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Ireland - COVID-19: Immigration Permissions Maintained until 20 January 2021

The Immigration Service Delivery ('ISD') has announced further extensions to residence permissions in Ireland. Residency permissions held by individuals that are due to expire from 20 September 2020, will be maintained until 20 January 2021.¹ This is the fifth extension of permissions since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic.

WHY THIS MATTERS

Employers should note that if the expiry date of their employees' residence permission falls within the period of 20 September 2020 to 20 January 2021, the employees' residence status in Ireland will be maintained as a result of this extension. This should help alleviate concerns and anxiety about expiring residence permissions and the effect on an employee's legal status in Ireland, and provide some welcome assurance from a business continuity perspective.

Immigration Permissions Maintained until 20 January 2021

According to a new notice, immigration permissions due to expire from 20 September 2020, will be maintained until 20 January 2021. Residence permissions renewed by the ISD notices of 20 March 2020, 13 May 2020, 16 July 2020, and 18 August 2020 will also be maintained by this notice. Such maintenance or extension of permission is to allow individuals sufficient time to register or renew their permissions with the Burgh Quay Registration Office, or at their local Garda station if residing outside Dublin.

These further extensions will apply to the same three categories as the previous notices accordingly:

- 1. Renewal of Existing Permissions / Registrations** – Persons who hold a current valid Irish Residence Permit ('IRP'), or an IRP 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.

Employers should also be aware of any visa-required employees whose residence permission is the subject of a temporary extension. Such employees will require a re-entry visa to facilitate travel outside of Ireland.

KPMG NOTE

Organisations should be aware of these changes as they help to maintain the legal residency status of their current non-European Economic Area (EEA) employees who have residency permissions expiring between 20 September 2020 and 20 January 2021.

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 (see the Contact Us section).

FOOTNOTE:

1 For more information, see “Minister announces further temporary extension of immigration permissions” (18 September 2020) at: <http://www.inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/Pages/COVID-19-updates-and-announcements> .

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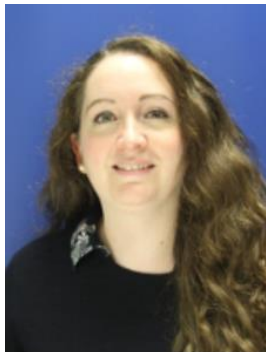
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