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# Global Immigration alert

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## Ireland

### Government extends Temporary Protection permissions to 4 March 2027

#### Executive summary

On 3 March 2026, the Irish Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration extended all immigration permissions for Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection (BoTPs) until 4 March 2027. The extension applies automatically to individuals residing in Ireland with a Temporary Protection Certificate (yellow paper) valid until 4 March 2026 and provides continuity of status while related registration renewals continue to experience high processing volumes.

#### Background

Ireland implemented the EU Temporary Protection Directive in response to the displacement of individuals fleeing Ukraine. The Irish Immigration Service Delivery (ISD) unit has continued to manage large volumes of Online Temporary Protection Renewal (OTPR) submissions, resulting in extended processing timelines.

The latest measure aims to ensure uninterrupted access to work, services and state supports for BoTPs during ongoing system pressures.

#### Key developments

- The Minister has extended all Temporary Protection permissions to 4 March 2027 for eligible individuals holding a Temporary Protection Certificate valid until 4 March 2026. No application is required to benefit from this extension.
- Expired Temporary Protection Certificates may continue to be used as evidence of entitlements to temporary protection and access to related state services until 4 March 2027.
- Individuals must still renew their Irish Residence Permit (IRP) card, as IRP renewal is not covered by the automatic extension. Renewal continues to be managed through the ISD's online registration system.

- While awaiting renewal decisions, applicants may rely on their Expired Temporary Protection Certificate and email receipt of application confirming submission date and unique OTPR application number as proof of ongoing lawful residence and permission to work.

#### Impact on employers

- Employers may continue to employ those who hold expired Temporary Protection Certificates, as these remain valid until 4 March 2027 under the Minister's extension.
- HR and mobility teams may review expiration dates of employees' IRP cards, as IRP renewal obligations remain unchanged despite the automatic extension of Temporary Protection status.
- Given current processing times of 12-13 weeks, employers may ensure employees retain documentation proving timely submission of renewal applications.
- Employers may plan for potential onboarding and right-to-work verification queries, and may remind affected employees to keep most recent Temporary Protection Certificates (yellow paper) and acknowledgement email confirming IRP renewal application submission.

#### 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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