

GMS Flash Alert

Immigration

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Ireland – Transfer of Responsibility for Immigration Renewals

Ireland’s Department of Justice has announced the transfer of responsibility for Irish Residence Permit (IRP) renewals.¹

From 4 November 2024, the Garda National Immigration Bureau, responsible for renewal applications for IRPs outside of Dublin, Kildare, Meath, Wicklow, Cork, and Limerick, will transfer its responsibilities to Immigration Service Delivery (ISD).²

WHY THIS MATTERS

The change to immigration renewals will harmonise renewal applications for non-European Economic Area (EEA) national residents in Ireland regardless of where they live in Ireland and should see a significant reduction in waiting times with some regional offices experiencing seven-month wait times for an appointment.

IRP renewal applicants, immigration advisers, and those employers in charge of the immigration and IRP affairs of their non-EEA employees should take note of this change as it will entail a modification to their usual procedures.

ISD has announced that non-EEA nationals with an IRP due to expire on 4 November onwards, can renew their IRP online from 14 October 2024, regardless of their location in Ireland.

Currently, only residents of Dublin, Kildare, Meath, Wicklow, Cork, and Limerick are able to renew their IRPs through an online portal. Residents outside of these areas need to book an appointment at their local Garda Immigration Office for their renewal. This will change on 4 November 2024.

Details

- IRPs are generally required for non-EEA nationals aged 16 years and above resident in Ireland for more than 90 days.
- IRPs can be renewed 12 weeks prior to expiry.
- This notice is for those individuals with an IRP expiry on 4 November 2024 onwards.
- Renewed IRP cards do not have to be collected in person. Once the renewal is submitted online, with all of the appropriate supporting documentation, confirmation of the renewal will be issued by email and the new IRP card will be posted to the applicant. It is essential to provide accurate Irish address details with the Eircode.
- First-time IRP applicants are still required to register in person. If such individuals live outside of Dublin, Kildare, Meath, Wicklow, Cork, or Limerick, they should contact their local Garda Immigration Office for details on how to register.

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Minister McEntee has explained the change around transfer of responsibility in these terms: "... allows Gardaí to focus their time on the more operational and enforcement side of their immigration work, such as investigations and deportations."³

As a reminder, all IRP holders should make sure they have a valid "in date" IRP when returning to Ireland. For visa-required nationals who do not have a valid IRP, they may be required to apply for an entry visa. (For related coverage, see [GMS Flash Alert 2024-194](#), 8 October 2024.)

If employers or employees 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).

FOOTNOTES:

1 Department of Justice, Press Release, "[Minister McEntee announces the full civilianisation of Irish immigration permission renewals](#)" (last updated 14 October 2024).

2 Department of Justice webpage, "[Transfer of all nationwide Renewals to the ISD online portal](#)" (14 October 2024).

At this webpage, users may also find a link to the step-by-step user guide on engaging with ISD services for further information.

3 See footnote 1.

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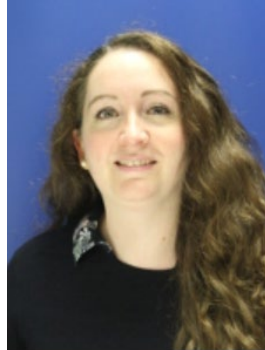
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