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Professional Diploma in Housing Studies 2020-2021



Is this Programme for You?

The Professional Diploma in Housing Studies—the first course of its kind in Ireland— has been developed to provide an in-depth and analytical treatment of social and supported housing. Housing studies is a field of immense importance in Ireland and elsewhere. The provision of social and affordable housing and of different types of housing supports and rental assistance are key parts of the modern welfare state. Such provision is complex however, and affected by economic and social considerations, legislation, and broader policy frameworks. It is vitally important that those interested in housing studies—whether they work in local authorities, government departments, the voluntary and advocacy sectors, relevant state bodies or elsewhere—have expertise in the prevailing theories, the recurring issues and the contentious problems that define the contemporary housing studies field in Ireland and abroad. This professional qualification, which can be taken from anywhere in the country, will furnish students with that expertise. The programme has a very broad appeal. Students may have a personal interest in housing studies or may have professional responsibilities that would be well served by a qualification in this area. Those with a professional interest in housing often work in local government, in the civil service, in state or voluntary bodies or in advocacy organisations especially concerned with the provision and management of housing services. Whether they work in management, administrative or technical positions, this professional diploma will meet their needs by providing a comprehensive introduction to housing studies in Ireland.

Application Process

Application Deadline: **end-August 2020**. Application forms can be downloaded from the IPA website www.ipa.ie. Completed applications should be submitted by email to undergrad@ipa.ie and will be acknowledged by email upon receipt. Course confirmations will issue by email to confirmed students in early September. Applications must be accompanied by the requisite fee (see page 2).

Programme Delivery

The programme will be delivered online, via live virtual teaching sessions from IPA headquarters to students at their remote location. There will be seven main modules. The modules will be delivered by IPA housing and external specialists. Module webinars typically start at 9.00am and finish at 2.00pm. Subject to government guidance, we may be in the position to offer additional face to face teaching if permitted. A second intake of this programme may be offered on the subsequent Friday dates to those listed below should numbers dictate. *The below module/examination dates may be subject to change.*

Module 1:	Thursday 24 September 2020
Module 2:	Thursday 22 October 2020
Module 3:	Thursday 26 November 2020
Module 4:	Thursday 10 December 2020
Module 5:	Thursday 21 January 2021
Module 6:	Thursday 18 February 2021
Module 7:	Thursday 11 March 2021
Examination:	April 2021 (date to be confirmed)

Entry Requirements

Certificate in Housing Studies (accredited by IPA/UCD/NUI) or equivalent.

Accreditation

National University of Ireland

Level on National Framework of Qualifications

Level 8 (Special Purpose Award, 20 credits)

Course Fee

€1,350 (includes NUI matriculation fee, tuition fee, library, examination fee and membership of the IPA).

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Course Content

The Professional Diploma covers the following topics:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Supported Housing in Ireland: Social, Affordable and Homeless Services• Evolution of Housing Policy [2000 - 2020]• Housing and the Welfare State• The Housing Market and Role of the State | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Regulatory Framework• Housing Management and Reform Agenda• Future Directions of Housing Policy |
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Course Materials

Course notes are provided by the IPA. Further resources and recommended readings are provided online through our learning portal, Moodle, and are also available from the IPA library.

Assessment

Assessment is a mix of continuous assessment (assignments handed in over the academic year), essay and end of year examination.

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 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).

Tax Relief

Students who pay their own fees are eligible under the 1996 Finance Act for tax relief at the standard rate, as the IPA is an appointed institution under the Act. Courses must be longer than one year in duration for students to qualify for tax relief.

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