



FAQs – Transition year programme

1. When do applications open?

Applications will open on Monday 14th October 2019 and close at 5pm on Monday 11th November 2019 for the 2020 programme.

2. I have two students who are equally interested, can I send in both names?

No, you must decide on one name and submit that name. We suggest you run an internal competition to determine the more interested student, details are on our website.

3. If our student is offered a place and then can't attend, can we nominate a different student to take their place?

No, the place is given to your student and if your student drops out, your place is reallocated to another student from the original list by lottery draw.

4. I missed the deadline, will my application be considered?

In the interests of fairness to all students and schools, we only accept applications submitted during the four week application process. We do not make any exceptions to this rule.

5. How many places do DEIS schools receive?

DEIS schools receive at least 20% of the places. We conduct the first draw for DEIS schools only to find the first 20 places. Those unsuccessful in the first round are then placed in a second draw with all other schools to find the remaining 80 places. In this way we guarantee that DEIS schools will receive at least 20% of places. In fact, in 2019 they received 32% and in 2018 they received 40% of the places.

6. My school got a place last year, does that mean we won't get a place this year?

No, each year starts afresh and we do not discriminate against a school that got a place the year before.

7. My school didn't get a place last year, does that mean we will get a place this year?

No, each year starts afresh and we do not discriminate against a school that got a place the year before.

8. My school is not in Dublin. Can you assist us in finding accommodation for the week?

We accept that it can be more challenging for those based outside Dublin, unfortunately we cannot assist in finding accommodation. We are based in Dublin 7 near Smithfield so we would advise participants to locate accommodation in and around this area where possible. Usually students stay with relatives or friends in Dublin or a family member accompanies them for the five days. We would suggest that before nominating a student for a place, you check that they will be able to secure accommodation. If the student drops out, your school will unfortunately lose the place on the programme.

9. We have a limited transition year, can a student in 5th or 6th year apply?

Yes, our programme is open to 5th and 6th year students also as we recognise some schools can only offer a limited transition year option. However, the majority of students are TY students.

10. My son/daughter wants to apply for a place, can they send you an email?

No, we do not accept applications from students or their parents. We only accept applications from schools, and only one application per school.

11. The school has nominated a student but my child didn't get a chance to apply. Can you contact the school?

Unfortunately we cannot get involved with how any individual school decides which student to nominate.

12. The student cannot be photographed or filmed. Is this a problem?

We ask that the student step out of any photos or recording whilst on the Look into Law programme, and that they remind the barrister or the staff member of this fact, so that it can be done discreetly.

13. We were not successful in the lottery. Is that the end of the process for this year?

Every year a small number of students drop out for various reasons. We then conduct another random lottery so there is always a small possibility your student might be offered a place.