa holders can enter Ireland on foot of their UK visa. It is not reciprocal.

\*Includes: Russia, Turkey, Ukraine, Saudi Arabia, China, Thailand

# At the border

- All non-EU students, (visa or not) need to be prepared to provide documents to explain their visit at the border and may be asked for:
  - Kaplan course booking confirmation
  - Return flight ticket
  - Medical insurance
  - Accommodation details
  - Evidence of finance
- Stamp will be given for 3 months maximum





# Registration

- Registration at GNIB = converting stamp into permission to remain
- First step: Book appointment online: <https://burghquayregistrationoffice.inis.gov.ie/>
- Students should not have to pay to make an appointment, if they are they are using a 3<sup>rd</sup> party which we do not recommend
- **Students can book before they arrive in Ireland, which we do recommend**

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## APPOINTMENT BOOKING SYSTEM FOR IMMIGRATION REGISTRATION

Seirbhís Eadóirseachta agus Inimisce na hÉireann  
Irish Naturalisation and Immigration Service  
13-14 Cé an Bhúrcraigh, Baile Átha Cliath 2, D02 XK70 / 13-14 Burgh Quay, Dublin 2, D02 XK70  
Riomhphost/E-mail: [burghquayregoffice@justice.ie](mailto:burghquayregoffice@justice.ie)

Please note that this site is for appointments at the **Burgh Quay Registration Office** only.

You **MUST** have the following documentation ready in order to make your appointment and you **MUST** be able to **PRINT** your confirmation email:

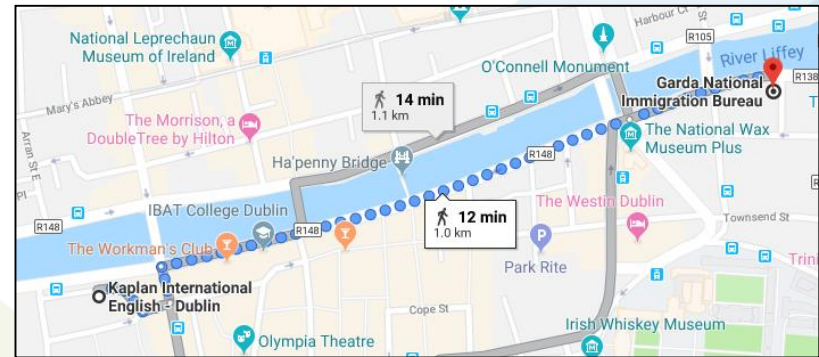
1. GNIB Card (for renewals only)
2. Passport
3. Your email address

**Check early & often to book a registration appointment in Dublin.**  
You can book an appointment up to 10 weeks early. A small number of extra near-term appointments are also released every day at 14:30. If you can't book one straightaway, keep trying. It may take 2 or 3 days to find one.

[Make Appointment](#) [View Appointment](#) [Cancel Appointment](#)

# How to Register

- Passport
- Kaplan school letter available from reception
- Medical insurance policy covering entire stay in Ireland
- Proof of finances (not required for visa students)
  - Recent foreign bank statement in student's name showing €3,000 balance (or €500 per month)
- €300 fee (credit /debit card or bank giro only)



# Stamps & entitlements

- If successful, students will be given a stamp '2' in their passport and issued an Irish Residence Permit card by post
- Students on courses up to 24 weeks will receive a stamp for the course duration and will not receive any work entitlements
- Students on 25 week course (excluding holidays) will receive a stamp for 8 months (counted from landing stamp) and be able to work with certain restrictions



# 25 week course conditions

- ILEP = list of eligible courses
- All Kaplan ILEP courses **must** finish in IELTS, FCE or CAE. No need to book exam preparation separately. €210 exam fee payable at time of enrolment.
- Holiday rules:
  - Course breaks should be set before student registers at GNIB and must follow KIE and INIS rules
- Permission to work for 20 hours per week (maximum, not average), except during the below periods when 40 hours is permitted:
  - Summer:** 1st June to 30th September (4 months)
  - Winter:** 15th December to 15th January (1 month)

Cambridge English  
**Advanced**  
Certificate in Advanced English (CAE)

**IELTS**<sup>™</sup>  
English for International Opportunity

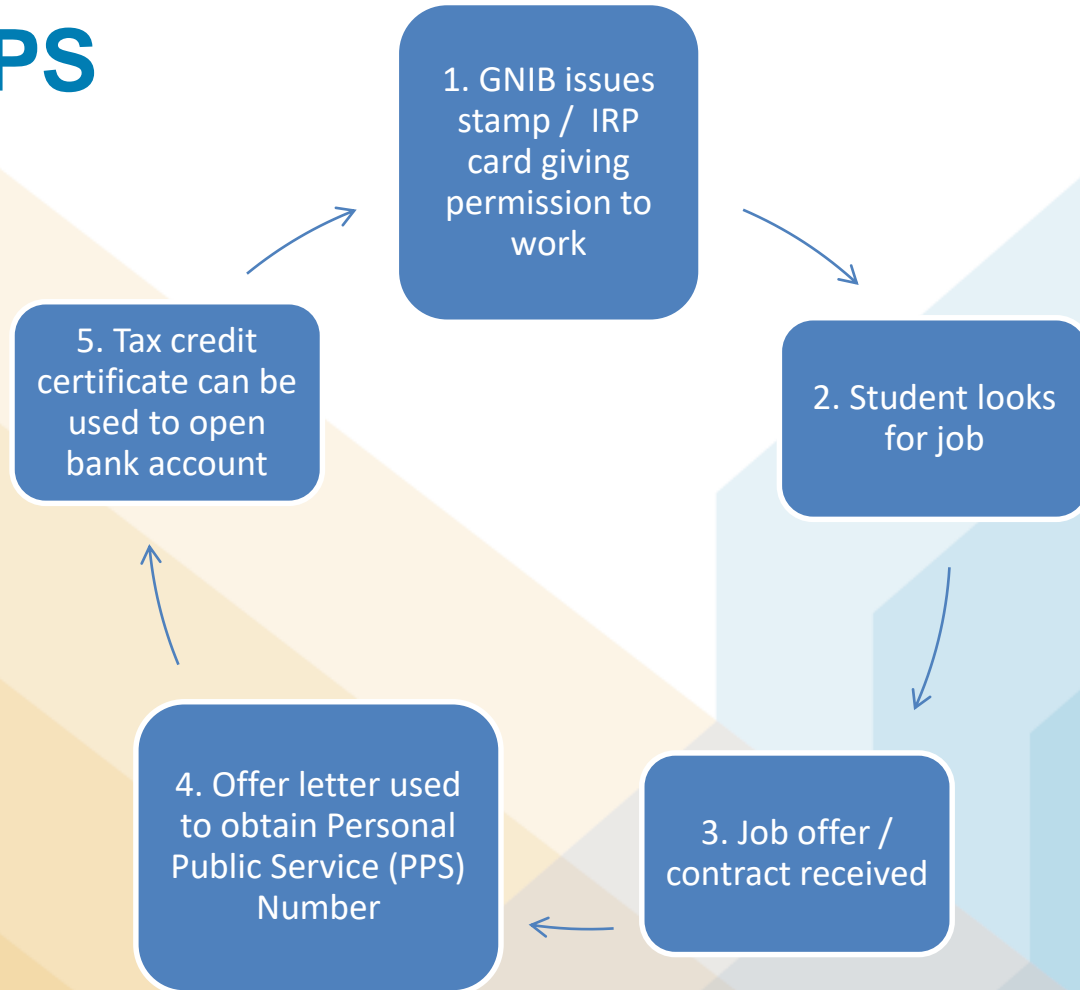
Cambridge English  
**First**  
First Certificate in English (FCE)



# Renewals

- Students can renew twice, for a maximum of 24 months in Ireland as a language student
- Renewal process is similar to first time GNIB registration, except:
  - Students need an attendance letter from first school showing 85%
  - Students may need to show evidence they have done an external exam
  - Students do not need to show proof of finances
  - Students must have medical insurance not travel insurance

# Banking / PPS process





***ANY QUESTIONS?***