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Ireland - Christmas Travel Update

Ireland's Immigration Service Delivery (ISD) has advised Dublin-based individuals to renew their Irish Residence Permit as soon as possible and prior to 31 October 2023, ahead of any Christmas travel.¹

WHY THIS MATTERS

The Immigration Services Registration Office in Dublin has published a notice advising non-European Economic Area (non-EEA) nationals with an Irish Residence Permit (IRP) that is due to expire and who intend to travel over the Christmas holiday period, to submit an online renewal application for their IRP by 31 October 2023.

Due to high processing times, affected non-EEA nationals who do not renew their IRP prior to 31 October 2023, may not receive their renewed IRP in time for Christmas.

Non-EEA nationals should be aware that they must have a valid IRP when travelling back into Ireland, and for visa-required non-EEA nationals, their IRP acts as their re-entry visa.

Details

This notice is for Dublin-resident non-EEA nationals with IRPs that have an upcoming expiry date.

Currently the Dublin-region immigration office is experiencing a high volume of IRP renewal applications, taking three to four weeks to process with a possible further two weeks for new IRP cards to issue by post, resulting in an overall lead-in time of six weeks.

Non-EEA nationals should renew their IRP cards as soon as possible, and no later than 31 October 2023, so that they will receive their renewed IRPs ahead of the Christmas holiday period. Applications should be made online via the ISD online portal.

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IRP holders should be aware that their newly-issued IRPs will have a validity period reflecting their current IRP's expiry date as opposed to being based on any early renewal submitted as a result of this notice.

If employers or individuals have questions regarding IRPs in Ireland, they should consult with their qualified immigration counsel or they can contact a member of the Immigration and Employment Law team with KPMG Law in Ireland (see the Contact Us section).

FOOTNOTE:

1 See Department of Justice, Immigration Service Delivery, "[ISD urges customers intending to travel over the coming Christmas period, whose current permission will expire, to submit a renewal application.](#)"

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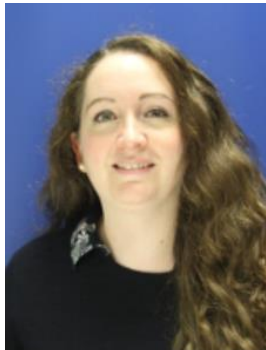
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