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Immigration

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Ireland – Christmas Travel Initiative

Ireland’s Immigration Service Delivery (ISD) has advised customers renewing their Irish Residence Permit (IRP) online to do so as soon as possible and prior to 31 October 2024, ahead of any Christmas travel.¹

WHY THIS MATTERS

The ISD Office in Dublin has published a notice advising non-European Economic Area (non-EEA) nationals with an 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 2024.

Due to high processing times, affected non-European Economic Area (EEA) nationals who do not renew their IRP prior to 31 October 2024, 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

- Generally IRPs can be renewed 12 weeks prior to expiry and this notice is for those individuals with an upcoming renewal before or during any intended international travel over the Christmas holiday period.
- Residents of the following locations can renew their IRP online: Dublin, Kildare, Meath, Wicklow, Cork, and Limerick.
- Currently ISD 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 2024, so that they will receive their renewed IRPs ahead of the Christmas holiday period. Applications should be made online via the ISD online portal.

KPMG INSIGHTS

All IRP holders should make sure they have a valid 'in date' IRP when returning into Ireland. For visa-required nationals in the event they do not have a valid IRP they may be required to apply for an entry visa.

If employers have questions regarding the process and appropriate next steps, they should contact their usual immigration counsel or a member of the Immigration and Employment Law team with KPMG Law in Ireland (see the Contacts section).

FOOTNOTE:

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

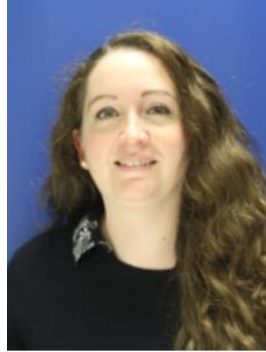
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