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# Professional Diploma in Health Economics 2020-2021



## Is this Programme for You?

The Professional Diploma in Health Economics is a one-year, part-time programme that addresses the basic laws and legal principles that determine and influence the work of the State and private enterprise. Students will learn about, among other things, how the Irish courts operate, the rights protected by the Constitution, the legal powers of state bodies, the laws governing contracts and business relationships and the laws that protect employees. The programme will be delivered online and can be taken from anywhere in the country.

## Application Process

Application Deadline: **7 September 2020**. Application forms can be downloaded from the IPA website [www.ipa.ie](http://www.ipa.ie) or requested from [undergrad@ipa.ie](mailto:undergrad@ipa.ie). Completed applications should be submitted by email to [undergrad@ipa.ie](mailto:undergrad@ipa.ie). Acknowledgement of receipt and further information will issue by email.

## Programme Delivery

We have developed an online version of the traditional Professional Diploma programme which will be delivered via the IPA's Virtual Learning Platform, Moodle. You will have a variety of pre-recorded material available to you to complement bespoke IPA distance education manuals and textbooks. Remote/virtual teaching sessions (webinars) will facilitate student-lecturer interaction without the requirements of weeknight and weekend travel. Provisional dates for the live webcasts 2020-2021 can be found below.

## Weekend Live Sessions Schedule (5 sessions)

9.30am – 4.15pm:

- Saturday 26 September, 2020
- Saturday 14 November, 2020
- Saturday 19 December, 2020
- Saturday 23 January, 2021
- Saturday 27 February, 2021

## Evening Live Sessions Schedule (4 sessions)

6pm – 9pm:

- Wednesday 28 & Thursday 29 October, 2020
- Wednesday 2 & Thursday 3 December, 2020
- Wednesday 17 & Thursday 18 February, 2021
- Wednesday 24 & Thursday 25 March, 2021

## Accreditation

National University of Ireland

## Level on National Framework of Qualifications

Level 7 (Special Purpose Award, 60 credits)

## Course Fee

€2,300 (includes NUI matriculation fee, tuition fee, library, examination fee and membership of the IPA).

## Entry Requirements

Applicants who are 21 years of age or over may qualify for entry as a mature student. Applicants under 21 should consult [NUI Matriculation Regulations](#). Applicants who do not meet the entry requirements may apply for a Special Case Application Form.



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## Course Content

The Diploma consists of three modules. For more detailed information, please see the programme information on our [website](#).

- The Fundamentals of Applied Economics
- Health Economics
- An Introduction to Healthcare Evaluation Techniques.

## Course Materials

In addition to video lectures and live webcasts, students receive bespoke course manuals for each module and a selection of essential textbooks. Further resources and recommended readings are provided on our learning portal, Moodle. Finally, the resources of the IPA Library are available to all students.

## Assessment

The programme is assessed by means of assignments in each subject (worth 30% of overall marks) and one three-hour examination (70%) in each subject. **Exam dates:** April 15-21, 2021

## Progression

Students who successfully complete this programme can enter the second year of the Bachelor of Arts (Hons) degree programme on completion of a bridging programme.

## Payment Arrangements

Fees are payable in one or two instalments: the first on registration and the second by 22 January 2021. Fees can be paid directly into our bank account (preferred method), or by debit or credit card, by cheque or by postal order/bank draft. Please contact the undergrad office to arrange payments.

Where employers are paying fees directly to the IPA, students, when enrolling, must submit a letter from their training or HR officer confirming that fees will be paid directly, and detailing a Purchase Order number (where necessary), and invoice addressee details.

**Note:** A letter stating that fees will be refunded to students at the end of the year will not suffice.

Please note the following “Discontinuing the Course: Refund Policy” as per the **Admissions Policy and Criteria** from the Institute’s [Quality Assurance Policies and Procedures](#).

Students who decide to discontinue a programme within one month of the start date\* will have 80% of the tuition fee refunded to them or their employer as appropriate (the IPA will hold 20% of the total tuition fee due). Students who decide to discontinue a programme within 6 weeks of the start date will have 60% of the tuition fee refunded to them or their employer as appropriate (the IPA will hold 40% of the total tuition fee due). There will be no refund subsequent to these dates. Applications for such refunds must be made via email to [undergrad@ipa.ie](mailto:undergrad@ipa.ie) and be received no later than the cut-off dates above.

\*The official start date is when the class is granted access to the course via the virtual learning platform (normally two weeks prior to the first live virtual event).



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