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

Ireland's Department of Justice has announced the further temporary extension of Irish residence permissions. Irish residence permissions that were due to expire between 21 September 2021 and 15 January 2022, are automatically extended until 15 January 2022, thereby maintaining the residency status of individuals with Irish residence permissions expiring during this period.<sup>1</sup>

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## WHY THIS MATTERS

Employers should note that if the expiry date of their employees' residence permission falls within the period of 21 September 2021 and 15 January 2022, the employees' residence status in Ireland will be maintained.

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## Temporary Extension of Irish Residence Permission

The Department of Justice announced that residence permissions which are due to expire between 21 September 2021 and 15 January 2022, will be maintained until 15 January 2022. Residence permissions renewed by the previous seven extension notices will also be maintained. (For prior coverage, see [GMS Flash Alert 2021-127](#), 29 April 2021.)

### Who Does This Temporary Extension Apply to?

- I. Employees who hold a valid Irish Residence Permit (IRP) that is due to expire between 21 September 2021 and 15 January 2022, 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 or local 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 require 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.

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## KPMG NOTE

Individuals and their employers should be aware of these changes regarding an individual’s legal residency status.

For advice on this changing situation, please contact the Corporate Immigration and Employment Law Team with KPMG in Ireland (see the Contact Us section below).

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## FOOTNOTE:

1 See “Ministers Humphreys and Browne announce final temporary extension of immigration permissions” at: <http://justice.ie/en/JELR/Pages/PR21000218> .

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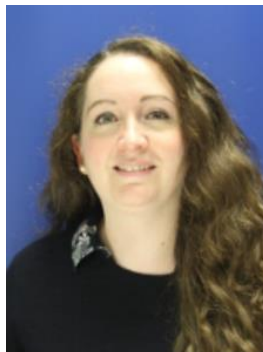
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