



**Ambasáid na hÉireann
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BUSINESS VISA

Documentation required when applying for a short stay business visa for travel to Ireland.

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL DOCUMENTS LISTED BELOW MUST BE INCLUDED WITH THE APPLICATION AS INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. If you do not submit the required documentation, your application may be refused on the basis of insufficient documentation.

All documents listed must be ORIGINAL. (You should also provide copies of original documents you want returned).

All documents (except for your bank statements and payslips) must be in ENGLISH or accompanied by a translation. Bank statements must be originals or stamped by the bank.

	Documents required
1.	Application form completed in full, signed and dated by you, the applicant.
2.	Your original passport or a full copy of your passport (all pages), valid for 6 months after your date of departure from Ireland.
3.	Two recent <u>colour</u> passport size photos (with a white background). Not more than 6 months old. Photo guidelines on the INIS website . Your name signed and visa application reference number must be printed clearly on the back.
4.	Original Belgian residence card or a certified copy, valid for at least 3 months after your date of departure from Ireland. If your residence card is due to expire less than three months after your return from Ireland, please include a letter from the issuing authority confirming that your residence card will be extended.
5.	Processing fee. (details of fee exemptions can be found on our website in the 'Fees' tab) No credit/debit cards accepted. Note: For postal applications, a fee of 10€ for return of your passport and documents by registered post must be included.
6.	<u>A signed and dated letter of application including your full contact details:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Outlining the reason for visiting Ireland,• Dates of travel to and from Ireland,• Providing details of where you intend to stay while in Ireland, including dates you will stay at each place.• Stating that the cost of trip is being covered by yourself, or details of the company funding the costs of the trip,• Undertaking 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 on the expiry of your permission to remain.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you intend travelling to or from Ireland via a different country, and visas are required or not for these countries.
7.	<p><u>An original up to date signed letter on official headed paper from your employer</u> confirming how long you have been employed there, that you are undertaking this business trip on the company's behalf, the purpose of the trip, dates of the trip and outlining who is responsible for the costs of the trip (travel, accommodation, expenses etc.) and listing everything they will pay for.</p> <p><i>Note: The letter should be dated within the 4 week period immediately prior to your date of application. If a number of trips are required/envisaged, this must be clearly stated in the letter. No electronic signature on the original letter.</i></p>
8.	<p><u>An original invitation letter, signed letter on official headed paper from a host in Ireland</u> (customer, supplier or company/organisation) including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The reason they are inviting you to Ireland The dates they plan you to meet with them A statement by your host indicating if they will pay for "all/ some/ or none" of the costs of your visit. If "all or some", the letter must include an estimate of what the host will pay (for e.g., airlines tickets, accommodation, etc.). <p>If you have been invited by and intent to work/meet with more than one host, you must obtain a separate letter of invitation from each.</p> <p><i>Note: The letter should be dated within the 4 week period immediately prior to your date of application. If a number of trips are required/envisaged, this must be clearly stated in the letter. No electronic signature on the original letter.</i></p>
9.	<p><u>Accommodation plan:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hotel/ hostel reservation confirmation (may be by email) Or if staying with a host, a supporting letter from the host confirming the accommodation details (host's full name, address in Ireland, dates of stay) and that you are able to stay with them. Including copy of the host's passport and Garda card if non EU citizen, and proof that they live at that address, utility bill from within 6 months (electricity or gas, fixed line telephone, TV, broadband). <p>Reservations confirmations must show the dates you intend to stay at each place.</p>
10.	<p><u>If you are responsible for the costs of your own business trip</u>, you must provide an up-to-date bank statement for the 6 month period prior to your travel. Bank Statements should include the most recent transactions for the account up to the date of your application and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> must be <u>original or stamped</u> by the bank if printed from the internet must show your name and current address and must show a positive credit balance. Any large lodgement must be explained. If you submit a bank statement from a savings/deposit account, you must include an original letter from your bank (on headed paper) confirming you can withdraw money from it.

	<p>If a third party (full contact details required) is covering your costs, you must show how you are linked/known to this person. You must include 6 months bank statements for the third party and yourself.</p> <p>There is no set amount of funds that will result in the approval or refusal of an application. The Visa Officer will decide whether you have enough funds based on your individual circumstances.</p>
11.	<p><u>Proof you will return to Belgium:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 most recent original payslips • If you have family in Belgium, you must prove that you will return to them: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Description of your family status (married, co-habiting, divorced, separated, etc.), and any children or dependents (elderly parents). 2. If you are married and your spouse is not coming to Ireland with you, you should include your original marriage certificate 3. If you have children aged under 18 and they are not travelling with you, you should include their original birth certificates • Evidence of any property you own/rent: title deed/ rental agreement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If you do not have a rent contract in your own name, please submit a “composition of household” certificate issued by your local town hall, dated within the last 4 weeks.
12.	<p>Details of any previous applications you have made for Irish visas including refusals.</p> <p>If you have been refused a visa for any other country details of this should be submitted. The original letter issued to you by the authorities of that country must be provided with your application.</p> <p>Your application for an Irish visa will be refused if you do not include information about past visa refusals.</p>
13.	<p><u>Travel/ medical insurance:</u> (not the European Health Insurance Card)</p> <p>If your application for a visa is approved, you must get travel/medical insurance before you travel. You may not be allowed to enter Ireland without it.</p> <p>In some cases, you may be asked to submit proof that you have insurance before a visa is granted.</p>
Note	<p>The Visa Officer reserves the right to request additional documentation, if required, in support of your application. The provision of all of the documentation listed in no way guarantees that a visa will be granted.</p> <p>Photographs of documents cannot be accepted.</p>

This document is intended as an assistance document for applicants for an Irish Business Visa. It covers most types of applications but may not cover all scenarios. Further information on applying for a Business Visa can be found on the [INIS website](https://inis.gov.ie) and on the Embassy of Ireland website visa section.

Our opening hours can be found on www.dfa.ie/Belgium