

Global Immigration alert

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Ireland

Changes to registration process for residence permit applicants in the counties of Cork and Limerick

Executive summary

Effective 8 July 2024, Irish residence permit holders based in the counties of Cork and Limerick will be required 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 reside in Ireland for more than 90 days must obtain an Irish Residence Permit (IRP card) by completing their registration process following a relocation to Ireland. Currently, residence permit holders based in Cork and Limerick must complete this process at their local Garda (police) 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 July 2024, individuals based in Cork and Limerick (in addition to those based in [Dublin, Kildare, Meath or Wicklow](#)) 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 must do so within 90 days of arrival into Ireland. 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 the required details. For successful applicants, a new Irish Residence Permit (IRP card) will be sent to their residence within 15 days.

In addition (from this date), residence permit holders based in Cork and Limerick 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, they will notify the applicant regarding actions that need to be taken. 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 Cork, Dublin, Kildare, Limerick, Meath, and Wicklow.

Impact on employers

The change will streamline first time registration and renewal processes for foreign nationals residing in Cork and Limerick. 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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