

A GUIDE TO CONTRACTING IN IRELAND'S LIFE SCIENCE SECTOR



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CONTRACTING IN IRELAND

If you're looking to gain experience in the Life Sciences sector there has never been a better time to consider contracting in Ireland

The Irish Life Science sector has grown rapidly over the past 20 years creating phenomenal career opportunities across the country.

As of 2020 Ireland is now home to all 10 of the top 10 global pharma companies and 9 of the world's top 10 MedTech companies.

Over the past decade close to \$10 billion has been invested in Biopharma facilities in Ireland representing one of the biggest waves of investment in new Biotech facilities anywhere in the world.

Due to this ongoing investment and continued expansion in the industry there is a high demand and fantastic contract opportunities for scientific and engineering professionals across the Irish Pharmaceutical, Biotechnology and Medical Device sectors.

Below the graphic shows some of the major Life Science companies operating in Ireland!



GENERAL INFO



REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

POPULATION: 4.7 million

CITIES:

Dublin City – 554,000 (Capital)

Cork City – 125,000

Galway City – 78,000

Limerick City and county – 195,000

LANGUAGE:

Irish (Gaeilge) is recognised as the first official language of the Republic of Ireland. However, the majority of the population speak English (the second official language) as their first language. If you want to work in Ireland our clients require a high standard of English both written and oral.

FLIGHTS TO IRELAND:

The main airports in Ireland are located in Dublin and Cork.

Dublin Airport is by far the busiest, with the largest timetable of global flights connecting with over 180 destinations.

More information available at: www.dublinairport.com

Followed by Cork Airport with 40 destinations: www.corkairport.com

OTHER OPTIONS...

There are also airports in Shannon, Knock and Kerry with limited flight options. If you're thinking of moving to Ireland it's important you consider how often you plan to travel home. Research the frequency, duration and estimated cost of flights before you make the move!

TIP: All airports in Ireland service the UK so you also have the option of flying to one of London's airports and booking a connecting flight which can sometimes be easier!

Check out skyscanner.ie for booking connecting flights!



ACCOMMODATION

FINDING A PLACE TO LIVE

Finding accommodation in Ireland can be the most challenging issue when relocating.

Rental prices have increased significantly in the past few years as demand increases and supply can't keep up.

If you're looking for accommodation below are the most popular websites to search online for rentals in Ireland. You'll have the option to search for a house/apartment or a house share to suit your needs.

www.daft.ie

www.rent.ie

www.myhome.ie

For ease, you can also use an estate agent to help you find accommodation. They will provide administrative, management and other services but will charge a fee.

[Click here to search letting agencies in Ireland.](#)

It is a must to research accommodation prior to coming to Ireland to see what is available in the area you plan to move to. More often than not there will be multiple people viewing one property so you will need to be proactive and keep your options open. Unlike a lot of European rentals, the majority of rental accommodation in Ireland is already furnished. A lot of rental properties are not pet friendly so if you're bringing a pet keep this in mind! You will also need to pay at least one month's deposit in advance once you secure a property.



AVERAGE MONTHLY RENTAL PRICES 2019

DUBLIN €2, 023

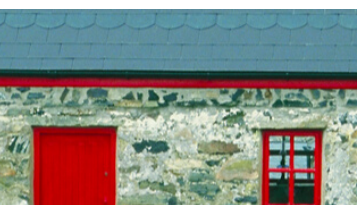
WATERFORD €1, 013

CORK €1, 366

LIMERICK €1, 225

GALWAY €1, 297

Note: Landlords/letting agents require a reference of employment when renting an apartment/house in Ireland. LSC are more than happy to organise this for all our consultants.



BANK ACCOUNT & PPS NUMBERS

OPENING A BANK ACCOUNT

if you decide to take a contract in Ireland you'll need to set up an Irish Bank Account for payment.

To do so you'll need 2 documents:

One valid form of photo ID and a document to prove your address.

Your passport, driving licence or national identity card (if you're an EU citizen) are all valid forms of photo ID.

In order to prove your address, you will need to produce one of the following documents:

- a recent utility bill (less than 6 months old);
- a recent bank statement (less than 6 months old);
- or correspondence from a government department or authority.

If you haven't secured an address in Ireland you can open a bank account as a non-resident. Many banks will accept a utility bill, bank statement or government correspondence with your home country address.

However, some banks will require non-residents to provide two proof of address, a character reference and access to your financial history in your home country.

Tip: Some banks like the AIB have an option to set up a bank account via an APP which may be a quicker option! [Click here to see details](#)

GETTING YOUR PPS NUMBER

Your Personal Public Service Number (PPS number) is a unique reference number that helps you access social welfare benefits, public services and information in Ireland.

PPS Numbers (Personal Public Service Number) are required for all workers in Ireland.

This number is unique to you and is required for your Payroll to be processed. Your PPS Number will be assigned with tax credits which will be applied based on your own personal circumstances.

The process of getting a PPS number is relatively easy however you will first need to secure a contract, and be resident in Ireland before application can begin.

To get a PPS number, you will need to:

Fill out an application form in the PPS Number Allocation Centre.

- Proof of Identity (Passport)
- Evidence of why you need a PPS number (LSC can help with this documentation to confirm you have secured a contract)
- Proof of your address in Ireland

Visit www.MyWelfare.ie to make a booking.



PAYE & LTD COMPANY

Once you decide to take a contract role in Ireland you then need to decide whether you want to go down the LTD company or PAYE route.

If you choose the PAYE route, you will become an employee of LSC for the duration of your contract while working on our client site.

If you choose the LTD company route, you have the option of setting up your own LTD company through an accountant where you are the appointed Director or you can contact a specialised contractor accounting company who have umbrella companies in place, to which you can become the director for a monthly fee.

The latter is a quicker option and the below companies can set up your compliant umbrella solution in less than 48 hours.

We recommend you call them with your expected hourly rate and they can help you work out your take home pay, taxation, relocation expenses etc.

They also have some useful information on their website about general contract solutions

CONTRACTING PLUS

Website: www.contractingplus.com

Telephone: +353 21 48 39 339

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ICON ACCOUNTING

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CULTURE & LIFESTYLE

As well as work opportunities, Ireland has a lot to offer culturally with plenty to do in your spare time! The majority of LSC's project work is based near the cities of Cork, Dublin and Limerick. Click on the pictures to find out what each city has to offer...



CORK

Cork City is Ireland's second largest city and the biggest county in Ireland. With over 1000 km of coastline there's a mesmerizing amount of out-door experiences to be had. Considered the food capital of Ireland, Cork has amazing restaurants, bars and cafes to enjoy in your down time! [Click for more info >>](#)

DUBLIN

Dublin is Ireland's capital city and needs no introduction for many visitors to Ireland. Bursting with culture Dublin has an abundance of museums, galleries, theatres, shops, pubs, restaurants and plenty of character to soak up! [Click for more info >>](#)



LIMERICK

Limerick is Ireland's third largest city. A vibrant riverside city, Limerick is situated on the majestic River Shannon. A thriving region, Limerick is recognised as a capital of sport. Its love of rugby is world renowned and Limerick is very proud of Thomond Park; the home of Munster Rugby! [Click for more info >>](#)

TRANSPORTATION IN IRELAND



Dublin being a capital has the largest network of transport systems including the DART and the LUAS.

Dublin Bus – 90% of buses in Dublin are run by Dublin Bus;

DART – Commuter rail service that serves Dublin city only;

LUAS – Tram system that operates in Dublin (limited number of lines, however more being added); and for all other cities the main public transport provider is **Bus Eireann**

Note - public transport in Ireland is more expensive than the European average.

Tip: If you are travelling frequently by bus/public transport it is a good idea to buy a LEAP card where you can save approx. 20% on bus fares and no need to carry cash.

For further information visit: www.leapcard.ie

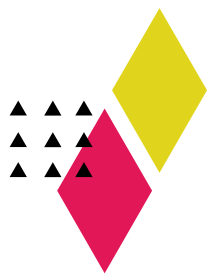
TRAVELLING TO & FROM WORK

Most companies in the Life Sciences sector in Ireland are based around five cities – Dublin, Cork, Limerick, Galway and Waterford. Most facilities can be reached by public transport however the majority of our consultants travel to work by car. This tends to be the most convenient method of transport, as once you move outside the city centre bus times can be less frequent and the high levels of rainfall don't make for a pleasant wait! If you want to make the most of your time in Ireland and see what the country has to offer, it is a good idea to consider getting a car.



Car insurance in Ireland has increased rapidly in the past few years and is above the European average. Different companies will provide you with different quotes so make sure you do your research before agreeing to a policy! Note: You can bring your car to Ireland as a tourist for 6 months but for any longer periods of time you will need to change your registration plate to an Irish one for a cost.

Full details available at: www.citizensinformation.ie



FURTHER INFORMATION OF INTEREST

We've added some links to topics that we think might be useful to you!

[Click on the pictures for more details](#)



IRISH WEATHER



COST OF LIVING IN IRELAND



TAXATION



EDUCATION



CHILDCARE OPTIONS



HEALTHCARE



MOVING YOUR PET TO IRELAND



DRIVING IN IRELAND



SETTING UP UTILITIES





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