



Here at Charleville Castle, we embrace culture and really enjoy having an international pool of friends where we can celebrate each others cultures and learn from each other.

If you are considering coming to volunteer in Charleville Castle and you are coming from a country outside the EU, there may be some Visa requirements.

Please take the time to look below to see what might be required.



## Visa requirements for entering Ireland

### Information

People from certain countries need a valid Irish entry visa before arriving in the State, whether by air, sea or land. An Irish visa is a certificate placed on your passport or travel document to indicate that you are [authorised to land in the State](#) subject to any other conditions of landing being fulfilled. This means that you will still be subject to immigration control at the point of entry to the State even if you have a visa. You may also need to [register with the immigration authorities](#)

People from a small number of countries also need a transit visa when arriving in Ireland on their way to another country - see below. A transit visa does not permit you to leave the port or

airport.

The list of countries whose citizens do not require a visa to enter Ireland is defined in the [Immigration Act 2004 \(Visas\) Order 2011 \(SI 146 of 2011\)](#)

**Visa Waiver Programme:** A new [holiday and other short-stay Visa Waiver Programme \(pdf\)](#) has been set up for 16 countries whose nationals currently require a visa to visit Ireland. This Programme which started on 1 July 2011 allows nationals of countries such as India, China and the Russian Federation, who have a short-term UK visa to come to Ireland without the need for a separate Irish visa. The Programme will end on 31 October 2016 and, since 1 November 2012, nationals of Bosnia and Herzegovina are included in the scheme.

**Do I need an entry visa?**

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

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	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.

### Who else can land in Ireland without a visa?

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 either a valid residence card 4 EU FAM or a valid permanent residence card 4 EU FAM issued by the [Garda National Immigration Bureau](#) under the [European Communities \(Free Movement of Persons\) \(No. 2\) Regulations 2006 \(SI 656 of 2006\)](#).
- You are a family member of an EU citizen and you hold a document called "Residence card of a family member of a Union citizen" as referred to in article 10 of [Directive 2004/38/EC \(pdf\)](#).

## 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	Iraq
Albania	Lebanon
Cuba	Moldova
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Niger
Eritrea	Somalia
Ethiopia	Sri Lanka
Ghana	Zimbabwe
Iran	

## Do I need a re-entry visa?

The first visa issued to you is valid for a single entry to the State. If you wish to leave the State for a short period of time you must [apply for a re-entry visa](#). This includes travel to Northern Ireland when you will need a re-entry visa to re-enter the State. Before you can get a re-entry visa you must be registered with the Garda National Immigration Bureau (GNIB).

If you apply for a **single-journey visa**, this will only be valid for one entry to the State within 90 days from the date of issue. If you apply for a [multi-entry visa](#) it will be valid from the date of issue until the expiry date on your GNIB card, or the expiry date of your passport, whichever is earliest. This will allow you to leave and re-enter the State any number of times while your visa is valid.

## Where can I get more information?

There is more information on the [different types of visas](#) as well as on [employment permits](#), [tourist visas](#)

, [business visas](#)

and

[student visas](#).

Detailed information on the application procedures is available on the [website of the Irish Naturalisation and Immigration Service \(INIS\)](#)

- see 'How to apply' below. It is advisable to consult this website before applying for your visa, to make sure that you have the most up-to-date information.

[There are also lists of frequently asked questions about visas.](#)

## Rates

The standard non-refundable visa application processing fees are:

Single-journey visa	€60
Multiple-journey visa	€100
Transit visa	€25

There may also be communications charges in some cases. Information about these charges, and on the fee in your local currency, is available from your local Irish embassy or consulate.

### Who does not pay the fee?

Some applicants are not required to pay a fee. This includes visa-required spouses and certain family members of EEA citizens (including Irish nationals) provided that proof of the relationship is provided with the application. In addition, applicants from some countries are not required to pay a fee. As this changes from time to time, you should check with your local Irish embassy or consulate, or with the Visa Office - see 'Where to apply'.

It was [announced on 12 March 2012 as part of the Short-stay Visa Waiver Programme](#) that nationals of the countries covered by the Programme who are long-term legal residents of the UK or the Schengen area will not have to pay the visa fee. This waiver is to be reviewed after 6 months.

### How to apply 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 \(pdf\)](#) a

s 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.

**Appeals:** If you are refused a visa [you can appeal the decision](#) by writing to the Visa Appeals Officer at the INIS Visa Section - see 'Where to apply' below.

**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.](#)

### Re-entry visas

Before making any travel arrangements you must apply to the Visa Office of INIS using the [re-entry visa application form \(pdf\)](#)

### Where to apply

[Irish embassies and consulates](#)

### Visa Office

Department of Justice and Equality  
Irish Naturalisation and Immigration Service  
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Dublin 2  
Ireland

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