

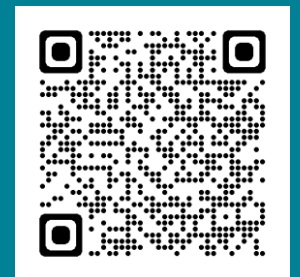
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Postgraduate Study

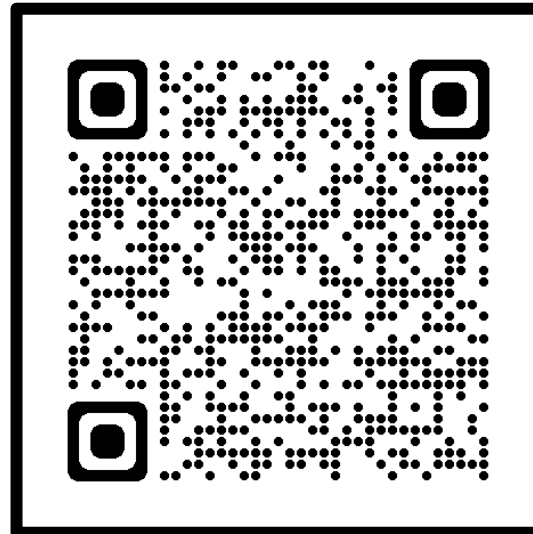
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Where to find information

As a good starting point visit our website -

Careers & Employability Service website -
<https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/careers/students/postgraduate-study>



A screenshot of the Maynooth University Careers & Employability Service website. The top banner features the word "SUCCESS" in large, bold, white letters, surrounded by icons representing various career and educational paths. Below the banner is a navigation menu with categories like "Students", "Employers", and "Staff". The "Students" menu is expanded, showing sub-items such as "Starting Out", "Some Ideas", "Clear Idea", "Upskill", "Placement", "Jobs And Experience", "Postgraduate Study", "Key Information And Resources", and "Talk With Us". The "Postgraduate Study" item is highlighted. The main content area displays a page titled "Basic page Postgraduate Study has been updated." with a "Clone content" link and a paragraph of text explaining postgraduate study. Below this is a list of links with blue arrow icons, including "What is postgraduate study?", "Should I do a postgraduate course?", "What is a Masters/PhD/Conversion Course?", "How do I find postgraduate courses?", "Maynooth University Postgraduate Open Day - Presentations", "Entry Requirements And Closing Dates", "Applications And Personal Statements", "Funding", "Study Abroad", and "PhD Resources".

What is Postgraduate Study?

- Typically, any course you do after your degree is postgraduate study
- There are many different types of courses
- Most are Level 9*
- Taught courses are popular with many students – these are similar to your undergraduate educational experience – they may include a significant piece of research work too.
- Research Masters usually involve research work only
- PhD – research doctorates involve a significant piece of research – many structured PhD programmes also involve some taught modules
- Professional doctorates can involve research, class and relevant professional training experience

Type	Course e.g.
Taught (Level 9*)	Higher Diploma* (Level 8) Postgraduate Diploma Professional Diploma Masters (MA, MSc) M.Soc.Sc Professional Masters (e.g. PME)
Research (Level 9)	MA, MLitt,
Research (Level 10)	PhD, EdD Professional Doctorate

Conversion Courses

Usually open to students from any degree

- Allows you to change direction in your studies
- Enter a new field of study
- Can be 1-2 years in length

MU Conversion Course information – <https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/study-maynooth/postgraduate-studies/conversion-courses>

Micro-credentials - <https://microcreds.ie/>

<https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/study-maynooth/postgraduate-studies/micro-credentials-maynooth>

- Have a look at micro-creds courses offered in many universities now
- Shorter courses – a very good way to upskill in a specific area of interest to you

How do applications work?

Application process and entry requirements vary from course to course and college to college

Entry requirements

- Vary between courses/colleges
- May specify a certain grade in your final degree
- Some courses award places based on penultimate year results
- May make conditional offer before final grades awarded
- Some courses require relevant experience

Closing dates vary between courses

- Confirm college process for this...rolling application / apply asap?



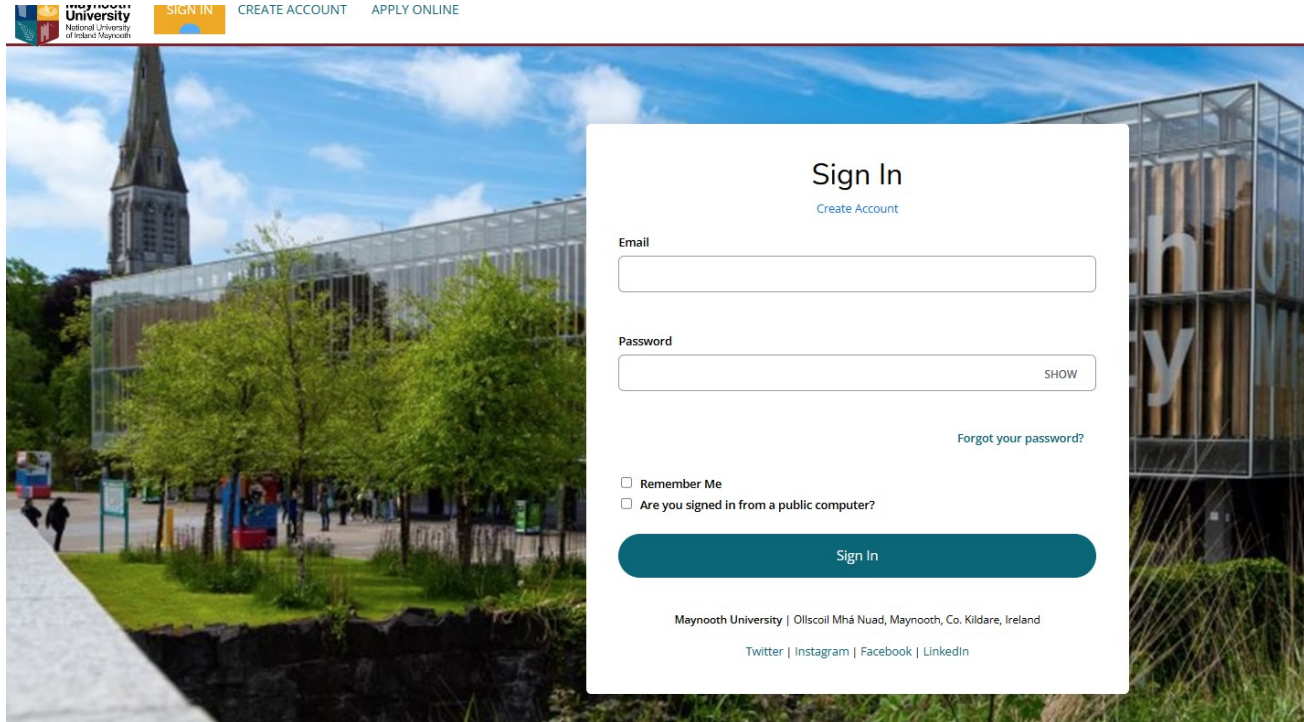
Applications

- Online – usually on the universities' own websites
- Set up an account on for any university you are interested in
- You can go in and view the application form – useful to be familiar with the forms

How do applications work?

MU Apply

<https://maynoothuniversityie.elluciancrmrecruit.com/Apply/Account/Login>



Documents often requested along with your Postgraduate Application include

- Transcripts/Results
- Photo ID
- CV
- Personal Statement

When applying to MU, as a MU student/graduate you won't need to upload ID or your results

If applying to other universities you may be asked to upload a copy of your results

You can download these from Digitary Core - <https://core.digitary.net/r/user/shibboleth>

You can view our CV templates here - <https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/careers/students/information-and-resources#CV>

Applications

- Application forms usually require a Personal Statement explaining why you want to do the course ... *ask us we'll help you with this!*
- *Personal Statement Tips* -
https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/sites/default/files/assets/document//Personal%20Statements_Information2024.pdf

Divide your **personal statement** into several paragraphs.

State the course for which you are applying.

Why do you want to do the course/research?

- Be clear about why you have chosen this course - how did your interest in this field develop?
- Show your enthusiasm for the course – give details of any projects, dissertations, modules that are relevant?

Why this university?

- Show that you have done some research on the department and institution
- Explain why you would value the opportunity to study with them.

Divide your personal statement into several paragraphs.

Why you?

- What academic skills do you have to offer?
- What personal skills will you bring to the course?
- Highlight your skills and give evidence of how you have developed and used these skills in the past.
 - communication skills, ability to work as part of a team, strong self-motivation, organisational skills.
- Here you are telling them what you will bring to the course.
- What are your strengths?
- What is the relevance of your first degree to this field of study?
- If relevant, point out any challenges you have faced and how you have overcome them e.g., any circumstances that may have affected your academic results in past years.

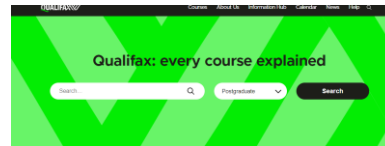
Sum-up

- Short paragraph highlighting your commitment to this course/career area and your willingness to work hard to meet your goals etc.

Where to find Courses

Search websites of any universities in which you are interested

Course search websites –



When it comes to your learning journey, the possibilities are endless. But it can be a little overwhelming. Qualifax can help you discover your pathway.

Our comprehensive database of up to 15,000 courses is here to help students.

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Qualifax <http://www.Qualifax.ie>

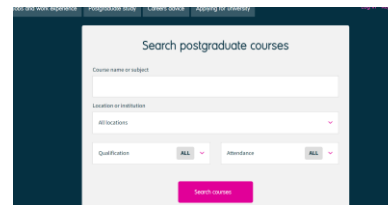
gradireland.com <https://gradireland.com/careers-advice/postgraduate-study>

UK

Prospects <https://www.prospects.ac.uk/postgraduate-courses>

Abroad <https://www.prospects.ac.uk/postgraduate-study/study-abroad>

USA <https://www.internationalstudent.com/school-search/usa/> | <https://www.petersons.com/college-search.aspx>



Funding

- Check websites of universities for details of their funding options

- SUSI

Teaching – Post-Primary

- 2 year Professional Master of Education
- Applications are on the websites of individual universities
- More details here

<https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/careers/students/information-and-resources#info> and

<https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/sites/default/files/assets/document/PM%20pp%20Entry%202025%20Links.pdf>

- Closing dates vary – January onwards
- Places awarded using a points system
- **If applying in final year – points are calculated from 2nd year results!**

Teaching –Primary

- 2 year Professional Master of Education
- Applications are on the websites of individual universities
- More details here <https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/careers/students/information-and-resources#info> (currently Entry 2024 information)
- Closing dates usually March/April (final year)
- Places for some colleges awarded using a points system
- **If applying in final year – points are calculated from 2nd year results!**
- Places for other colleges* awarded based on Interview
- First step – Leaving Cert requirements (Irish H4, English/Maths O4/H7)
- Next step – TEG B1 Oral Exam – <https://www.teg.ie/info-advice/teg-pme-primary.959.html>
 - Consider sitting this in 2nd year
- Interview preparation – consider school observation
- Arrange appointment with a careers adviser to discuss








Depending on degree the next steps vary...

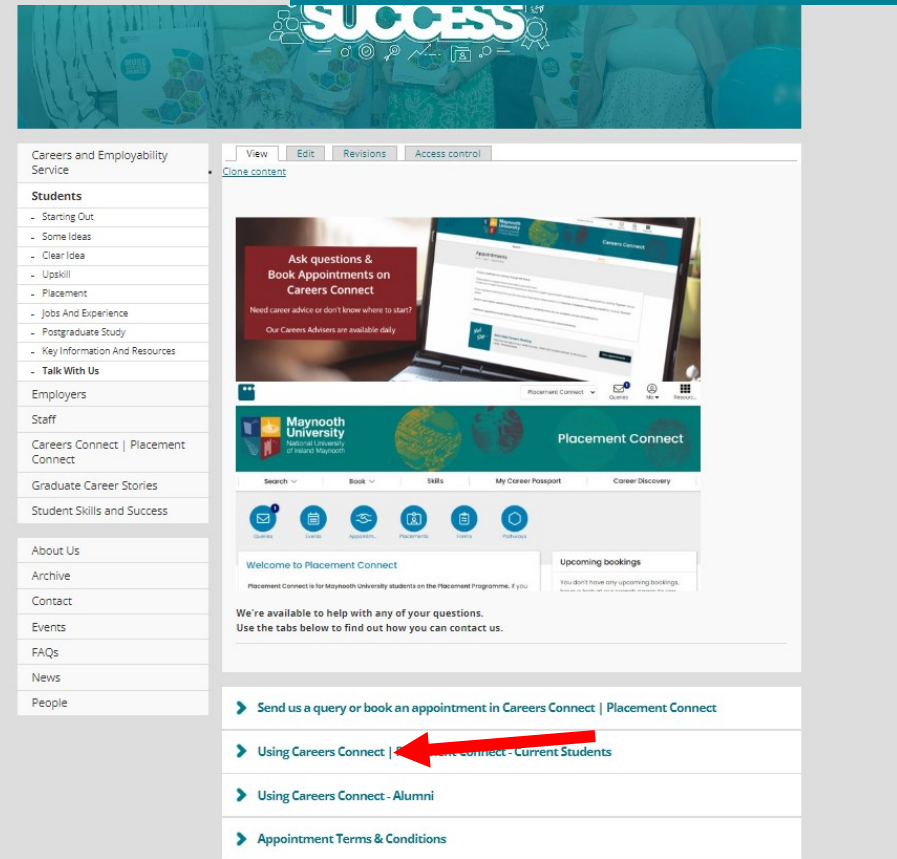
- Conversion course? [Info Sheet](#)
- Masters in Applied Psychology/Psychological Science
- Relevant experience along with postgraduate qualification
- Further specialized professional qualification (depending on area of interest)
 - [Postgrad options in Psychology Presentation](#)
 - [NEPS Presentation](#)



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- Careers Connect | Placement Connect
- Graduate Career Stories
- Student Skills and Success

 I need help getting started.	 I have some ideas of my next step	 I have a clear idea of my next step
 Upskill Programmes	 Academic Placement	 Jobs And Experience
 Postgraduate Study	 Key Information And Resources	 Talk To Us (Questions & Appointments)



The screenshot shows the Placement Connect website. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'View', 'Edit', 'Revisions', and 'Access control'. Below that is a 'Clone content' link. The main content area features a large banner with the text 'Ask questions & Book Appointments on Careers Connect' and 'Need career advice or don't know where to start? Our Careers Advisers are available daily'. Below the banner is a search bar and several navigation tabs: 'Home', 'Skills', 'My Career Postcard', and 'Career Discovery'. There are also icons for 'Guides', 'Events', 'Placement', 'Jobs', 'Courses', and 'Postcards'. A 'Welcome to Placement Connect' message is displayed, along with a section for 'Upcoming bookings' which states 'You don't have any upcoming bookings.' At the bottom, there are four links: 'Send us a query or book an appointment in Careers Connect | Placement Connect', 'Using Careers Connect | Placement Connect - Current Students' (highlighted with a red arrow), 'Using Careers Connect - Alumni', and 'Appointment Terms & Conditions'.





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Any questions?

- Use **Careers Connect** to engage with us

- Appointments

- Teams Appointments

or

- In-Person Appointments



- Send us your Questions - Click Ask us 



CAREERS CONNECT PORTAL



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