

# AM I AN EU OR INTERNATIONAL (NON-EU) APPLICANT?

Information for UCD applicants

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**When applying to university in Ireland, you are automatically assessed and classified as either an EU applicant or International (non-EU) applicant.**

- **EU applicants apply through the CAO.**
- **International applicants apply directly to UCD ([www.ucd.ie/apply](http://www.ucd.ie/apply)).**

## Do I qualify for EU status?



**In order to qualify, all of the criteria below must be met:**

- 1) 'National status'** – To qualify for the EU fee status you must be a national of an EU/EEA/Swiss Confederate country, or have the right of permanent residence / indefinite leave to remain in the Republic of Ireland (e.g. Stamp 1, 4 or 5 visa).
- 2) 'Residential status'** – To qualify for the EU fee status you must have been '**ordinarily resident**' in the EU/EEA/ Swiss Confederation for 3 of the 5 years immediately preceding the start of the 1st academic year of your course, whilst meeting the national status criteria.

**\*Ordinarily resident** means being resident in the EU/EEA/Swiss Confederation for a minimum of 183 days in any one calendar year, for a minimum of 3 years.

### Exceptions:

- Exceptions may apply in cases of children and spouses of Non-EU diplomats posted in EU countries. For further information please contact [student.records@ucd.ie](mailto:student.records@ucd.ie)
- Children of EU emigrants can be assessed as EU applicants if they can provide documentary evidence of having completed 5+ years of primary and/or post-primary education in the EU/EEA/Swiss Confederation, and have no prior third level qualification.

## What documents must I provide?



**If you have been automatically assessed as an International applicant and wish to be re-assessed, you will need to provide the following documentation:**

### Applicants under 23 years of age:

- 1) A letter from an EU/EEA/ Swiss school** confirming your attendance for a minimum of 3 of the 5 years prior to admittance to UCD.
- 2) Your parents' P21 tax certificates** (or local EEA/Swiss equivalent) and/ or Social Welfare documentation for 3 of the 5 years prior to your admittance to UCD.
- 3) A copy of your passport**, and where relevant, a copy of your **GNIB card** with appropriate visa stamps (excluding Stamp 2 and 3).

### Applicants over 23 years of age:

- 1) P21 tax certificates** (or local EEA/Swiss equivalent) and/ or Social Welfare documentation for 3 of the 5 years prior to your admittance to UCD.
- 2) A copy of your passport**, and where relevant, a copy of your **GNIB card** with appropriate visa stamps (excluding Stamp 2 and 3).

## Need more information?



[www.ucd.ie/fees](http://www.ucd.ie/fees) - for the full list of criteria and guidelines for EU status, or email [student.records@ucd.ie](mailto:student.records@ucd.ie)

