



Please note that Ireland is **not** in the Schengen Area. A **Schengen visa** or Belgian residence card (**titre de sejour/ verblijfstitel / aufenthaltstitel**) does not entitle you to travel to Ireland without a visa.

You do not need an Irish visa to travel to Ireland if:

- you have a valid [Irish Residence Permit](#), or
- you have a Travel Document which was issued by Ireland, or
- you have a document called “Residence card of a family member of a Union citizen” issued, by any country, under Article 10 of Directive 2004/38/EC (the “Free Movement Directive”). Please contact the authority who issued the document for advice if the document you have comes within the definition of the Directive, as implemented by that particular Member State.

For all other situations, regardless of where you live, or the nationality of your family member, your needing an Irish Visa or Preclearance is based on:

- your nationality; or
- the country which issued your Travel Document (if you are a refugee).

As of 12 noon on 19 July 2022, Ireland is temporarily suspending operation of the European Agreement on the Abolition of Visas for Refugees. As of that date, holders of 1951 travel documents are required to be in possession of an Irish entry visa before travelling to the border. Full details are available [here](#). **This means holders of the [1951 Convention Travel Document issued by Belgium](#) now require a visa for Ireland.**

You will not need a visa if you hold a 1954 Convention Travel Document issued by Ireland. All other 1954 Convention Travel Document holders will, unless otherwise exempt (see exemptions above), need a visa.

Visa & Non-Visa Required Nationalities

Visa Required Nationalities	Non-Visa Required Nationalities
Afghanistan	Andorra
Albania	Antigua and Barbuda
Algeria	Argentina
Angola	Australia
Armenia	Austria
Azerbaijan	Bahamas
Bahrain	Barbados
Bangladesh	Belgium

Belarus	Belize
Benin	Botswana
Bhutan	Brazil
Bolivia	Brunei Darussalam
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Bulgaria
Burkina Faso	Canada
Burundi	Chile
Cambodia	Costa Rica
Cameroon	Croatia
Cape Verde	Czech Republic
Central African Republic	Denmark
Chad	Dominica
Colombia	El Salvador
Comoros	Estonia
Congo (Brazzaville)	Eswatini
Congo (Democratic Republic of)	Fiji
Cote D'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)	Finland
Cuba	France
Djibouti	Germany
Dominican Republic	Great Britain (UK) - Dependent Citizen
Ecuador	Great Britain (UK) - National (overseas)
Egypt	Great Britain (UK) - Overseas citizen
Equatorial Guinea	Great Britain (UK) – Subject
Eritrea	Greece
Ethiopia	Grenada
Faroe Islands	Guatemala
Gabon	Guyana

Gambia	Honduras
Georgia	Hong Kong (SAR)
Ghana	Hungary
Great Britain (UK) - Protected Person	Iceland
Guinea	Ireland
Guinea-Bissau	Israel
Haiti	Italy
Hong Kong (SAR) Document of Identity)	Japan
India	Kiribati
Indonesia	Korea (South)
Iran	Latvia
Iraq	Lesotho
Jamaica	Liechtenstein
Jordan	Lithuania
Kazakhstan	Luxembourg
Kenya	Macau (SAR)
Korea (North)	Malaysia
Kosovo	Maldives
Kuwait	Malta
Kyrgyzstan	Mexico
Laos	Monaco
Lebanon	Nauru
Liberia	Netherlands
Libya**	New Zealand
Madagascar	Nicaragua
Malawi	Norway
Mali	Panama
Marshall Islands	Paraguay
Mauritania	Poland

Mauritius	Portugal
Micronesia	Republic of Cyprus
Moldova	Romania
Mongolia	Saint Kitts and Nevis
Montenegro	Saint Lucia
Morocco	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Mozambique	Samoa
Myanmar	San Marino
Namibia	Seychelles
Nepal	Singapore
Niger	Slovakia
Nigeria	Slovenia
North Macedonia, Republic of	Solomon Islands
Oman	South Africa
Pakistan	Spain
Palau	St Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha
Palestinian National Authority	Sweden
Papua New Guinea	Switzerland
People's Republic of China	Taiwan Province of China
Peru	Tonga
Philippines	Trinidad and Tobago
Qatar	Tuvalu
Refugee or Stateless*	Ukraine
Russian Federation	United Arab Emirates
Rwanda	United States of America
Sao Tome and Principe	Uruguay
Saudi Arabia	Vanuatu

Senegal	Vatican City (Holy See)
Serbia	
Sierra Leone	
Somalia	
South Sudan	
Sri Lanka	
Sudan	
Suriname	
Syrian Arab Republic	
Tajikistan	
Thailand	
Timor-Leste	
Togo	
Tunisia	
Turkey	
Turkmenistan	
Uganda	
Tanzania	
Uzbekistan	
Venezuela	
Vietnam	
Yemen	
Zambia	
Zimbabwe	

**** Notice | Irish Visa Applications from Libyan nationals**

Certain restrictions on consideration of Irish visa applications from Libyan nationals have been in place since August, 2014. Following review, the categories of applicants who may now (May 2018) be considered for visa processing has been extended.

Details are as follows:

1. Beef Industry – applications will be accepted only from persons with a previous good travel history to Ireland, the United Kingdom, or Schengen countries and known to and sponsored by An Bord Bia

and/or the Department of Agriculture and Food. Evidence of sponsorship must be provided with the application.

2. Oil Industry – full details of travel arrangements out and back into Libya should be provided with the application. These applications will be subject to stringent security checks. Consideration of visa applications for accompanying family members remains suspended.
3. Air Industry – consideration of visa applications for the purpose of training in the air industry remains suspended.
4. Study/Training – applications for the purpose of all forms of study or training continue to be subject to the existing suspension of consideration of applications.
5. Visa applications will be considered from immediate family members (spouse or partner, parents, and dependent children) of:
 - Irish citizens;
 - EU Citizens; or
 - long term Irish residents (those who are living in Ireland for at least five years on Stamp 1 or Stamp 4).
6. Visa applications from visitors of Libyan nationality who are long-term resident of EU Member States or other countries and have good and recent UK, EU, Australian, New Zealand, Canadian or US travel history will be considered; and
7. Visa applications supported by Irish Government Departments and State Agencies will also be considered. Evidence of sponsorship must be provided with the application.

Note:

This document is intended as an assistance document for applicants for an Irish visa resident in Belgium. We make every effort to ensure this information is accurate and up-to-date, but you shouldn't regard it as definitive or comprehensive in all respects. Further information is available from [Immigration Service Delivery](#) (ISD). ISD at the Department of Justice is responsible for Irish immigration and visa policy.

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