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**Ireland – Introduction of  
Online Enquiry Service for  
Employment Permit  
Applicants**

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Ireland's Minister of Jobs, Enterprise, and Innovation this week launched an online facility, whereby employment permit applicants can check the status of their applications.<sup>1</sup>

### Why This Matters

This change is a significant improvement in respect of the transparency of government administration and the accessibility of information following the submission of employment permit applications.

Previously, to receive a status update, individuals making the applications and their agents were required to enquire through the general call centre or e-mail service, which could result in delays and unsatisfactory responses.

Given the recent back-log in the Employment Permits section, this is a significant development and potentially will be of great benefit to entities that require that expatriate employees be in place – sometimes with minimal delay – to initiate particular projects.

### Key Advantages Associated with New Online Enquiry Service

- The new service will enable applicants to check the status of their applications online. Furthermore, cases that have been assigned to a decision-maker will be given an expected time frame with regard to how much longer the decision will be expected to take.
- The delivery of service to applicants and their employers will be improved significantly, which is part of a plan to inspire foreign investment and help stabilize the economy by facilitating the efficient relocation of key figures within corporations.
- Given the increase in the volume of employment permits being received by the Department of Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation ("the DJEI"), it is expected to be a more efficient method of communication between the DJEI and the applicant.
- The online enquiry will require the application ID, as well as the date of birth of the applicant. As a result, there will be no compromising of the applicant's privacy, as this information will only be readily available to the agent or the applicant (on request).

This online enquiry facility is regarded by the Minister of Jobs, Enterprise, and Innovation as a significant stepping stone in his commitment to introduce an online application system in 2016.

*Footnote:*

1 Additional information regarding this change can be found on the following Department of Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation Web page:

<https://www.djei.ie/en/News-And-Events/Department-News/2016/February/17022016.html>.

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