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Ireland - COVID-19: Further Temporary Extension of Residency Permissions

As previously reported (see [GMS *Flash Alert* 2020-235](#), 15 May 2020), residency permissions that were due to expire between 20 May 2020 and 20 July 2020 in Ireland, had been automatically renewed for a period of two months, thereby maintaining the residency status of individuals with Irish Residence Permits expiring during this period. This measure has now been extended and all residency permissions that are due to expire from 20 July 2020 and 20 August 2020, are automatically renewed for a period of one month.¹

WHY THIS MATTERS

Employers should note that if the expiry date of their employees' Irish Residence Permits falls within the period of 20 July 2020 and 20 August 2020, the employees' residence status in Ireland will be maintained as a result of this extension. Employers should also note that employees whose permission had previously been extended under the notices of 20 March 2020 and 13 May 2020, and which therefore have new expiry dates between 20 July 2020 and 20 August 2020, are also automatically renewed by this notice for a further one-month period.

Further Extension of Permissions; Services of Burgh Quay Registration Office and Other Registration Offices

All immigration permissions, due to expire between 20 July and 20 August 2020, will be automatically extended for one month. This includes people in Ireland on short-stay visas and those whose permissions have already been extended by the previous notices issued on 20 March¹ and 13 May 2020.

While the Burgh Quay Registration Office reopened 20 July 2020, priority will be given to those seeking to register for the first time. All Irish Residence Permit renewals in the Dublin area are now being processed online only and the system will be available for all Dublin-based applicants from 20 July 2020 (see GMS [Flash Alert 2020-307](#), 9 July 2020). All Registration Offices for non-Dublin residents operated by An Garda Síochána remain temporarily closed and applicants should check with their local office for details on reopening.

These further extensions will apply to the same three categories as with the previous notices, whose permissions are due to expire between 20 July 2020 and 20 August 2020:

1. **Renewal of Existing Permissions / Registrations** – Persons who hold a current valid Irish Residence Permit, or an Irish Residence Permit that has already been extended under the previous notice(s).
2. **Awaiting First Registration** – Persons granted permission to enter Ireland on the condition they register at Burgh Quay or their local registration office within three months but who have yet to do so.
3. **Short-Stay Visas** – Those in the country on the basis of a short-stay visa, who have been granted permission to remain for less than three months, and who may be unable to leave Ireland to return home due to uncertainties caused by the Coronavirus pandemic.

KPMG NOTE

Individuals and their employers should be aware of these changes as the legal residency status of employers' current Non-European Economic Area (EEA) employees with residency permissions expiring between 20 July 2020 and 20 August 2020, will be maintained as a result.

For advice on this changing situation, please contact your local qualified immigration counsel or the Corporate Immigration and Employment Law Team with KPMG in Ireland.

FOOTNOTE:

- 1 For additional information and the announcement on this policy, see: <http://justice.ie/en/JELR/Pages/PR20000074>.

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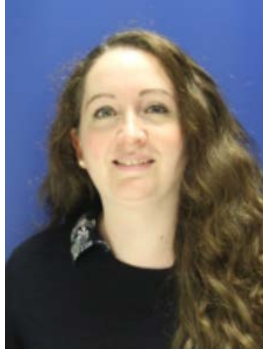
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