

## **Do I need an entry visa for travel to Ireland ?**

**You do not need a visa to land in Ireland if you are a citizen of one of the countries listed below (includes EEA member states).**

**The members of the EEA are the 27 countries of the European Union (EU), together with Iceland, Norway and Liechtenstein.**

### **Countries whose citizens are not required to be in possession of a valid Irish visa**

Andorra	Guatemala	Poland
Antigua & Barbuda	Guyana	Portugal
Argentina	Honduras	Romania
Australia	Hong Kong (Special Admin. Region) See <a href="#">additional information</a>	Saint Kitts & Nevis
Austria	Hungary	Saint Lucia
Bahamas	Iceland	Saint Vincent & the Grenadines
Barbados	Israel	Samoa
Belgium	Italy	San Marino
Belize	Japan	Seychelles
Bolivia	Kiribati	Singapore
Botswana	Latvia	Slovak Republic
Brazil	Lesotho	Slovenia
Brunei	Liechtenstein	Solomon Islands
Bulgaria	Lithuania	South Africa
Canada	Luxembourg	South Korea
Chile	Macau (Special Admin. Region)	Spain
Costa Rica	Malawi	Swaziland
Croatia	Malaysia	Sweden
Cyprus	Maldives	Switzerland
Czech Republic	Malta	Taiwan
Denmark	Mauritius (until 31/12/2009)	Tonga
Dominica	Mexico	Trinidad & Tobago
El Salvador	Monaco	Tuvalu
Estonia	Nauru	United Kingdom & Colonies
Fiji	Netherlands	United States of America
Finland	New Zealand	Uruguay
France	Nicaragua	Vanuatu
Germany	Norway	Vatican City
Greece	Panama	Venezuela
Grenada	Paraguay	

If you are not a citizen of one of the countries listed above, **you will need a visa** when you travel to Ireland. See "How to apply" below for more information.

If you are coming to Ireland from another EU country as a dependant of an EU national,

and you are not a citizen of the EEA or of one of the countries listed above, you will need a visa when you first travel to Ireland. If you plan to stay for more than 3 months, you should **register with the immigration authorities and apply for a residence card**. If you receive a residence card, you will not need a re-entry visa for travel into Ireland in future.

**You do not need a visa to land in Ireland if:**

You hold a valid travel document issued by one of the following countries in accordance with Article 28 of the Geneva Convention: Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Iceland, Italy, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovak Republic, Spain, Sweden, or Switzerland.

You hold a valid permanent residence card 4 EU FAM issued by the Garda National Immigration Bureau (GNIB) under Regulation 16 of the European Communities (Free Movement of Persons) (No. 2) Regulations 2006 (S.I. No. 656 of 2006) (pdf).

You hold a valid residence card 4 EU FAM issued by the GNIB under Regulation 7 of those Regulations.

**Do I need a transit visa?**

**If you are a citizen of one of the following countries, you will need a valid Irish transit visa when landing in the State:**

**Countries that require an Irish transit visa**

Afghanistan	Lebanon
Albania	Moldova
Cuba	Montenegro
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Nigeria
Eritrea	Serbia
Ethiopia	Somalia
Ghana	Sri Lanka
Iran	Zimbabwe
Iraq	

**Rates**

The standard non-refundable visa application processing fees are:

**Single-journey Visa.....60 Euro**

**Multiple-journey Visa ..... 100 Euro**

**Transit Visa .....25 Euro**

### ***How to apply for Visas***

You must apply for a visa online unless you are resident in Ireland and applying for a re-entry visa - see below. There is information on how to complete an online application in English (pdf) as well as in Arabic (pdf), Chinese (pdf), Russian (pdf), French (pdf), Turkish (pdf) and Urdu (pdf).

You should apply at least 8 weeks before you plan to come to Ireland. Details of what documents you will need and the photographic requirements are on the INIS website.

**Biometric data:** The Irish Government has started collecting biometric data from certain visa applicants. From March 2010 all visa applicants aged 6 years and over residing in Nigeria must provide fingerprints. You can find information about biometric data in this list of frequently asked questions on the INIS website.