

## **International Christian College Costs of Study Non – EU & Visa BA, BA (Hons), CertHE or DipHE Theology**

As from March 2009, the Borders Agency is implementing a points system for overseas students who require a visa. You will be required to score 40 points: 30 points from the Confirmation of Acceptance of Studies which the College gives you if you are offered an unconditional place; 10 points for Maintenance and Funds test, which means you can prove that you have sufficient funds to cover all of your costs. They will be insisting that you have at least £600 per month, for 9 months, on top of the college fees, and the money will need to be available up front in your own bank account. The money needs to be in your bank account for at least 28 days before applying for a visa. It will no longer be acceptable for sponsors to pay in instalments and they will need to give you the money to deposit in your bank account. The College and the visa authorities require written confirmation from you that the funds are available. This is in the form of a letter backed up by bank statements. You will need copies for the College and another set for the visa authorities. It is very unlikely that you can apply for a visa more than 3 months before you start your studies so these new rules will apply to everyone either applying now or being offered a place now.

### **Costs**

The following is the estimated cost for one person for one year of study at the College in 2011-12:

Tuition fees	£ 4950
Student amenity fees	200
Refundable key deposit	10
Annual registration fee to the University of Aberdeen	142.50
Maintenance fee required by the Borders Agency for accommodation, living expenses and travel (for 9 months)	<u>5400</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>10702</u></b>

This will include a return airfare each year.

**College accommodation** is either in single rooms or shared rooms, both with en suite facilities. The accommodation charge includes gas and electricity charges, but excludes food and laundry.

### **Accompanied by family**

College policy is that we strongly recommend overseas students do not bring their families with them. However, the Borders Agency stipulate that, from March 2009, students bringing a dependant with them will need to show that they have a further £400 per month for each dependant that they bring with them for up to a maximum of 12 months. Couples or families will need to rent accommodation in Glasgow as we do not have the facilities for families to live in college accommodation. We have a list of possible accommodation in and around Glasgow that you may find useful.

### **The summer vacation**

The programme runs from the beginning of September to June (with graduation service during June in your last year). This allows you a choice as to what you do over the summer. We encourage overseas students to return home at least once a year. However, it is possible to stay in College accommodation through the summer break. If you return home, you will need to purchase a return ticket home and cover any living costs at home. If you are not living in the College's own accommodation, you may have to pay for accommodation over the summer even if you are not using it. Prices apply to 2011/12 and may increase in subsequent years.