



Mobility: Immigration alert

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Ireland

Temporary travel relaxation for qualifying holders of expired Residence Permits

Executive summary

On 8 December 2023, the Immigration Service Delivery (ISD) announced that the Irish immigration authorities will allow qualifying holders of expired Irish Residence Permits (IRPs) to enter and depart from Ireland between 6 December 2023 and 31 January 2024 (inclusive) using their expired documents. However, these individuals will be subject to the requirements implemented by airlines and immigration authorities of other countries.

Key developments

The ISD introduced this temporary relaxation for non-EU/EEA nationals who hold expired IRPs and submitted applications to renew their permits prior to their expiry. These individuals are currently facing delays in the processing of renewal applications and may be required to wait for up to four weeks after application approval to receive their new IRP. The relaxation is aimed at facilitating international travel for these individuals during the Christmas and New Year period. Individuals who submitted applications to renew their IRPs after their expiry are not eligible for this exemption.

Qualifying individuals must carry a printed copy of the ISD's [travel notice](#), their expired IRP and proof of submission of a renewal application when traveling outside Ireland. Airlines and immigration authorities of other countries may request additional documents and implement other requirements, and travelers will be required to meet all conditions.

Holders of expired IRPs who seek to enter or depart from Ireland after 31 January 2024 must hold appropriate permissions (e.g., visas, valid IRPs). Those who do not meet these requirements may be denied entry into Ireland.

Impact on employers

Employers may inform impacted employees about this temporary relaxation and potential challenges in returning to Ireland if individuals do not comply with the measures announced by the authorities.

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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