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# Ireland - COVID-19: Temporary Extension of Irish Residence Permissions to 31 May 2022

Ireland's Department of Justice has announced the further temporary extension of Irish residence permissions to 31 May 2022. Irish residence permissions that were due to expire between 15 January 2022 and 31 May 2022, are automatically extended, 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 15 January 2022 and 31 May 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 15 January 2022 and 31 May 2022, will be maintained until 31 May 2022. Residence permissions renewed by the previous eight extension notices will also be maintained. (For prior coverage, see [GMS Flash Alert 2021-239](#), 16 September 2021.)

### Who Does This Temporary Extension Apply to?

- I. Employees who hold a valid Irish Residence Permit (IRP) that is due to expire between 15 January 2022 and 31 May 2022, and/or whose IRP has already been extended by the eight previous notices.
- II. Employees who have entered Ireland and are waiting to attend their first IRP registration appointment with the Burgh Quay Registration Office in Dublin or local registration office outside of Dublin.

- 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.

### Travel up to 15 January 2022

- Employees who require an entry visa to enter Ireland, and whose residence permission is the subject of a temporary extension, can travel under their existing IRP until 15 January 2022, even if their IRP has expired in line with issued guidance from Immigration Service Delivery.<sup>2</sup>
- If any employees are seeking to travel past 15 January 2022, they must have a valid IRP or entry visa, where this is required.
- The current suspension of the re-entry visa requirement for any minors travelling with a legally-Irish-resident parent or guardian will continue in line with the new extension to 31 May 2022.

### Dublin Registration Update

- A new online booking system is due to be launched in early 2022 for Dublin IRP applicants.
- To help with the existing high demand for appointments in the Dublin region, a freephone telephone booking system to book IRP appointments is to be introduced in January 2022.
- To streamline processes, applicants who have received a new passport since their last renewal do not need to attend an in-person appointment at the Burgh Quay Registration Office and can simply upload their new biometric-passport-photo page to the online portal.

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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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## FOOTNOTES:

1 See Department of Justice, "[Minister McEntee announces further temporary extension of immigration permissions.](#)"

2 See Department of Justice, "[New immigration changes announced: Changes to immigration requirements for our customers over the Christmas period.](#)"

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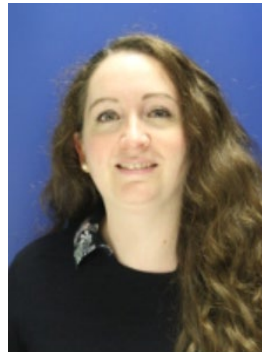
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