

1 G Stamp (Third Level Graduate Stamp) OFFICIAL

What is is the 1G Stamp?

The intention of the programme is to allow legally resident Irish educated non EEA graduates holding an award of a recognised Irish awarding body to remain in Ireland after their studies. This should be for the purpose of seeking graduate level employment and applying for either a general employment permit, a critical skills employment permit or a research hosting agreement.

(Source:

<http://www.inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/Third%20Level%20Graduate%20Programme.pdf/Files/Third%20Level%20Graduate%20Programme.pdf>)

What are the conditions?

In order to qualify graduates:

1. Must have been notified in writing by the relevant awarding body or institution on or after 1 January 2017 that they have achieved the award for which they had enrolled as a student.
2. Must hold a current Stamp 2 student immigration permission and an up-to-date immigration registration card, and must apply within six months of being notified by the relevant awarding body or institution that they have achieved the award for which they had enrolled as a student.
3. Must not have already exceeded the seven-year limit on their permission as a non-EEA national student in the State.
4. May, if having previously benefitted from the Third Level Graduate Programme at a level 8 award or above, on achievement of a higher level award, e.g. level 9 or above, re-enter the Third Level Graduate Programme, subject to the overall limit of eight years.
5. A graduate will not be permitted to access the Programme on more than two separate occasions, subject to 4) above.
6. Must, in line with the obligation on any non-EEA national seeking to renew their permission to be in the State, comply with the laws of the State. Such persons are expected to be of good character and not to have come to the adverse attention of the authorities in any way.
7. *Must present evidence of the final award being attained by way of a parchment or, in circumstances where the graduation ceremony is yet to take place, an official letter for the awarding body / institution confirming that the award has been achieved*

(Source: <http://www.inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/Pages/Student%20Pathway>)

Documents Required:

- Persons presenting to their local registration office seeking a permission under the Programme must present evidence that they have achieved the award for which they had previously been enrolled as a student. Acceptable documentation, which may be verified by the immigration authorities, includes a letter of confirmation from the awarding body / institution of the award achieved, or the degree scroll.
- As noted, persons eligible to re-register for a further twelve months (or part thereof), in the circumstances as set out above, will be expected to present evidence (e.g. attendance at job interviews, signing up with graduate employment agencies, etc.) that they have been actively seeking graduate level employment during the previous twelve months.

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What is the 1G Stamp?

The 1G stamp indicates you have finished your studies in Ireland and have permission to look for employment here under the **Third Level Graduate Programme**. *You must have your full results to be eligible to apply.*

What are the conditions?

There are 7 criteria that you must fulfill. All available here:

<http://www.inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/Pages/Student%20Pathway>

Notes to consider:

- ❖ A person who qualifies will be granted an extension to their current student permission, for a period of up to 24 months depending on their level of study. Level 8 (e.g. Honours Degree) - Maximum 12 months and Level 9/10 (e.g. Masters'/PhD) - Maximum 24 months.
- ❖ Those eligible to remain for up to 24 months (graduates of level 9 and 10 programmes) will be given permission to remain initially for 12 months, and will then need to renew their visa for a further 12 months.
- ❖ You are entitled to work full time under this scheme -a maximum of 40 hours per week.
- ❖ You must apply within six months of being notified by the relevant awarding body or institution that you have achieved the award for which you had enrolled as a student.
- ❖ A graduate will not be permitted to access the Programme on more than two separate occasions.
- ❖ Graduates who receive the Stamp 1G are also entitled to return to education after availing of the scheme if they re-enter at a higher level and can finish the new course within the overall 7 year limit on studies for non-EEA students. For graduates with an award at level 9 or above the overall limit is 8 years.
- ❖ Cost is €300.

Documents Required:

- ❖ Evidence that they have achieved the award for which they had previously been enrolled as a student, i.e. the degree scroll/parchment/transcript from the Exams/Records Office/official print out of your FINAL exam results.
- ❖ Current Stamp 2 student immigration permission and an up-to-date immigration registration card.
- ❖ Applicants should also take the usual documents required for renewal of an Irish Residency Permit card: <http://www.inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/Pages/registration-renew-stamp2>.
- ❖ Persons eligible to re-register for a further twelve months in the circumstances as set out above, will be expected to present evidence (e.g. attendance at job interviews, signing up

with graduate employment agencies, etc.) that they have been actively seeking graduate level employment during the previous 12 months).

Where do I apply?

Persons present to their local registration office. In Cork the local registration office in Cork is the main Garda Station on Anglesea Street, in the city centre. Near the City Hall (image below).

<https://www.garda.ie/en/Contact-Us/Station-Directory/Anglesea-Street.html>



Where can I find more information?

<http://www.inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/Third%20Level%20Graduate%20Programme.pdf/Files/Third%20Level%20Graduate%20Programme.pdf>

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