

COVID 19 TERMS AND CONDITIONS - EU STUDENTS

If Atlantic Language is forced -to close due to an outbreak of Covid-19 or any other pandemic/natural disaster, classes will immediately move to our online platform with full scheduled hours available. Atlantic Language has the capacity to make the transition online within a few hours.

For Individual Students currently attending Atlantic Language:

- All classes will be moved to our **Online Platform** and students who remain in Ireland will continue their full timetable with their existing teachers. These classes will <u>replace face to face</u> <u>classes</u>. One week online is equivalent to one week of a face to face course.
- If students decide to return home, they will be entitled to complete their course Online for the duration of their booking, <u>or</u> they will be issued with a credit note for the number of lessons remaining, to be used within a 12-month period.
 If the school closure is suspended, students are entitled to return to resume face to face classes for the duration of their booking.
- In the case of Agency Bookings, credit notes will be issued to the agent and must be used within a 12-month period.
- Host Family the student will receive a credit note for the remaining weeks.
- Residential Accommodation if the school is forced to close due to Covid 19 restrictions, students can stay in their apartment accommodation. If students decide to leave, they will receive a refund for the remaining complete weeks booked. (If a student leaves mid-week he/she will not be refunded for the remaining days of that week.)

For Individual Students due to arrive at Atlantic Language

- Booked courses can be postponed and completed any time before December 31, 2021. A credit note will be issued for the full value of the course booked.
- Host Family student will receive a credit note for the full value of the weeks booked.
- Residential Accommodation students will receive a refund for their accommodation booking.

If a student tests positive for Covid 19

If a student test positive for Covid 19, the student will be supported with supplementary learning materials, and will receive a credit note for the time he/she has to self-isolate until recovered.

- All members of the student's class will need to quarantine until all students have been tested. The class will move online for the duration of this quarantine period.
- Students who test negative can return to face to face classes while students who test positive will have to self-isolate for the required period.

NON-EEA/EU OR ACADEMIC YEAR STUDENTS

- Students arriving as part of the 25-week Student Visa Programme must complete a 14-day quarantine before commencing face to face classes in Atlantic Language school. Students can quarantine in Atlantic Language Student Accommodation which is fully compliant with Covid-19 health and safety protocols.
- For the duration of their 2-week quarantine students will have access to Atlantic Language's **Online Classes**.
- If the school is forced to close due to Covid 19, all classes will be moved to our Online Platform and students will continue their full timetable of classes with their existing teachers. These classes will <u>replace face to face classes</u>, as required by the Irish Immigration authorities. The school will not issue refunds or credit notes for these classes.
- If the school is forced to close due to Covid 19 and students decide to return home, they will be entitled to complete their course Online for the duration of their booking, <u>or</u> they will be issued with a credit note for the number of lessons remaining, to be used within a 12-month period.
- Prior to travel, students must take responsibility for organising the appropriate **Medical and Travel Insurance**.
- Students who require their Irish Social Security (or PPS) numbers must organise this before commencing their course with Atlantic Language by contacting the relevant Government Department. Atlantic Language is not responsible for students who have not received PPS numbers.

INDIVIDUAL SUMMER BOOKINGS

• A student who cancels their course and accommodation will receive a credit note for the full value of their booking to be used before December 31, 2021

GROUP BOOKINGS

• For all group bookings, deposits of 30% are non-refundable. Any balance remaining can be used as credit for future group or individual bookings.

CREDIT NOTES FOR ALL ADULT, JUNIOR or GROUP STUDENTS

- Payments already made will be refunded in the form of credit notes only until further notice
- Credit notes are transferrable to designated colleagues or close family members
- Must be used for study periods up to and completed by 31 December 2021

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS (non-COVID times)

MAKING A BOOKING & FEE PAYMENT

- Submit an enquiry made by completing the on-line Booking Form at <u>www.atlanticlanguage.com/adult-course-registration-form/</u>
- The school will acknowledge all bookings within 2 working days.
- Once the student agrees to make a booking, a detailed Pro Forma invoice will be issued by the school. This Proforma will provide full details of the booking and the booking fees.
- A non-refundable Deposit payment of €150 is required within 7 days once the Pro Forma invoice is received. The Deposit is part of the course fees.
 Atlantic Language Ltd will confirm the booking by email on receipt of the non-refundable deposit fee of €150.
- The payment of full fees is required at least 28 days before this arrival date.
- For high season bookings, where arrival date is between June 13th and September 13th inclusive, full payment is due by May 1st. Bookings made for arrival during high season dates after May 1st must be paid in full at the time of booking.
- Payment for bookings made less than 7 days before the course start date must be paid in full at the time of booking.
- Payments are only accepted in Euro and may be made by bank transfer, credit / debit card (Visa / MasterCard) or Flywire. All bank charges are the responsibility of the student. Credit card and non-Irish debit card payments are subject to an administrative fee of 2.0% of the total transaction amount.
- All payments must include the Payment Reference or Invoice Number and Student's Name. Atlantic Language cannot guarantee that a payment has been received unless it includes this information.
- Atlantic Language reserves the right to cancel any arrangements or bookings without prior notice if Fee Payment conditions are not met.
- All bookings are subject to the school's terms and conditions. www.atlanticlanguage.com/atlantic-language-policies/

COURSE CANCELLATION

Notice of cancellation must be given in provided in writing and applies from the date it is received by Atlantic.

Refundable fees
Full fees paid, excluding the deposit of €150.
Full fees paid subject to a minimum charge of €250, including the deposit.
50% of fees paid subject to a minimum charge of€250, including the deposit.
30% of fees paid subject to a minimum total charge of €250, including the deposit.
No refund

*these terms will not apply under **Force Majeure** conditions (Please see below)

FORCE MAJEURE

- Atlantic Language is not liable for failure to perform its obligations if such failure is as a result of Acts of God (including fire, flood, earthquake, storm, hurricane, infectious diseases or pandemics or other natural disasters that are beyond the reasonable control of the parties), war, invasion, act of foreign enemies, hostilities (regardless of whether war is declared), civil war, rebellion, revolution, insurrection, military or usurped power or confiscation, terrorist activities, nationalisation, government sanction, blockage, embargo, labour dispute, strike, lockout or interruption or failure of electricity, internet or telephone service. COVID 19 is an infectious disease which is to be considered as a case of Force Majeure. Refunds will not be made in such circumstances.
- In the event of an outbreak of an infectious disease, all students and or parents/guardians are required to comply with rules regarding quarantine as set by government agencies or by the school.

CHANGES TO BOOKINGS (NOT APPLICABLE FOR ACADEMIC YEAR PROGRAMME)

- All changes between one course and another, including changing from General English to Exam preparation programmes, upgrades in group courses, changes from group courses to private tuition are subject to availability and are at the complete and sole discretion of Management.
- Course Changes requested within 7 days of course commencement are not possible.
- Date changes for courses are permitted with 7 days advance notice and subject to the availability.
- No refund is available where a Course Change is taken to a less intensive course: the duration of the less intensive course may not be longer than the original booking.
- Courses Booked may not be transferred from one person to another.
- More than two changes to a booking will incur a €30 charge.

CHANGES TO BOOKINGS FOR ACADEMIC YEAR PROGRAMME

- Only one course change is allowed after the course commencement which is free of charge (e.g.: AYGE to IELTS, AM class to PM class).
- All changes between one course and another, including changing from General English to Exam Preparation programmes, are subject to availability and are at the complete and sole discretion of Management. A course change fee of €30 per change will apply from the second change onwards.
- No refund is available where a Course Change is taken to a less intensive course: the duration of the less intensive course may not be longer than the original booking.
- Courses booked may not be transferred from one person to another
- Course holiday cannot be amended.
- Extending or upgrading a course is possible without a fee.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- General, English for Work, IELTS and Academic English Year courses start any Monday, or where necessary due to public holidays, Tuesday. Classes missed due to Public Holidays will not be made up.
- Special Courses, including Cambridge Examination Preparation and 30+ courses, are offered on defined dates.
- All lessons = 45 minutes except Private lessons = 60 minutes (private lessons are available during low season, and subject to request during high season).
- Atlantic Language operates several school centres. Students at each centre have access to facilities at the other.
- The maximum class size for adult group classes is 14 students.
- The minimum age for adult courses is 18 years.
- Atlantic Language reserves the right to cancel a course if there is not sufficient demand for it. In this case, full refunds will be given.
- Classes generally begin at 09.00, however timetables may change. In any case, classes will take place between Monday and Friday and between the hours of 08.45 and 17.30. All changes will be communicated in advance.
- English for Work, IELTS and Cambridge Examination Preparation courses each require a minimum of 8 people to operate. If this number is not reached, an alternative course may be offered.
- Classes begin at 08.45/09.00; however, timetables may change. In any case, classes will take place between Monday to Friday and the hours of 08.45 to 17.30. All changes will be communicated in advance.
- Students with special **Dietary** or **Medical Considerations** are accepted solely at the discretion of Atlantic Language.

VISAS

- Students who are non-EU/EEA citizens may require a Study Visa to enter Ireland. For full details visit www.inis.gov.ie Study Visas require a minimum course booking of 15 hours per week. Students wishing to work while studying must be registered on an **Academic Year Programme** and must also register for a recognised examination.
- A fee of €300, which is a Non-Refundable deposit, must be paid before we process the booking.
- A minimum of 6 weeks is required for Visa Applications to be processed by the Irish authorities.
- All non-EU/EEA citizens who plan to be in Ireland for more than 90 days must register with the Garda National Immigration Bureau (GNIB) before the date stamped in their passport.
- It is necessary to pay all school fees in advance when making a Visa Application.
- All fees paid (except an administrative fee of €300) can only be refunded in the following cases:

- Visa is refused before travelling to Ireland.
- Permission to Land, on arrival in Ireland, is refused and the student must return to their point of origin.
- Permission to Remain in Ireland (after the date entered in the passport) is refused after arrival in Ireland fees paid for the period after initial permission days from arrival are refunded.
- Visa or Permission to Remain Extension application is refused fees paid for the period of the booking extension are refunded except for any portion of an extended course used.
- Valid for bookings from 1 January 2020 until further notice. All prices are stated in € (euro).
- Fees will not be refunded if a Visa is refused because of the submission of false information.
- Fees cannot be refunded where a Visa is granted, even if the issuing of the Visa is delayed by the authorities. In such case, the Course and Accommodation Bookings may be deferred in entirety by the number of Visa delayed weeks, provided that at least 14 days written notice is provided to Atlantic Language. Course Fees may change if the Course does not take place in the calendar year.
- It is the student's responsibility to be aware of and comply with the Visa and Immigration Registration requirements of the Irish authorities. Atlantic Language will assist but cannot be responsible for students' legal responsibilities.
- Applications for Refunds must be sent via email to **contact@atlantic.ac**. All Refund Applications must include the letters of Visa Refusal and the Visa Application or GNIB Number and clear proof that the applicant is not in Ireland.
- The Registrations Manager will inform the Refund Applicant of the documents and evidence required in order to apply for a refund and will confirm to the applicant when a complete application has been received.
- Refunds are processed within 21 working days of Atlantic Language receiving a complete application for Refund. Refunds are issued in Euro and only paid to the bank account or bank card of the registered student. Banks may make additional transfer, foreign exchange and receiving charges.

HEALTH AND TRAVEL INSURANCE

- All students are strongly advised to take out full and suitable travel and health insurance. EU/EEA nationals are advised to obtain an EHIC (European Health Insurance Card, formerly an E111) as minimum cover: see http://www.hse.ie/eng/services/list/1/schemes/EHIC/
- Students from non-EU/EEA countries must have medical insurance. This can be organised by the school. The Irish immigration authorities have particular requirements which may apply: please see www.atlantic.ac/policies for further information.

- Atlantic Language will not cover costs that may arise as a result of the need for treatment or repatriation of a student.
- Students are responsible for their own personal property and are advised to insure against loss of fees and/or expenses that may be incurred due to cancellation, sudden or early departure as Atlantic Language will offer no refunds for days missed, late arrival or early departure.

ACCOMMODATION - HOST FAMILIES & APARTMENTS

- The minimum accommodation booking is 1 week in duration and is
- subject to availability for dates requested.
- Students are advised to book in advance to avoid disappointment especially for studies during the high season.
- Students are advised that the travel distance and time between accommodation and the school may vary.
- Accommodation details are sent upon the receipt of full fees.

HOST FAMILIES

- Host family accommodation is on a Saturday to Saturday or Sunday to Sunday basis (7 nights).
- Extra-night accommodation in Host Family may be requested and may be offered at a nightly rate of €40 for a Standard Room or €50 for Comfort Room (with private bathroom).
- Twin and Double rooms are only available in Galway during the International Family Package Programme. They are of limited availability, so early booking is advised.
- Host family accommodation consists of half board Monday to Friday (breakfast and evening meal) and full board at the weekends (lunch included).
- Should a student wish to change Host Family, Atlantic Language will only do so after discussing the situation and reasons with both the student and the family.
- Families may host students of several nationalities. Atlantic Language will endeavour to place students in family homes with students of a different mother tongue. However, during high season this may not always be possible.
- Students staying with Host Families will have their clothes washed once a week.
- Special Requests (e.g. regarding diet, pets, children, etc.) must be made at the time
 of the initial Booking. Atlantic Language may not be able to accommodate special
 requests after a student has been placed. If several Special Requests are made on
 behalf of the same student, the School reserves the right to prioritize the
 importance of each request.
- There will be an extra charge of €40 for Special Dietary Requests (e.g. coeliac, vegan, lactose intolerant, etc.).
- There is a Code of Conduct that must be respected between Host Family and student. The details of this are available in the Student Handbook and on request from the Accommodation Manager.

APARTMENTS

- Residential accommodation is based on a Saturday to Saturday basis only (7 nights).
- There is no facility for the booking of extra nights in Residences.
- Residential accommodation is provided on a self-catering basis and is described on the Atlantic Language website: www.atlanticlanguage.ac/accommodation.
- Depending on availability, Atlantic Language may use alternative apartments to those advertised on our web site. The terms and conditions of these apartments may differ from our more commonly used apartments
- Apartments vary in terms of size, shape, location, facilities, etc. Requests for specific apartments cannot be guaranteed, particularly during peak periods.
- Apartments are fully equipped; however, some apartments do not have a washing machine but the launderette at reception can be used for an additional cost.
- Apartment residents must complete and sign an *Apartment Damage* or *Loss Liability Agreement* before arrival. In addition, the resident is responsible for the replacement cost of keys, key cards or fobs or other access devices lost _or damaged during their stay.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

- Atlantic Language assumes no responsibility for loss, delay or accident of any kind whatsoever that may occur due to fault or negligence of any company or persons carrying out ancillary arrangements outside of its control.
- Atlantic Language reserves the right to Refuse or Cancel Bookings in circumstances where school or accommodation facilities are unsuitable for a student's specific needs.
- Students absent from their classes for two weeks or more without a valid Medical Certificate or Prior Agreement will be removed from classes. In cases where a Medical Condition makes it impossible for a student to complete a course, and if this condition existed but was not advised to Atlantic Language at the time of the booking, Atlantic Language refuses any liability and no refund will be given.
- Should a student behave in an unseemly and/or inappropriate manner that may bring the school or its agent(s) into disrepute or cause damage to its reputation or standing in any way, either real or imagined, he/she will be asked to leave the school immediately. The Directors of Atlantic will be the sole arbitrators in any such event.
- A serious misdemeanour or infringement of the laws of Ireland will result in instant dismissal from the school. Costs incurred by the student as a result of dismissal in these circumstances from the school are the sole responsibility of the student and Atlantic will accept no liability of any kind.

- The student is responsible for any damage or injury he/she may cause to buildings, furniture, fittings, individuals' or accommodation property, etc., while registered with Atlantic Language.
- Atlantic Language reserves the right to change, without notice, the contents, dates, times, locations or any other details of course(s) brought about by political events, natural disasters, weather or any other events considered by the organisers to be pertinent.
- Atlantic Language reserves the right to transfer students between sites for academic and operational reasons.
- Booking requests for specific school centres cannot be guaranteed.
- If we do not enforce any condition of these Terms and Conditions or delay in enforcing it, this will not prevent us from retrospectively enforcing the Condition(s) and will not constitute a waiver of that Condition.
- Any disputes in relation to Services Provided or Accounts will, where necessary, be heard in the courts of the Republic of Ireland where the bulk of the service is being carried out. The interpretation of these Terms and Conditions, all agreements and communications with Atlantic Language shall be through the English language.
- Atlantic Language's full Terms and Conditions and Policies are available at the following link www.atlanticlanguage.com/policies