

# GMS Flash Alert

## Immigration Edition

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# Ireland - Suspension of Re-Entry Visa Requirements for Minors under 16

Ireland's Immigration Service Delivery (ISD) has announced the suspension of re-entry visa requirements for minors under 16 years of age with immediate effect and until further notice.<sup>1</sup>

Children under 16 are not issued with Irish Residence Permit (IRP) cards and visa-required children previously had to apply for a re-entry visa, which was included on their passports to allow them to travel back into Ireland.

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## WHY THIS MATTERS

It is a welcome announcement for visa-required non-European Economic Area nationals and their families as it is no longer a requirement for the parents of visa-required minors to submit their original supporting documents to ISD for the issuance of re-entry visas for their children, easing the administrative burden for affected families.

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## Notice for Employers

- As per the instructions provided by ISD, minors under 16 who wish to re-enter the state must be accompanied by a parent or guardian who has a legal permission to reside in Ireland.<sup>2</sup>
- Employees impacted by the announcement must carry appropriate documentation to prove they are the legal parent or guardian of the child.
- Suitable documents to prove the relationship between the parent or guardian and the child are:
  - a birth or adoption certificate, or guardianship papers showing your relationship with the child;
  - a marriage/divorce certificate if you are the child's parent but have a different surname;

- a death certificate in the case of a deceased parent.
  - Employees with current applications for re-entry visas for minors under 16 will have their applications returned along with their original supporting documents. A re-entry visa will not be issued on their passports.
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## KPMG NOTE

If you require further advice on this situation, please contact your usual qualified immigration counsel or a member of the Corporate Immigration and Employment Law Team with KPMG in Ireland (see the Contact Us section below).

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## FOOTNOTES:

- 1 Department of Justice, "[Suspension of re-entry visa requirements for children under the age of 16 years](#)."
- 2 Department of Justice, "[Travelling with children](#)."

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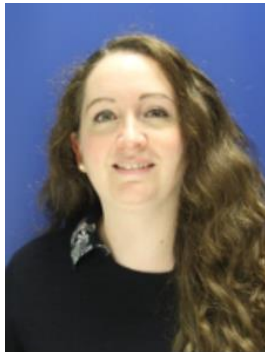
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