

IRISH VISA CHECKLIST - VISIT FAMILY/FRIEND (SPONSORED VISIT)	
LINK: https://www.irishimmigration.ie/coming-to-visit-ireland/how-to-apply-for-a-short-stay-c-visit-tourist-visa/visit-family-friend-visa/	
<p>FOR ALL SHORT STAY 'C' VISAS:</p> <p>All applicants for a short stay 'C' visa must show that they have strong family, social or economic ties to their country of residence to assure the visa officer that the projected stay in Ireland will be temporary, and in accordance with the duration and conditions of the permission granted by the immigration authorities on arrival in Ireland. <u>The maximum stay allowed under a short stay 'C' visa is 90 days.</u></p> <p>Your application may take longer if you have not submitted all necessary supporting documentation. <u>The burden of proof in all cases is on you to satisfy the visa officer.</u> The visa officer considers each application on its merits and may request additional documentation. <u>There is no right to a visa nor is there one set of documents or circumstances of application that will guarantee an approval.</u></p>	
<p>UK SHORT STAY WAIVER PROGRAM: https://www.irishimmigration.ie/coming-to-visit-ireland/short-stay-visa-waiver-programme/</p> <p>UK short stay visit visas are permitted except those issued for: Visitors in transit, Visitors seeking to marry or to enter a civil partnership. Long term visitors to the UK are not allowed. You must have a valid multiple UK short-stay ("C") visa in order to travel to Ireland from the UK under this programme.</p> <p>In order to avail of the programme you must have landed and gained lawful entry to the UK on foot of your current UK visa, prior to undertaking the journey to Ireland. Each distinct period of leave to remain in the UK (up to a maximum of 180 days each time) requires a prior legal entry into the UK before travel to Ireland under the programme, no matter what the duration of the UK visa. This programme is not reciprocal. It does not permit a person who is a visa required national under UK immigration rules to enter the UK on foot of an Irish visa.</p> <p>If you have already been to the UK and then travelled home, but still have time remaining on your UK permission, you can travel directly to Ireland provided the visit is within remaining time on your UK permission. Your journey to Ireland must take place within the dates of your permission to be in the UK. The maximum amount of time you can come to Ireland for under the programme is for 90 days, or the remaining time left on your UK permission, whichever is the least amount of time.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Applicants are advised <u>not to purchase travel tickets until a decision has been issued.</u> Temporary bookings may be made online in lieu, as needed.• Processing time is a <u>MINIMUM PERIOD OF 6 - 8 WEEKS.</u>• Only documents in English will be considered - those not in English should include an official translation into English.• Visa fees are non-refundable.• <u>Documents must be original (except where stated).</u> In cases where applicable documents are unavailable, you may submit a letter of explanation in lieu of the lacking document. Screenshots/pictures of documents will not be accepted.	
<p><i>ARRANGE YOUR DOCUMENTS IN THE ORDER OF THE CHECKLIST. TICK LEFTHAND-SIDE YELLOW BOXES IF LISTED DOCUMENT IS PROVIDED. <u>DO NOT</u> TICK RIGHTHAND BOXES.</i></p>	
	<p><u>SIGNED</u> and <u>DATED</u> print out of visa application summary sheet from www.visas.inis.gov.ie. <i>Forms must be printed in portrait orientation.</i></p>
	<p>2 pcs. identical, smooth texture, color, passport-size photographs (<u>45-50mm HEIGHT</u> and <u>35-38mm WIDTH</u>), <u>taken within recent 3 months</u>, with <u>white</u> background. <i>Please refrain from wearing glasses, jewelry, heavy makeup, and/or head coverings in photos. Hair must be neat, and kept away from face (e.g. no bangs covering forehead). Photos must have no background shadows/glare, or "red eye". Applicants should have a neutral expression (close-mouthed) and must look front and center at the camera.</i></p>
	<p>ORIGINAL PASSPORT - <u>SIGNED</u>. Complete clear copy of front/bio page, and all stamped pages showing travel history. Pictures/screenshots will not be accepted. ***Note: <i>Non-Filipino passport holders must show evidence of long stay permission for the Philippines, i.e. visa & ACR with permission to stay for at least 3 months upon return from Ireland.</i></p>
	<p>ORIGINAL PREVIOUS PASSPORT/S. Complete clear copy of front/bio page, and all stamped pages showing travel history. Pictures/screenshots will not be accepted. ***Note: <i>Lost passports must be declared with an affidavit of loss.</i></p>
	<p>ORIGINAL BIRTH <u>AND</u> MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE (IF APPLICABLE). You should provide: your family status (married, co-habiting, separated, divorced, widowed), and declare any and all dependents (spouse, minor children, elderly parents). If you have family and they are not coming to Ireland with you, their ORIGINAL BIRTH CERTIFICATES <u>AND/OR</u> MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE should be submitted. ***Note: <i>Birth, marriage, and death certificates registered in the Philippines must be issued by either PSA or NSO.</i></p>
	<p>APPLICATION LETTER - A <u>SIGNED</u> and <u>DATED</u> undertaking stating your full name, contact details, address, the purpose of your visit to Ireland. If applicable, list the names, address, relation to, and passport front pages of family members residing in Ireland/EU member state. <u>UNDERTAKING:</u> Please state that you will observe the conditions of your visa, that you will not become a burden on the State, and that you will leave the State before the expiration of your permission to remain.</p>
	<p>ORIGINAL IRISH VISA REFUSAL LETTER - <u>IF ISSUED WITH A PREVIOUS REFUSAL</u>. We must refuse your application for an Irish visa if you do not include information about past visa refusals, Irish or otherwise. The original letter issued to you by the authorities of that country must be provided with your application. Not disclosing any previous visa refusals will result in your application being refused. In addition if you have: been deported from any country, been refused entry to any country, been otherwise required to leave any country (including overstaying in any country). Please provide original documentation issued by the authorities of that country with your application and a full explanation for consideration.</p>

	TRAVEL PLAN – WHERE APPLICABLE. Cruise or land tour bookings showing name, travel dates, itinerary, whether deposits have been paid AND/OR a SIGNED and DATED letter that describes your travel plan if you intend to: travel to Ireland directly from a country that is not your home country, or travel from Ireland directly to a different country. The letter should state if you need visas for those countries (or not). If relevant, apply for those countries’ visas before you apply for an Irish visa. Your application for an Irish visa may be refused if your passport does not contain the expected visas. If you do not get the expected visas before you apply for an Irish visa, please explain why in your letter.	
	FLIGHT BOOKINGS AND ACCOMMODATION PLAN - WHERE APPLICABLE. Printed reservation confirmations (emails or letters) of your accommodation e.g. Hotels, guesthouses, hostels, B&Bs, AirBnBs, campsites. Reservation confirmations must show the dates you intend to stay at each place.	
	TRAVEL INSURANCE. Minimum coverage of €30,000; ensure it covers Ireland for the duration of your stay.	
<p>**NOTE: All documents submitted from a business, company or other organisation must be on official headed paper so they can be verified, and show the organisation’s: full name, full postal address, telephone number (fixed line – not mobile/cell phone), website address, email address (yahoo and hotmail email addresses not accepted), contact person’s name and title/position, written signature of authorised representative.**</p>		
	EVIDENCE OF FUNDS. Bank certificate (name, address, account number, account type, date opened, ADB, available funds, and confirmation you may withdraw from a savings/deposit account - where applicable) AND recent 6 months bank statements or passbook. Irregular lump sum deposits must be explained in a SIGNED and DATED letter of explanation. You may use a printed internet statement but it must be officially certified by your bank. We will not accept uncertified internet statements. Pictures/screenshots will not be accepted. Credit card statements are not accepted as evidence of finances.	
	EVIDENCE OF BUSINESS - WHERE APPLICABLE. You should provide: a description of your business and the products or services you provide e.g. copy of Business Registration, Mayor's Permit, SEC; most recent financial accounts, recent tax return e.g. ITR, the date you will return to your business at home.	
	CERTIFICATE OF EMPLOYMENT - WHERE APPLICABLE. You should provide: certificate of employment from your employer confirming how long they have employed you, approved dates of leave of absence, the date you will be returning to work, 3 months recent payslips, and ITR/tax document.	
	CERTIFICATE OF ENROLLMENT - WHERE APPLICABLE. If you are a student at home, you should provide a letter from your school or college that states: the course you are studying, how many years you have been a student there, how many years or semesters you have left there, that your school or college expects you return to your studies after your visit to Ireland.	
	EVIDENCE OF RESIDENCE. COPY of property title deed or lease/tenancy agreement or SIGNED and DATED statement as living with family. ***Note: Family members must provide copies of valid ID with signature.	
	INVITATION LETTER FROM SPONSOR. A SIGNED and DATED undertaking from friend(s) AND/OR family indicating their names, full address, the reason they are inviting you to Ireland, the dates they plan to see you in Ireland, a description of how they know you, if they are inviting you to stay in their home, and confirmation if they are paying in full or part for your visit, e.g. a cost estimate and a description of what they will pay for. You should get a separate letter from each friend/family member you are visiting who has a different home address. A single letter for friends/family who live at the same address is acceptable. UNDERTAKING: They should state that you will observe the conditions of your visa, that you will not become a burden on the State, and that you will leave the State before the expiration of your permission to remain. THIRD PARTY SPONSOR: If someone else who is not the sponsor in Ireland is helping to pay for your visit, you must include the third party’s: SIGNED and DATED letter of support, full name and address, telephone number, email address (if available), proof of the relationship between you and the third party, and front page copy of their current passport.	
	FOR MINORS/CHILDREN UNDER 18: SIGNED and DATED letter of parental travel consent from parents clearly indicating who is traveling with the child. Both parents should provide consent and valid government IDs with signature. If either parent is unable to provide consent, legal proof of an affidavit of sole guardianship must be provided. In the case of a child from a previous marriage or relationship, please provide evidence that you have been given full custody and access rights to the child, e.g. a court order.	
	PROOF OF RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN NON-PAYING SPONSOR AND APPLICANT. Original birth AND/OR marriage certificate/s to show relation between spouses/siblings/parents/children/distant familial relations. Pictures of face-to-face contact, messaging history, passport stamps/previous flight bookings for past travels together may also be submitted. ***Note: Birth, marriage, and death certificates registered in the Philippines must be issued by either PSA or NSO.	
	COPY OF SPONSOR'S PASSPORT - SIGNED. Complete clear copy of front/bio page, and all stamped pages showing travel history. Pictures/screenshots will not be accepted.	
	FOR NON-EU/EEA/SWISS SPONSORS: a clear legible colour photocopy of their current valid Irish Residence Permit, and a clear legible colour photocopy of the current valid immigration permission stamp in their passport. Pictures/screenshots will not be accepted.	
	IF SPONSOR IS EMPLOYED: Certificate of employment issued within last 3 months, 6 months recent bank statements, 3 months recent payslips, most recent tax document (e.g. ASC60, Employment Detail Summary). Credit cards are not accepted as evidence of finances.	

	IF SPONSOR IS INVOLUNTARILY UNEMPLOYED: Submit either one of the following: (1) letter from Department of Social Protection with details of benefit claims, (2) a letter from Employment Services Office acknowledging registration as a jobseeker, (3) a letter from previous employer outlining circumstances of end of employment, or (4) summary of employment details for prior two years of employment and P45 from last employment.	
	IF SPONSOR IS STUDYING: Letter from college/course provider including course description, start date and completion date, evidence of Private Medical Insurance (for sponsor and applicant), and bank statements and/or other evidence of financial resources.	
	IF SPONSOR IS SELF-EMPLOYED/OWNS A BUSINESS: Agreed Tax Assessment from the Revenue Commissioners for the previous financial year (if applicable) or Letter of Registration for self-assessment (Income Tax) from the Revenue Commissioners, e.g. business' 6 months recent bank statements, other financial resources.	
	SPONSOR'S PROOF OF ADDRESS. COPY of property title deed, lease/tenancy agreement, electricity, gas, telephone, or TV utility bill issued within last 6 months, SIGNED and DATED letter from landlord, or SIGNED and DATED statement as living with family. <i>***Note: Landlord/family members must provide copies of valid ID with signature.</i>	
<p>I, the applicant, confirm that this checklist has been completed and all relevant documents have been submitted. I understand that a decision will be made based on these documents. I confirm that I have ordered the documents in my application according to the list below.</p> <p><i>***Please note: This checklist is intended as a guide only. It is not exhaustive and additional documents may be required. Failure to confirm documents in correct order will result in delays in processing your application.***</i></p> <p>APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE:</p>		
<p>*****FOR VFS COUNTER STAFF*****</p> <p>DO NOT WRITE ANYTHING BEYOND THIS POINT.</p>		
REMARKS:		