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IMMIGRATION TO IRELAND

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SYSTEM OF IMMIGRATION

Foreign citizens who want to enter Ireland, whether short-term, long-term, or permanent, will need to apply for permission from the Irish government to do so. The person may need to fill out forms such as an Irish Residence Permit, Visa Application, or General Employment Permit depending on the reason for going to Ireland.

The applicant may need to obtain an Ireland visa before arriving in Ireland if the person is a citizen of a non-European Economic Area ("EEA") country. There are many kinds of Irish visas the applicant might be eligible for depending on his/her circumstances and the reason for his journey to Ireland.

The person will need a visa, work permit or residence permit in order to visit and/or reside in the country. If the applicant plans to immigrate to Europe for a reasons of work or study – this might be a good option.

The main laws, which regulate immigration to Ireland – are the Immigration Act 2004 and the Aliens Act 1935.





PURPOSE OF IMMIGRATION

Economic prospects: Many people go to Ireland to pursue greater economic opportunities. The nation's strong economy, notably in industries like technology, finance, and pharmaceuticals, draws qualified people looking for work and prospects for career progression.

Education: International students looking for a top-notch education are drawn to Ireland's famous education system, which is comprised of prestigious colleges and institutes. People move to Ireland to enrol in undergraduate, graduate, and research programmes in order to advance their education and increase their expertise.

Family reunification: Another popular reason for migrating to Ireland is family reunion. Irish nationals and legal residents are able to sponsor members of their immediate families, including spouses, kids, and parents, to move to Ireland and live with them.

Asylum or refugee protection: Ireland offers a safe refuge for those escaping persecution, armed conflict, or violations of human rights in their own countries. People may move to Ireland in order to apply for asylum or refugee status, taking advantage of the nation's legal system and duties under international law to provide protection to those in need.



OTHER ROUTES OF IMMIGRATION

Van der Elst Visa: Under European Union legislation, workers of a business registered in another EU member state are permitted to temporarily provide services in Ireland. This method makes it possible for company transfers inside the EU and promotes employee mobility.

Critical skills employment permit: Ireland has a system in place for attracting highly trained people for certain high-demand professions. With this permission, non-EU/EEA citizens with necessary skills can reside and work in Ireland without first needing a job offer.

Working holiday authorisation programme: This program allows young people to fund an extended holiday through temporary work. Only certain nationalities may avail of this program.

Start-up entrepreneur programme: The Start-up Entrepreneur Programme is intended for entrepreneurs from outside the European Economic Area (EEA) who want to establish and run a high-potential start-up company in Ireland. Successful candidates obtain authorization to live in Ireland and grow their business.



TYPES OF VISA

Work visa: One of the most sought-after visas for those intending to work in Ireland is the work visa. This visa enables non-EU/EEA nationals to live and work in Ireland for up to two years with the possibility of an extension. The Work Visa must be supported by a job offer from an Irish company and have a minimum yearly salary of €30,000. Nevertheless, obtaining this visa may be challenging due to the numerous requirements and documentation that must be submitted.

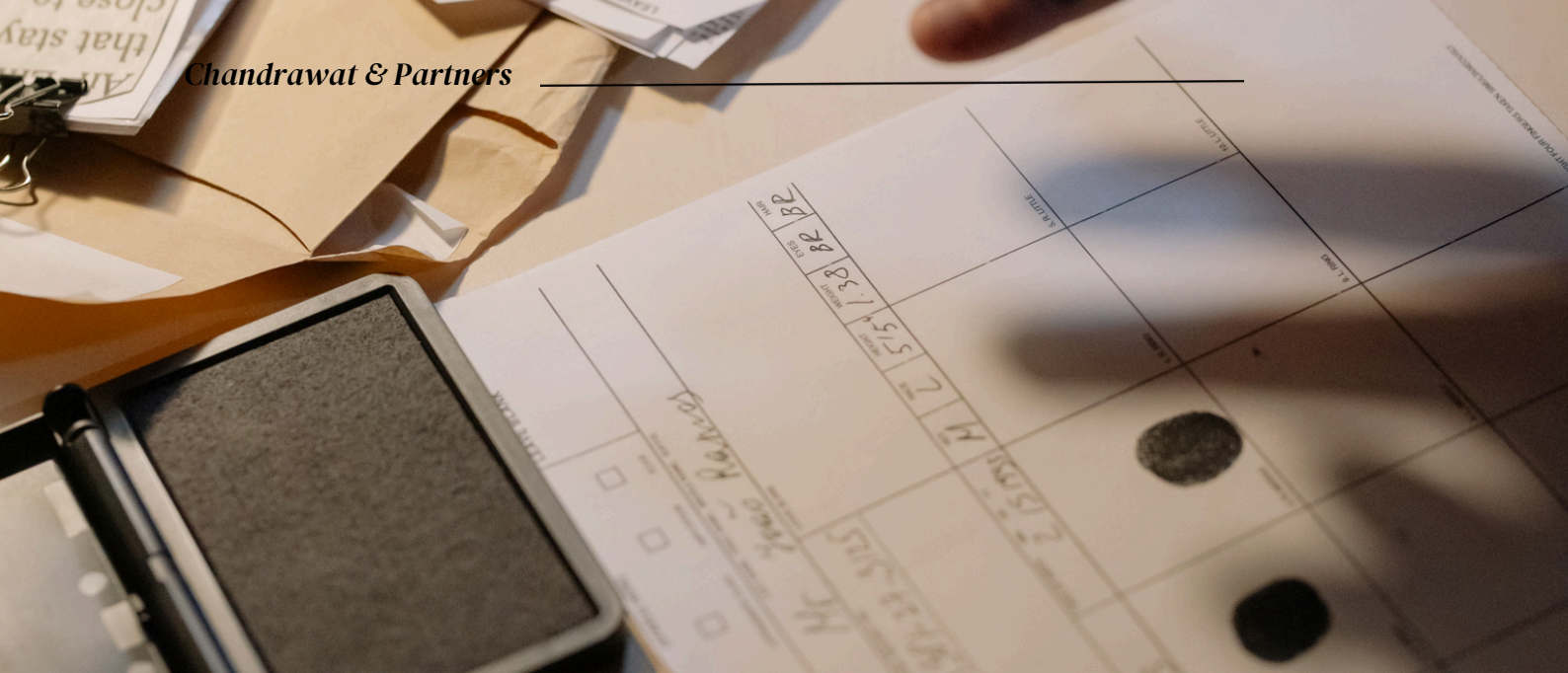
Student visa: A student visa is necessary for anyone who wants to study in Ireland. Many people find the process of getting a student visa to be daunting and unclear. However, the procedure may be streamlined with the right instruction and planning. It is essential to remember that the type of student visa needed depends on how long the applicant plans to study in Ireland. People may apply for a short-stay study visa for programs that are less than three months long. However, if a student wants to enroll in a course that will last more than three months, they must apply for a long-stay study visa.

DOCUMENTS AND LICENSE REQUIRED

When applicant applies for immigration to Ireland, the applicant will be required to submit proof of evidence that the applicant meets the eligibility criteria as a part of the visa application package. Required supporting documents will vary based on the route to immigration he is taking, but typically include the following:

- a current and valid passport;
- previous visas, including rejected visas;
- previous passports;
- two standard size passport photographs;
- an application letter including a written explanation regarding the reason for travel to Ireland;
- application forms confirmation page;
- an itinerary including accommodation details in Ireland;
- detailed information regarding applicant's financial stability, such as bank statements, that show that he will be able to sufficiently support himself and any dependent family members for the duration of his visa and that he will not need to rely on public funds in Ireland;
- proof of significant ties in his home country such as property or family;
- other information that supports reason for travel, such as a bachelor's degree, work permits, acceptance letter, etc;
- proof of travel insurance;
- copy of medical card if applicable; and
- copy of residence card if applicable.





RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

There have been several recent changes in immigration in Ireland, as outlined in the following:

- The Irish Immigration Service Delivery announced that, with effect from April 20, 2023, all new applicants for a certificate of naturalisation are only required to provide a certified colour copy of their passport .
- The Department of Justice has published the actions it will take in 2023 to continue pursuing its strategy of improving Ireland's immigration .
- The Justice Plan 2023 outlines updates to the Irish immigration system, including a simplified process for obtaining an immigration permit.
- From January 16, 2023, all general employment permit applications will be initially screened across a small number of key mandatory criteria to ensure compliance.
- The Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment has been advised by the Department of Justice that it has been made aware of serious concerns in relation to the practices of certain overseas agents, acting on behalf of visa applicants who are seeking general employment in the State. These concerns resulted in a large reduction in the visa approval rate for this cohort .

HOW WE CAN HELP?

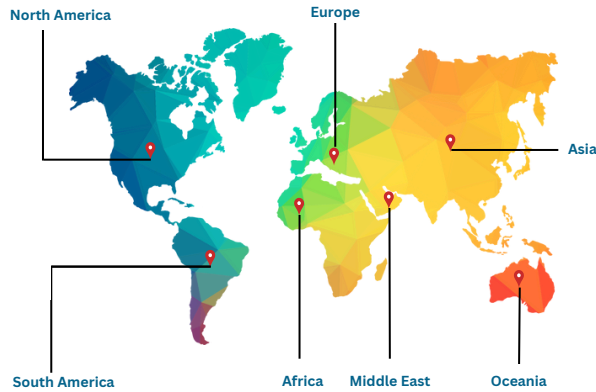
Our team provides full service of immigration law including visa applications, sponsorship applications, interview preparation, appeals process, and general counseling.

Some of the services provided by our professionals are as follows:

- **Initial consultation:** We offer an initial consultation to assess clients' immigration needs and goals. This can involve discussing their eligibility for different immigration programs and identifying the most suitable options for them.
- **Application assistance:** We guide our clients through the application process for visas, permits, and other immigration-related documents.
- **Eligibility evaluation:** Our experts conduct a thorough assessment of clients' qualifications and circumstances to determine their eligibility for specific immigration programs or pathways. This includes evaluating education, work experience, language proficiency, and other relevant factors.
- **Documentation review:** Our team reviews clients' supporting documents to ensure they meet the requirements of the immigration authorities. We provide guidance on obtaining any missing documents or assisting with translations, if necessary.



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