



Global Immigration alert

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Ireland

First-time immigration registration to be completed in Dublin

Executive summary

Effective 13 January 2025, all first-time immigration registration services are being handled by Ireland's Immigration Service Delivery (ISD) at its Dublin office, instead of local offices of the An Garda Síochána (Ireland's police force).

Background

Individuals who reside in Ireland for more than 90 days must complete a registration process following their relocation to the country. Until 12 January 2025, the Garda National Immigration Bureau ([GNIB](#)), a unit of the An Garda Síochána, was handling the first-time registration process for individuals residing outside Cork, Dublin, Kildare, Limerick, Meath or Wicklow (for individuals residing in these counties, it was being handled by the ISD).

Key developments

Effective 13 January 2025, all individuals must complete their first-time immigration registration in person at the ISD's Burgh Quay Registration Office in Dublin, and they can no longer do so at a local GNIB office. Those who already have an appointment scheduled with a local GNIB office on or before 31 January 2025 can proceed with this appointment and do not need to coordinate with the Burgh Quay Office. If they seek to complete their first-time registration in Dublin, they must cancel their current appointment with the GNIB office and secure an appointment online with the Dublin office through its Digital

Contact Centre. Renewal registration services for all individuals will continue to be completed online.

Minister for Justice Helen McEntee TD, who announced the upcoming change on 9 January 2025, said the transfer of first-time immigration registration services to the ISD will release Garda resources and enable them to "focus more on enforcement and operational matters, such as deportations and investigations." This transfer is the final step in the full civilianization of administrative immigration functions.

Impact on employers

This change will provide employers greater certainty regarding the availability of appointments for individuals who need to register. As the registration process will require individuals to travel to Dublin, it is also expected to lead to additional time and costs for employees, particularly for those who do not reside near the city.

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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