The below aims to provide some important information to non-EEA nationals currently employed by or due to start at Trinity College Dublin.

Every effort has been made to provide the most up to date information, however, please refer to the links below for the latest updates on these arrangements.

**Immigration arrangements by the Department of Justice and Equality (UPDATED)**

- **Yesterday, 15th June 2021**, the Minister for Justice, Heather Humphreys TD has announced the [link to lifting of temporary entry and transit visa restrictions](#) that came into effect on 28 January 2021.
  
  - The lifting of these temporary restrictions will be welcome news for people from **South Africa, Brazil and other South American countries** who need to travel to Ireland for essential reasons
  - The move to lift the visa restrictions comes as the processing of all long-stay visa applications has resumed (as per below). The situation will continue to be reviewed in consultation with the relevant authorities in the coming weeks
  
- Ministers Humphreys and Browne announce changes to priority/emergency visas.
  
  - The following categories have been added to the list of Priority/Emergency cases and resume processing of these categories immediately:
    
    1. **Long-stay Join Family Members** including:
      
      - all Long Stay D Visa join family applications (includes Third country national family members of Irish nationals and persons exercising free movement under the EU Directive), and
      
      - Preclearance applications for: De Facto Partner of an Irish National; De Facto Partner of a Critical Skills Employment Permit Holder, or of a non-EEA Researcher on a Hosting Agreement and non-EEA Family members looking to join a UK National in Ireland.
    
    2. People travelling for business/employment purposes and granted an employment permit by Department of Enterprise Trade and Employment to meet an enterprise’s key business.

- The Minister for Justice, Helen McEntee, T.D., has announced a [further temporary extension](#) of immigration and international protection permissions to 20 September 2021. This applies to permissions that are due to expire between 21 April 2021 and 20 September 2021.

- Renewal (as per above extensions) is on the same basis as the existing permission and the same conditions will continue to apply. Minister McEntee encourages anyone who can renew, particularly Dublin-based customers who can use the online system, to do so and not to wait until September. This further extension will apply to the same 3 primary categories of people as before, whose permissions are due to expire between 21 April 2021 and 20 September 2021:

  1. **Renewal of existing permissions / registrations**

     People who hold a current valid permission, or a permission that has already been extended under the previous notice(s).

  2. **Awaiting first registration**

     People granted permission to land at a port of entry on condition they register at Burgh Quay or their local AGS registration office within 3 months but who have yet to do so.
Short stay visas

People in the country on foot of a short stay visa and who have been granted permission to remain for less than 3 months who may be unable to leave the State and return home due to uncertainties caused by the Coronavirus pandemic.

Level 5 restrictions
Given the announcement by Taoiseach Micheal Martin T.D. that the country will return to Level 5 restrictions on 24 December, the Registration Office in Burgh Quay closed to the public from the 23rd December 2020. First time registrations require the taking of biometrics - fingerprints - and therefore cannot be carried out online. The Public Office will reopen as soon as it is safe to do so and customers who have had appointments cancelled will be prioritised at that time.

Quarantine Requirements
In addition to Government’s requirements, people travelling from or via a state designated as high-risk must also pre-book and pre-pay for a place in a designated facility for mandatory hotel quarantine. Further details on mandatory quarantine and exemptions are available at [gov.ie](http://www.gov.ie/en/)

As of the 20th July 2020, the Immigration Service Delivery (former INIS) has introduced a new online Registration Renewal system for all non-nationals (non-EEA) based in Dublin. This means that anyone looking to renew their registration (Stamp) will no longer have to book an appointment and attend the registration office in person. First time registrations for Dublin residents must still be made by appointment, via [https://burghquayregistrationoffice.inis.gov.ie/](https://burghquayregistrationoffice.inis.gov.ie/)

Applicants for first time registration who had their appointments previously cancelled will be contacted directly by Immigration Service Delivery (ISD) with a new appointment. First-time applicants who did not have an appointment booked, must email [burghquayregoffice@justice.ie](mailto:burghquayregoffice@justice.ie) and request an appointment.

Applicants seeking to renew their permission will now complete the application form online [https://inisonline.jahs.ie](https://inisonline.jahs.ie), upload copies of supporting documents online, pay the applicable fee and then submit their passport and current IRP card via registered post. Documents will be checked and, if approved, the passport will be stamped and returned by registered post and an IRP card issued by express post.

Non-Dublin residents must contact their local Registration Office / Garda Station. Some Registration Offices are re-opening on a phased basis as of today also. A list of these can be found at: [http://www.inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/Pages/registration-updates](http://www.inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/Pages/registration-updates)

As part of the combined efforts to tackle COVID-19 the Registration Office at Burgh Quay has closed from 20 March 2020. All appointments have been cancelled and the online appointment system suspended until further notice.

COVID-19 Contingency Arrangements Employment Permits System

The Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment (DETE) have put in place a Contingency Plan to help address the challenges we face in relation to Employment Permits.

The main points of the Contingency Plan are:

- **Electronic (PDF) copy of Employment Permit will issue by e-mail**
  The usual “hard copy” of Employment Permits will not be issued at this stage. The electronic copy will suffice for travel/visa purposes in the meantime. In time, when the DBEI operations return to normal, hard copies will be issued.

- **Employment Permits Section will facilitate the changing of start dates to applications that have been received but, yet to be processed**
  Where the proposed start date may need to be changed, such change will be facilitated by the DBEI.
Applications for Stamp 4 Letters of Support can be submitted electronically. Non-EEA nationals holding a Critical Skills Employment Permit for at least 20 months must apply for a Letter of Support from the DBEI in order to change their Stamp at the end of their Permit (from Stamp 1 to 4).

Applications for such letter of support may now be made electronically, by filling out the required form and e-mailing it (along with other support documentation) to EPStamp4@dbei.gov.ie

The following links will provide more up-to-date information as the COVID-19 situation develops.

- Latest updates and developments in respect to Employment Permits


Stay safe!