Applicant’s Nationality, Immigration Status and Residency Details

Who should complete this section?
You, the applicant, should fill in all questions in this section.

What information is requested?
The information being requested in this section relates to your own nationality and residency status, two of the main criteria which will determine whether or not you may be eligible to receive grant funding.

You can also click the ? symbol to clarify a particular question.

**B1. What country were you born in?**
Select the country in which you were born, which may be different from your nationality.

**B2. What is your Nationality?**
If you are not an EU, EEA, UK or Swiss National, please see below.

(Question B3 will only appear if you select a nationality outside the EU, EEA, UK or Switzerland in question B2)
B3. If you are not an EU, EEA, UK or Swiss national, on what basis are you staying in Ireland?

Please enter your Garda National Immigration Bureau (GNIB)/Irish Residency Permit (IRP) reference number and select the option (a-h) which applies to you. Please also enter the date on which your permission to stay in Ireland was granted.

After your application is provisionally assessed, you may be asked to provide proof of your nationality, e.g. a copy of your passport, GNIB/IRP card, identity card or relevant correspondence from the Department of Justice and Equality.

If you select option h), ‘Other’, you will not meet the eligibility criteria for grant funding as set out in the Student Support Act 2011 and, as such, you will be unable to proceed with your application. You will receive this pop-up message.
If you fulfill the nationality criteria, you can proceed to the following question:

**B4. Have you been resident in Ireland for at least 3 of the last 5 years?**
To be eligible for a fee grant and a maintenance grant, if applicable, you must have been resident in Ireland for at least 3 of the 5 years prior to the year in which your course commences. If you answer ‘No’, question B5 will appear as shown here.

**B5. Have you been resident in the EU, EEA, UK or Switzerland for 3 of the last 5 years?**
If you were not resident in Ireland for 3 of the 5 years prior to the year in which your course commences, but have been resident in another EU Member State, the EEA, the UK or Switzerland for at least 3 of the last 5 years prior to the year in which your course commences, you are known as a tuition student. Tuition students may be eligible for a fee grant only.

If applicable, please use the table provided, (shown above) to give details of where you were resident during the requisite period. If the reason that you were temporarily resident outside of Ireland was because you were pursuing an approved course of study or postgraduate research in the EU, then you may still be eligible for a student grant.

If you answer ‘No’ to both question B4 and B5 you will not meet the residency requirements for grant funding, as set out in the Student Support Act 2011 and, as such, you will be unable to proceed with your grant application and you will see the following pop-up box.

Having completed this section, you will be presented with a summary of the information you have provided, which you can amend if necessary. If the information is correct, tick the box and click ‘Ok’.