

How do I apply for the 1G (graduate) visa?

Students can only apply for their **1G visa** when they successfully complete their studies and after the offical publication of final results. Final results are published in July and Early Sept when students have completed their full programme. For dates go to <u>College Calendar | RIAM</u>

To apply for a 1G visa students must:

- Reside in Ireland
- Have a valid IRP card
- Hold a level 8 or level 9 award
- Apply within six months of being notified of the award
- Not have exceeded the seven-year limit on a Stamp 2 Visa or the eight-year limit on a Stamp 2 + Stamp 1G visa

Processing times may take 4-8 weeks. Refer to the immigration website for up to date information on current processing times and the most up to date information on the documents required by immigration for the renewal.

Documents required to apply

Visa Requirements	Documents
1. The biometric page of your current valid passport(s). This is the page that shows your photograph, passport number and date of birth.	1. Passport
2. The front and back of your current IRP card. This is the credit-card sized plastic card you received when you last registered your permission.	2. Current IRP card
3. Proof you successfully completed your third level course.	3. RIAM Graduate Visa Letter The Graduate Visa Letter can be requested via the Letter Request Form Exam results- download transcripts RIAM/Classter Account. You can access RIAM/Classter account at following link: The Royal Irish Academy of Music - Classter Login Portal
4. Private Medical Insurance or Travel Insurance with medical cover for accidents and medical incident including hospital stays in Ireland, valid for 12 months, or if less than 12 months for the duration of your stay.	4. Medical Insurance from an Irish Provider studyandprotect.com/contact-us/
5. €300 to pay by credit/debit card	5. €300 to pay by credit/debit card

How to apply:

Students must apply for the Stamp 1G through the application portal.

- 1. Select Registration and Registrations Renewal
- 2. Select Registration Renewal
- 3. Complete the form and in the section **Immigration Permission/Permission type for renewal** select Stamp 1G or 1A
- 4. Complete the application and submit uploading all supporting documents and pay the fee

Other recommendations:

- Graduates who previously benefitted from the 1G visa (Third Level Graduate Programme) at
 a level 8 award or above, on achievement of a higher level award, for example level 9 or above,
 can re-enter the Third Level Graduate Programme for an additional period of 12 months,
 subject to the overall limit of eight years. Also, graduates will not be permitted to access the
 programme on more than two separate occasions.
- Graduates with a Level 9 award will be granted the 1G visa for 12 months initially. This can be renewed for a further period of 12 months (subject to the overall eight year limit on the student conditions (stamp 2 and stamp 1G) not being exceeded and where the graduate satisfies the immigration authorities that they have taken appropriate steps to access suitable graduate level employment e.g. show evidence of attendance at job interviews, signing up with graduate employment agencies.
- See the immigration website for the most up to date list of required documents immigration website.