



Information for International Applicants

1. Introduction

Cork College of FET welcomes applications for its courses from international applicants. This document outlines the requirements and procedures for international applicants, including applicants from outside the European Union (non-EU) and the European Economic Area (EEA) nationals, wishing to study with us. This information document provides guidance on Irish immigration law and necessary documentation, course fees, and the application process.

2. Documentation Requirements

Applicants born outside Ireland are required to provide appropriate documentation to confirm their legal status. This documentation is essential for processing applications and securing admission.

- **Identity:** Non-EU/EEA applicants must provide proof of their identity before an offer of admission can be confirmed.
- **Visa/Immigration Status:** Non-EU/EEA applicants must provide proof of their legal right to stay and study in Ireland before an offer of admission can be confirmed.

Cork College of FET does not provide assistance with obtaining visas. It is the sole responsibility of the applicant to manage their visa application process.

All offers of a place on a course are subject to status verification and an admissions interview.

3. Immigration Compliance

All applicants from outside of the EU/EEA must comply with all Irish Immigration requirements, including obtaining a visa from the Department of Justice if necessary. Cork College of FET **cannot** accept applications from international students requiring a student visa to enter the country, as per current government policy.

It is the responsibility of the prospective student to ensure compliance with all immigration regulations independently; the college does not engage with the visa process.

More information on immigration and Visa requirements is available at <https://www.irishimmigration.ie/>

4. Tuition Fees

Non-EU/EEA nationals are required to pay full tuition fees unless they meet specific government exemption requirements, such as having Special Leave to Remain in Ireland.

The current tuition fee, determined by the Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science (DFHERIS), is **€3,653**. This fee must be paid in full before commencement on a course.

Depending on the course of study, students may also be required to pay additional fees, including but not limited to:

- **Awarding body examination fees:** amounts vary depending on the course
- **Materials, specialist clothing/uniforms, or equipment fees:** amounts vary depending on the course

All international students are responsible for paying the Cork College of FET registration and any applicable examination or awarding body fees, as well as any additional course costs as outlined at the time of enrolment.

5. Fee Exemption For Certain Categories Of International Applicants

Certain categories of non-EU/EEA nationals may qualify for tuition fee exemptions or reductions if they fall into categories set out in national government policy. These categories include:

- Refugees
- Eligible Applicants in the International Protection System (IPS)
- Citizens of Switzerland and the United Kingdom
- Programme and Convention Refugees
- Parents of an Irish Child or Spouse of an Irish Citizen

Exemption rules and requirements vary from time to time and are governed by Government regulation.

All international applicants seeking admission to a course and fee exemptions must provide official documentation confirming their status to qualify for any tuition fee exemptions.

6. Payment and Registration

To enrol, attend classes or participate in college activities, international students must pay all required fees. Fees are subject to change, and applicants should contact the College for up-to-date information.

7. English Language Requirements

Applicants whose first spoken language is not English will be required to undertake an English Language Assessment as part of the application process. To be considered for an offer of a place on a course, applicants are required to achieve a CEFR (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages) B2 grade or higher in the assessment.



8. Additional Information and Contact Details

For further details on international applications, fees or admission requirements, or to receive guidance on your application as an international student, please contact **apply@corketb.ie** or telephone +353(21)2455901. You can also contact the relevant campus directly.

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