



## Step-by-Step Visa Application Guide: Chile

The information below is correct as of April 2026. For the most up-to-date information, please visit the [Embassy of Chile in Ireland](#).

### Student Visa Requirements

Chile study visa is required for citizens of Ireland.

All students must provide the following documents to apply for a visa to study in Chile (School/Institute/University). The information below applies for all citizenships:

#### 1. Valid Passport

- Must be valid for at least 6 months after departure from Chile.
- Include photocopies of all relevant pages (personal info, issue/expiry dates, visas/ stamps)

#### 2. One Passport Size Photograph:

- Chile requires a 4.5 x 4.5 cm (2" x 2") photo.
- A clear, recent picture with a white background. No glasses, hats, or head coverings. Neutral expression.

#### 3. English Application Forms:

- Must be completed online. Must be typed, not handwritten.

#### 4. Confirmation Letter from the School/ University in Chile:

This letter of confirmation of enrolment in the academic institution must detail your name, when will the lecture period start, for how long you will be enrolled, and the contact details of that institution.

#### 5. Visa Request Letter from the agency arranging the Exchange (if applicable)



This letter must provide full name of the applicant, school the applicant will attend in Chile, details of placement in Chile, name of the responsible person of the agency that Immigration Chile will contact to confirm information.

## **6. Medical Certificate – Contagious Disease Clearance**

This certificate must be **signed by a registered medical practitioner** and must be issued **within the 30 days prior to date of application.**

The Certificate must confirm that you are free from contagious diseases/ illnesses that may affect your stay in Chile.

No X-rays. Just a regular medical check (blood, urine samples) to ensure that you do not have any contagious diseases.

## **7. Police Clearance Statement**

This document is a statement made by the parents/custodian that will cover you to travel in and out of Chile for as long as your Student Visa will be granted. Please contact the Consulate to get the form and the instructions to sign and authenticate this document.

## **8. Proof of Financial Means**

You must show that you can financially support yourself through one of the following:

- Bank statements (previous 3 months)
- Financial Aid letter
- Notarised parental support letter

### **How to Apply for your Visa:**

#### **Step 1: Gather Required Documents**

Gather all Required Documentation mentioned above.

#### **Step 2: Complete Online Visa Application Form**

- Click [here](#), press the English flag, and then press Visa. Upload all listed documents.
- Complete in English and it must be **typed**, not handwritten.



- Upload scanned copies of all required documents as specified by the system.

### **Step 3: Pay the Visa Application Fees**

- Pay the non-refundable visa application fee as instructed by the Chilean consulate/embassy.
- The fee amount can vary based on nationality and visa type.

### **Step 4: Schedule your Visa Appointment (if required)**

- Depending on the consulate and your nationality, you may need to schedule an in-person appointment for an interview or document submission.
- Some consulates allow online booking through their website.
- Choose a date and time that is convenient for you, take note of your appointment reference number.

### **Step 5: Attend the Visa Interview/ Appointment**

- Arrive on time with all your original documents and their photocopies, even if you have uploaded them online.
- Be polite, confident and honest in your responses. Clearly articulate your reasons for studying in Chile.

### **Step 6: Track your Application Status**

- Use the reference number provided after the submission to check the status on the SACVE platform or the consulate's website.

### **Step 7: Receive Decision and Collect Passport**

- Once a decision has been made, you will be notified to collect your passport. If approved your visa will be affixed inside.
- Follow the consulate's instruction for passport collection (in-person, courier service, etc.).
- Upon receiving your passport, immediately check all details on the visa sticker for accuracy and if there are any errors, report them to the consulate immediately.
- Make photocopies of your visa before travelling.



### **Processing Times:**

- Standard consular processing after document verification: 15-20 working days.
- However, for some Temporary Residence categories, processing may take Longer.
- Any missing documentation will cause a delay to visa processing.

### **Visa Application Checklist**

Receive an **Acceptance Letter** from PUVC

Gather all Required **Documents**

Complete the **Visa Application Form** online

Pay the **Visa Fee** and obtain a receipt

Schedule your Visa appointment (if required)

Attend your visa appointment

**Wait for Visa Processing** (3-8 weeks)

**Collect Your Visa** and check details before departure

For more details, visit the [Embassy of Chile in Ireland](#). Website.

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