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Ireland - COVID-19: Temporary Extension of Irish Residence Permission

Ireland's Immigration Service Delivery (ISD) has recently announced the further temporary extension of Irish residence permissions. Irish residence permissions that were due to expire between 21 April 2021 and 20 September 2021, are automatically maintained until 20 September 2021, thereby maintaining the residency status of individuals with Irish residence permissions expiring during this period.¹

WHY THIS MATTERS

Employers should note that if the expiry date of their employees' residence permission falls within the period of 21 April 2021 and 20 September 2021, the employees' residence status in Ireland will be maintained as a result of this extension.

Temporary Extension of Irish Residence Permission

As noted above, the ISD recently announced that residence permissions which are due to expire between 21 April 2021 and 20 September 2021 will be maintained until 20 September 2021. Residence permissions renewed by the previous six ISD notices and which therefore have new expiry dates between 21 April 2021 and 20 September 2021, will also be maintained.² (For prior coverage, see [GMS Flash Alert 2020-506](#), 23 December 2020.)

Who Does This Temporary Extension Apply to?

- I. Employees who hold a valid Irish Residence Permit (IRP) that is due to expire between 21 April 2021 and 20 September 2021 and/or has already been extended under previous notice(s).
- II. Employees who have entered Ireland and are waiting to attend their first IRP registration appointment with the Burgh Quay Registration Office.
- III. Employees who are currently in Ireland on the basis of a short-stay visa (e.g., visitor / business trip) and who are unable to depart Ireland due to uncertainties caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Please note that employees who required an entry visa to enter Ireland and whose residence permission is the subject of a temporary extension, will need to apply for a re-entry visa if travelling outside of Ireland to facilitate their re-entry pending receipt of a valid IRP card.

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 21 April 2021 and 20 September 2021, will be maintained as a result.

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

FOOTNOTES:

1 See: <http://www.inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/Pages/updates-announcements> Notice 26 March 2021.

2 See: <http://www.justice.ie/en/JELR/Pages/PR21000065>.

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