

# Global Immigration alert

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## Ireland

### New visa requirement for nationals of Trinidad and Tobago

#### Executive summary

Effective 12 May 2025, nationals of Trinidad and Tobago must obtain a visa prior to entering Ireland for business, work, study or family visit purposes or to transit through the country.

#### Key developments

The Department of Justice has announced that nationals of Trinidad and Tobago are required to obtain a visa before traveling to Ireland. Transitional arrangements are in place for individuals who made travel arrangements (e.g., booked tickets to Ireland) before 12 May 2025, and have their travel scheduled on or before 31 May 2025. These individuals may be eligible to enter without a visa if they are traveling to Ireland for any of the following purposes and can provide relevant proof:

- Conducting business activities
- Taking up employment in Ireland (provided they hold a valid Irish Employment Permit)
- Attending an undergraduate or postgraduate degree program at an Irish higher education institution
- Attending a significant family event (e.g., birth, wedding, funeral) or visiting a family member who is seriously ill or undergoing medical treatment

Individuals may contact the Department of Justice to obtain an exemption from the visa requirement, by emailing [becoming\\_visarequired@justice.ie](mailto:becoming_visarequired@justice.ie) with the subject line "Visa Required - Emergency Travel Requested."

#### Impact on employers

This development is expected to increase travel time and costs for impacted individuals. Employers may monitor their employees' travel in advance and adapt their internal policies to mitigate business disruptions. Employers may also ensure compliance with this new requirement and support impacted employees with potential costs associated with the visa application.

#### 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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