

Global Immigration alert

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Ireland

Ireland introduces temporary travel measure for IRP renewal applicants

Executive summary

On 2 December 2025, the Irish immigration authorities announced a temporary initiative to facilitate travel during the Christmas period. This measure addresses delays in processing Irish Residence Permit (IRP) renewals for individuals who submitted renewal applications before their IRP card expired.

Background

In October 2025, the Irish authorities [reported](#) significant delays in IRP registration and renewal processes and recommended that individuals planning to travel during the holiday season submit their renewal applications as early as possible.

Key developments

The Immigration Service Delivery (ISD) introduced a Travel Confirmation Notice to enable international travel for individuals who are awaiting the issuance of a renewed IRP card. This initiative allows impacted individuals to travel using a recently expired IRP card, provided the renewal application was submitted before the card expired.

The Travel Confirmation Notice is valid from 8 December 2025 to 31 January 2026. Individuals are required to download and print the notice and present it to airlines 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. As a reminder, IRP cards can take 10 to 15 working days to arrive by mail after the renewal application is approved.

Impact on employers

Employers may communicate this development, and avail of the new travel confirmation notice, 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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