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# Ireland - COVID-19: Lifting of Short-Stay Visa Restrictions from 13 September

In line with the Irish government's response to the pandemic, on 10 September 2021, Ireland's Immigration Service Delivery announced the lifting of short-stay visa restrictions effective from Monday, 13 September 2021<sup>1</sup>. This update will affect employees who need to enter Ireland for short-stay trips.

All remaining COVID-19 restrictions on entry visas, which were brought in on an interim basis to help reduce the spread of COVID-19, have now been lifted.

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## WHY THIS MATTERS

Employers should note that visa-required employees seeking to enter Ireland for business or short-stay trips may submit visa applications from 13 September 2021.

All travellers arriving in Ireland must continue to comply with the relevant immigration requirements, as appropriate, and with the public health measures required by law, including completing a COVID-19 Passenger Locator Form, pre-arrival PCR test, proof of vaccination, and quarantine in a designated facility or at home, as appropriate.

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## KPMG NOTE

Individuals and organisations should take note of these changes – they mean that employees who require entry visas to Ireland will now be able to proceed with making relevant short-stay visa applications.

For advice on this evolving 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 below).

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## FOOTNOTE:

1 For further information, see Department of Justice, "[Notice | Short stay visa processing to resume](#)" (10 September 2021). For related coverage, see the following issues of *GMS Flash Alert*: [2021-180](#) (22 June 2021) and [2021-163](#) (8 June 2021).

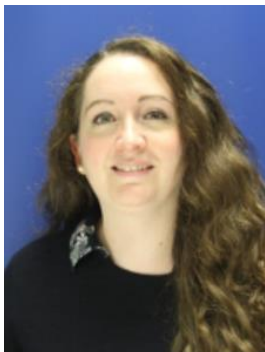
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