

Mobility: Immigration alert

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Ireland

New registration process for residence permit applicants in Meath, Kildare and Wicklow counties

Executive summary

Effective 8 April 2024, Irish residence permit holders based in the counties of Meath, Kildare and Wicklow will be able to complete their first-time registration at the Immigration Service Delivery's (ISD) Burgh Quay Registration Office (ISD Dublin) and file renewal applications online.

Background

Individuals who intend to reside in Ireland for more than 90 days must obtain an Irish Residence Permit (IRP card) by completing their registration process when they commence residing in Ireland. Currently, residence permit holders based in Meath, Kildare and Wicklow must complete this process at their local Garda Station. Similarly, when applying to renew their IRP card, these individuals must present their application in person at their local Garda Station.

Key developments

Effective 8 April 2024, individuals based in Kildare, Meath or Wicklow (in addition to those based in Dublin) who seek to complete their first-time registration will be required to book an appointment with ISD's Burgh Quay Registration Office in Dublin via a dedicated helpline. They will have to be in Ireland and have a valid passport and email ID to book the appointment. Upon booking an appointment, individuals will receive an email with relevant details (e.g., date, time and location; appointment confirmation number; document requirements). For successful applicants, a new Irish Residence Permit (IRP card) will be sent to their residence within 15 days.

In addition, effective 8 April 2024, residence permit holders based in Kildare, Meath or Wicklow who seek to renew their registration will no longer need to visit their local Garda Station in person and will be able to file their renewal application through the ISD's online [portal](#). Individuals must create an account on the portal, upload electronic copies of relevant documents and pay the registration fee (if applicable). For successful applicants, a new IRP card will be sent to their residence within 15 days of their application being processed. If the ISD requires additional information, or if the application is rejected, they will notify the applicant regarding actions that need to be taken. In these cases, the registration fee (if any) will be returned within 10 business days. Renewal applications can be submitted up to 12 weeks prior to the expiry of the current IRP card.

Local GNIB offices/Garda Stations will continue to handle applications for first-time registrations and renewals for applicants living outside the counties of Dublin, Meath, Kildare and Wicklow.

Impact on employers

The change will streamline first time registration and renewal processes for foreign nationals residing in Meath, Kildare and Wicklow. While the waiting time for the first time registration appointment may increase in certain cases, this will not have an impact on Employment Permit holders' right to work in Ireland.

Key steps

EY will continue to monitor these developments. Should you have any questions, we encourage you to contact one of our immigration professionals.

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