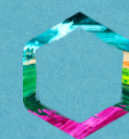




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**Certification of Tourist  
Accommodation is a legal  
requirement in Northern  
Ireland**

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## The Tourism Order (Northern Ireland) 1992

Tourism legislation requires all tourism/visitor accommodation to hold a current Tourism Northern Ireland (NI) certificate.

A statutory (legal) inspection of the premises is undertaken every four years.

Following an inspection a certificate is issued by Tourism NI and valid for four years.

Other Statutory Legislation to consider will vary on your Accommodation category to be aware of and ensure compliance.





## New Business Venture Opportunity

Operating a tourist accommodation business can be a very positive experience and successful business venture.

It presents a unique opportunity to welcome guests to your property from all over the world.

Certification ensures everyone in Northern Ireland is operating at Minimum Standards.

# 8 Categories of Accommodation

1. Bed & Breakfast
2. Bunk House
3. Campus Accommodation
4. Guest Accommodation
5. Guest House
6. Hotel
7. Hostel
8. Self-Catering

Category	Cost per bedroom	Minimum fee	Maximum fee
Hotels	£20	£300	£2,000
Bed & Breakfast	£20	£80	£200
Guest House	£20	£80	£200
Guest Accommodation	£20	£80	£200
Campus Accommodation	£20	£80	£200
Category	Cost per unit	Minimum fee	Maximum fee
Self-Catering	£40	£40	£350
Category	Cost per bed space	Minimum fee	Maximum fee
Hostel	£2	£70	£175
Bunk House	£2	£70	£175



# Online Guides:

[www.tourismni.com/business-guidance](http://www.tourismni.com/business-guidance)

## Self Catering: Inspection checklist

No.	Lounge & dining areas	Checked
9	The property must have an area suitable for use as a lounge and dining area. They may be open-plan or separate from each other and the kitchen.	
10	They must contain furniture and fittings of good quality and condition to cater for the maximum number of guests. For example, if the property sleeps five people, then there must be comfortable lounge seating for five and a dining table with seating for five.	
11	The lounge and dining areas must be clean and in good decorative order, with suitable flooring in good quality and condition, for example, wood, carpet, tiles or laminate.	

No.	Catering facilities	Checked
12	A kitchen must be provided in the premises and it should be adequate to provide hot meals for all guests at any one time. It must provide facilities, equipment and fittings of good quality and condition for the storage, refrigeration, preparation, cooking and service of food, as well as the storage and cleaning of all utensils, equipment and tableware.  <b>The kitchen should have:</b>	
13	Cooking facilities. For example, cooking rings appropriate for the number of people the property sleeps, and an oven with roasting and grilling facilities.	
14	A sink with hot and cold water.	



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## How do I apply?

Applications can be made online via:  
[tourismni.com/forms](https://tourismni.com/forms)

## How do I know which Category I should apply under?

You need to select a category to submit an online application. Read the online guides and category descriptions and choose one that suits your accommodation offering best.

## How long is the waitlist for certification?

Waitlist is approx. 4-6 weeks at present. State your date/day preference on your application we will do our best to facilitate.

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## What to expect during an inspection.

## What does the process involve?

- Present your property as if visitors are arriving.
- No food preparation is required.
- We will look at all areas, depending on your category:
  - Entrance Areas
    - Public areas
    - Lounge/Dining Areas
    - Bedrooms
    - Bathrooms
    - Kitchen
    - Staff facilities (if applicable)

If there are any outstanding requirements, these will be clearly detailed, and a timeframe set – usually 30days.

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## Final Step – Certificate Issued

Your certificate will be posted and should be displayed within your property as outlined in the legislation.

## My property is now Certified – What next?

You can apply to our Quality Grading Scheme once certified to attain a star rating.

Register for our business hub and access a wide range of marketing tools.

- E-learning platform – excellent resource for new and existing businesses.
- Access a range of toolkits from Photography of your property to growing your online .



# Offers for Accommodation over the Irish Open Golf Event



## Irish Open Accommodation Offers

If you're lucky enough to be attending the Irish Open, then you'll appreciate these accommodation offers which are valid for stays between 12th-15th Sept 2024

## List your property:

If you have availability over the event (12-15<sup>th</sup> September 2024), please email [golf@tourismni.com](mailto:golf@tourismni.com) and include the following details:

- Number of bedrooms available
- Price per night (starting from rate)
- Best contact information (contact email to be listed on the DNI website for enquiries)

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Thank you for your time today.

Any queries, please contact the team below:

[qa@tourismni.com](mailto:qa@tourismni.com)

Online applications:  
[www.tourismni.com/forms](http://www.tourismni.com/forms)

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