On Arrival

What You Need To Do On Arrival

Accommodation
Assessing your accommodation needs:
Before you start looking for accommodation you need to assess what your needs are. What is important to you? What accommodation have you lived in, in the past? What made it comfortable, and what made it uncomfortable? Asking yourself these questions will help to focus you on your housing requirements.

Location
Do you want to live near your work place? Don’t assume that accommodation in Ireland is the same as accommodation in your home country.
Do you rely on public transport? If so, consider living on major public transport routes. Think of where you will look for work and how you will get to your workplace.

Facilities
Do you want your own room? Do you need a quiet place for study, strong light for design drawings, access to a computer, an area to practice musical instruments?
Are you willing to share bathroom and kitchen facilities?
Will you need to connect to utilities such as electricity, gas, and telephone?
Do you want meals provided? If so, do you have any special dietary requirements?
Will you need furniture? Most private accommodations to rent in Ireland comes fully furnished.

Legal Questions
How long do you require accommodation?
What are the conditions of the tenancy agreement?
Bills: If your name is on a utility bill (eg. electricity, telephone, gas) you are legally responsible for payment. Ensure all co-tenants share the responsibilities and have their names on all the bills.

Costs
How much is the rent?
How much is the security deposit?
What are the costs of the average utility bills?
Are there any connection fees?

Finding accommodation
We appreciates how important it is for new staff and student to find comfortable accommodation. HR will furnish you with information to assist you in your search.

Within UCC there are two separate offices, which assist with accommodation: UCC Campus Accommodation and the Accommodation Office.

UCC Campus Accommodation may be booked and the deposit paid, on-line. The University's Accommodation Office provides a free comprehensive service designed to assist students in finding suitable and reasonably priced off-campus accommodation quickly. As demand is high we recommend that you apply early to insure you get accommodation most suited to your needs. As well as providing group arrangements for individual colleges, UCC’s Accommodation Office also provides an on-line accommodation placement service for international students, where you can book a room in a student complex before you arrive in Cork.

UCC Campus Accommodation
UCC Campus Accommodation aims to provide “a home away from home” for our international students. Campus Accommodation is more than just a place to eat and sleep - it provides a background for social, cultural and sporting outlets and the chance to develop friendships that will last a lifetime.
UCC Campus Accommodation provides residential accommodation from September to the beginning of June. The accommodation comprises three purpose built accommodation blocks: Castlewhite Apartments, Victoria Lodge and University Hall. Campus Accommodation is provided in self-catering student apartments. Most rooms are en-suite and all have 24 hour internet access. They are mostly single bedrooms, sharing living and kitchen facilities with 2-4 others. A small number of twin rooms are available. The cost for a single en-suite room (private shower, basin, and toilet) is from €122 per week, based on a 39 week term. Cheaper accommodation is available at Castlewhite. A €300 booking deposit is needed to secure a place and a deposit of €450 is taken for utilities. Campus Accommodation is fully furnished. Pillows and duvets are available for purchase, at cost price, from reception.

**Castlewhite Apartments:**
This complex is located on campus and is an ideal location for 1st year students. Built in 1991 it is the oldest of the complexes however kitchen/living rooms were refurbished in Summer 2007 and the bedrooms in Summer 2009. All bathrooms are shared. Price range: €108 to €115 per week

**Victoria Lodge:**
This complex opened in 2003 and most rooms are en-suite. The complex also offers some high dependency rooms. There is also a common room with open access computers and a flat screen tv. Price range: €116 to €122 per week.

**University Hall:**
This complex opened in September 2006. All rooms have double beds and there are a small number of high dependency rooms in this complex. University Hall also has a number of open access computers available. Price range: €113 to €118 per week.

- Some of the many advantages of staying with Campus Accommodation are:
  - All complexes are in close proximity to the university campus.
  - All complexes are specially designed with comfortable apartments to suit student life.
  - There are nightly security patrols in each complex.
  - All complexes have reception services, self service launderettes and lending libraries.
  - Campus accommodation is fully furnished. Pillows and duvets are available for purchase, at cost price, from reception.
  - All bookings are dealt with on line at: ucccampusaccommodation.com

**Rental Accommodation**
Rental accommodation cost vary according to size, location and distance from Cork city centre.

Rental prices for family homes can cost approximately €700 to €1,500 per month with rental cost for apartments within the region of - €600 to €1,300 per month depending upon quality and location.

The best source of information for people seeking to rent accommodation are Letting Agents, Auctioneers, National and Local Press.

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