

POLICE (Garda) VETTING

NOTE: Irish Police are referred to as Garda

Please note that the programme you have been accepted to requires police vetting as it has a placement element which may involve interaction with children or vulnerable adults. For this reason, you will be required to provide a police clearance certificate for **EVERY** country where you have resided for periods in excess of 6 months over the age of 18 years old*. These should check for criminality and clear you to undertake “relevant work or activities” with children/vulnerable adults.

If you have lived in more than one country, for periods in excess of 6 months since the age of 18 years old*, you are required to submit Police Clearance Certification for each country you have lived in. If you contact the Embassy/Police/Ministry of Defense for each Country/area, they should be able to advise you on how to request this information. Full details of any convictions or criminal prosecution (past or pending) must be included. It is imperative that no false information is furnished. Failure to do so may result in you not being allowed to undertake your practice (clinical) placement. Please ensure that you apply for this certification as soon as possible and certainly before your departure to Ireland, as it is more difficult to obtain when you are out of the country.

Please note that your registration remains provisional until the Vetting process is complete.

CANADA

Residents of Canada are required to have a **Federal Criminal Records Check**. The RCMP is the best option. Please see the link below. You should request a Criminal Records Check, which will meet the Garda Vetting/Police Clearance requirements. A Vulnerable Sector check is not required.

<http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/en/criminal-record-checks>

USA

You should secure the apostille version of the **FBI Criminal Report**, which will meet the Garda Vetting/Police Clearance requirements.

The most efficient way to secure your FBI Criminal Report is to use one of the ‘channeling’ companies approved by the FBI. For a list of channeling companies please click here.

<https://www.fbi.gov/services/cjis/compact-council/list-of-approved-channelers>

University College Cork and University of Limerick require clearances from every country where you have resided for periods in excess of 6 months over the age of **16 years old.*