



Global Immigration alert

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Ireland

Changes to renewal process for Irish Residence Permit holders

Executive summary

Effective 14 October 2024, Irish Residence Permit (IRP) holders whose authorization expires on or after 4 November 2024 can renew their permits online.

Key developments

Individuals are no longer required to visit their local Garda Immigration Office in person and can file their renewal application through the Immigration Service Delivery's (ISD) [website](#). To renew their authorization, individuals must create an account on the online portal, upload electronic copies of relevant documents and pay the renewal fee (if applicable). For successful applicants, the ISD will mail the new IRP Cards to the residential address listed in their application within 15 days of approval. If the ISD requires additional information, it will notify the applicant. If the application is rejected, the ISD will refund the renewal fee (if any). IRP Card holders can submit renewal applications up to 12 weeks prior to the expiry of their current Card.

Previously, the online renewal system was available only to IRP holders based in [Cork](#), [Dublin](#), Kildare, Limerick, Meath and Wicklow.

Local Garda Immigration Offices will continue to accept renewal applications from individuals whose IRPs expire before 4 November 2024.

Individuals who seek to obtain IRP Cards for the first time must continue to apply at their local Garda Immigration Office (except for those residing in Cork, Dublin, Kildare, Limerick, Meath and Wicklow, who must attend an appointment at the ISD's primary registration office in Dublin). However, the authorities have announced plans to transfer the first-time application process from local Garda Immigration Offices to the primary registration office in Dublin for all individuals.

Impact on employers

This change is expected to streamline the renewal process for foreign nationals holding Irish residence permits and their employers.

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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