



## PACE Language Institute 2020

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If your permission was automatically renewed by two months, you must re-enrol in a new course. This must be done as soon as the previous course is completed and means **you cannot have any 'gap' between your enrolments**. Failure to do so will be considered a breach of the permission which may result in your future registration being refused.

Also a final reminder to anyone in the State awaiting their **first registration** (those of you who could not register due to Immigration offices being closed). You should already have applied to the Registration Office to **request a letter** confirming your permission to remain in the State and the conditions attached. All required documentation (see website for details) should be scanned and included in the application email. All eligibility criteria will continue to apply. Applications may be submitted electronically to the Registration Office, Burgh Quay, Dublin (bqregofficeapplications@justice.ie)

### Attendance (in relation to ILEP students)

Students attendance will continue to be calculated based on their attendance to online classes. Issues have been raised with the Department of Justice in relation to the following:

- Students who do not have a sufficient study space
- Students who have technical issues accessing the online classes
- Students who have had their timetable changed and the new timetable conflicts with their existing working timetable

The department has confirmed that students' attendance must be marked for the online classes.

We are waiting for responses on the above issues. If a student is/does experience any of the above issues please keep a personal diary for your own records. Students currently in the country may not freeze their course as they must continue to meet the requirements for their permission to remain in the state

Students who have returned home to their home country may freeze their course. Their course can be frozen for a period of up to 12 months from date of departure. Students returning to undertake the remainder of their course will need to ensure they themselves have the correct permission to enter and remain in the state to complete their studies. In order to freeze a course, students must provide us with a copy of their flight ticket, a copy of their physical boarding pass to their home country in addition to a copy of their passport entry stamp back in their home country. Upon receipt of the items listed, the course will be deemed frozen and immigration will be informed of their departure. Only ILEP students may freeze their course.

The above conditions may change due to the new rules and procedure been implement by the Department of Justice and/or Department of Education in Ireland (any other government department) during the current Covid 19 pandemic.

Please see link below

On May 1st, the Irish Government outlined a comprehensive plan for the re-opening of business and society on a phased basis between May 18th and August 10th.

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These measures came into effect on 18th May. They are a part of [the roadmap for reopening society and business](#) and only came into effect because the medical advice from the National Public Health Emergency Team said that it is right to do so. Read more here

## Roadmap for reopening society and business

Please note that on 13th May the Irish Minister of Justice issued a new statement on the immigration and visa status for all students currently in Ireland. The document states that any student whose visa was due to expire between 20 May - 20 July will be automatically extended for 2 months - For exact details, please [click here](#)

### ILEP - Temporary measures to assist international language students during COVID-19

#### Stamp 2 Permission

To be eligible for Stamp 2 permission, students must be enrolled in a course listed on the ILEP, and if re-enrolling, students must re-enroll on a course where classes are actually being provided.

Students may not re-enroll in a course where no classes are currently being provided. To do so means they will no longer be entitled to a Stamp 2 permission and the associated right to work.

Further, any student who enrolls in a non ILEP listed course is not eligible for a stamp 2 permission and therefore is not entitled to take up employment. This includes where an ILEP listed college purports to offer courses of a different duration to those listed. While permissions have been renewed for 2 months, students are still required to re-enroll in courses of standard duration.

#### Online classes

One of the requirements for an English Language Programme to be included in the ILEP is that Non-EEA students must be physically attending the programme on a full-time, daytime basis. Where a college is physically closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and seeks to facilitate students to continue their education through the provision of online learning, the requirement that students must be physically present has been suspended. This exceptional, short term and temporary measure remains in place.

Where a college is providing courses online, then students are required to enroll and 'virtually' attend in the same way as if they were physically present in the classroom.

#### Permission to work

Students who hold Stamp 2 permissions and who attend colleges which have physically closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, may in these exceptional circumstances work 40 hours a week. This is conditional on the student completing their course online if this service is provided by their college and represents a short term and temporary measure.

#### Breaches of Permission

If a student does not complete an online English Language Programme, where provided by the college concerned, then they will be considered to have breached the conditions of their permission by both failing to

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attend classes and, where applicable, working in excess of the permitted 20 hours and this may result in future registration being refused.

### First time registration

As registration offices are currently closed and in light of the difficulties some students may encounter due to not having an IRP card, as a temporary measure between now and 20th July 2020 prospective students can apply to the Registration Office to request a letter confirming their permission to remain in the State and the conditions attached.

### Students who have left the State

Students who left the State before completion of their studies due to COVID-19 may return and resume their studies and the duration of their absence will not count towards the 2 years maximum period of English language study allowed.

### Students who have completed the maximum 2 years English language study

Language students with a current, valid permission who are still in the State and who have completed the maximum 2 years permitted as a language student, but due to COVID-19 are unable to return home, may remain as students until the end of the year provided they re-enrol in an online course of study for the remainder of the year. For these students, the duration of a course shall be from the date of enrollment to 31 December 2020.

<http://justice.ie/en/JELR/Pages/PR20000091>

### Accommodation Issues for International Students

The ELE working group has received an update from the Department of Housing, Planning & Local Government, following on from previous discussions surrounding accommodation issues with students and the facilities that are available to persons if they can't self-isolate where they live.

- If someone is sick and needs to self-isolate but is not able to do so in their current living arrangements, then the HSE has provided facilities to ensure that the isolation is possible (e.g. there is a HSE-run facility at City West for this purpose with spare capacity at present)
- The following link provides individuals with information in the event that they need to access these HSE facilities: <https://www2.hse.ie/services/coronavirus-self-isolation-facilities/>

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