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Global Immigration alert

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Ireland

Ireland introduces temporary travel measure for IRP renewal applicants

Executive summary

On 13 July 2026, Ireland's Immigration Service Delivery (ISD) announced a temporary initiative to facilitate travel for Irish Residence Permit (IRP) renewal applicants during the summer period. This measure addresses ongoing delays in IRP renewal processing for individuals who submitted renewal applications before their IRP card expired.

Background

In June 2026, the Irish authorities [acknowledged](#) significant delays in IRP renewal processing and announced measures to address the backlog. Processing times for certain categories currently exceed 17 weeks, and following approval, applicants wait an additional two to three weeks to receive their new IRP card.

ISD continues to advise applicants to submit their renewal application as soon as possible, up to 12 weeks before their current IRP card expires.

Key developments

ISD has issued a [Travel Confirmation Notice](#) to enable international travel during the summer period for individuals who are awaiting the issuance of their renewed IRP card. This temporary measure allows impacted individuals to travel using a recently expired IRP card between 13 July 2026 and 31 August 2026, provided their renewal application was submitted before the IRP card's expiry.

The [notice](#) applies from 13 July 2026 to 31 August 2026 only. Eligible individuals should download and print the notice and present it to airline or the immigration authorities when they return to Ireland, along with their expired IRP card and proof of submission of their renewal application, such as an email confirmation showing the date of submission.

Impact on employers

Employers may communicate this development to impacted employees to mitigate delays and business disruptions.

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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