

Global Immigration alert

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Ireland

Extended grace period for Irish Residence Permit renewals

Executive summary

The Irish immigration authorities recently extended the grace period for Irish Residence Permit (IRP) renewals from eight to 12 weeks due to the high volume of renewal applications being submitted.

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 authorities now permit individuals with expired IRPs to maintain their lawful status in Ireland for up to 12 weeks (up from eight weeks previously), provided they can present proof (i.e., acknowledgement email with the application date and online registration number) that they submitted their renewal application before their current card expired.

All renewals are processed online, and applicants are issued a receipt upon successfully submitting their applications. Once the authorities approve renewal applications, they send confirmation emails to applicants. Individuals can use the confirmation email as proof of registration while awaiting delivery of their new IRP card.

Impact on employers

Employers may communicate this development to impacted employees or stakeholders to avoid confusion 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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