



Global Immigration alert

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Ireland

Ireland extends temporary protection status for Ukrainian refugees until March 2026

Executive summary

Ireland recently announced that it will extend the temporary protection status for qualifying Ukrainian nationals and residents under the Temporary Protection Directive (TPD) until 4 March 2026.

Background

Ukrainian citizens and residents (and eligible family members) who fled Ukraine after 24 February 2022 may be eligible to receive various rights in an EU country that has adopted the TPD, including the right to work and reside in Ireland. The TPD was initially in effect until 4 March 2023 and then extended annually until 4 March 2025.

Key developments

Qualifying individuals whose temporary protection status is due to expire on 4 March 2025 will be able to apply to renew their permission and Irish Residence Permit Card via an upcoming online system. The Irish authorities are expected to announce the launch date of this new system in February 2025.

Impact on employers

Impacted individuals will be able to continue working in Ireland until March 2026. Among other things, this is expected to minimize business disruptions related to employees losing their status.

Key steps

EY will continue to monitor these developments. Should you have any questions, we encourage you to contact one of our immigration professionals.



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