



Global Immigration alert

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Ireland

Relaxed travel guidelines for the Christmas holiday period

Executive summary

On 28 November 2024, Ireland's Immigration Service Delivery (ISD) announced that certain holders of Irish Residence Permit (IRP) cards may travel to and from Ireland during the Christmas period using their expired card and other relevant documents.

Key developments

The temporary travel relaxation is valid from 2 December 2024 to 31 January 2025. During this period, non-EEA nationals holding an expired IRP card who have already submitted a renewal application before the expiry of their card and are awaiting a decision as of 2 December 2024 can travel to and from Ireland using their expired card. These individuals must carry their expired IRP card, a receipt of their renewal application and a copy of the [notice](#) on the ISD's website when traveling to or from Ireland during the relaxation period and present them to the border authorities or airline staff if requested.

The Irish authorities are in the process of communicating this relaxation to airlines, Irish consulates and embassies worldwide, and governments of other jurisdictions. However, non-Irish entities (including airlines and other governments) have the discretion to apply their own regulations.

Individuals with expired IRP cards who seek to enter Ireland after 31 January 2025 will require a valid IRP card or re-entry visa to travel back to Ireland.

Impact on employers

Irish employers may support their employees with renewing their documents before the end of the temporary relaxation to mitigate potential 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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