



# Ireland Working Holiday 2022



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## *Guidance for Chilean Nationals*

September, 2022

Santiago Application Centre

Av. Vitacura 2909, of 204, Santiago, Las Condes, Chile  
Santiago, Chile

[IRISHWHCHILE@VFSGLOBAL.COM](mailto:IRISHWHCHILE@VFSGLOBAL.COM)

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The second round of the Working Holiday Programme 2022 will open on the **22nd September 2022 at 9am**. **The second round** has a limit of **100** applicants and only the applicants who email their application after **9am** on the **22nd September** will be considered.

The **Ireland-Chile Working Holiday Agreement** allows up to **200** young Chilean applicants (aged between 18 and 32) annually to take extended holidays in Ireland for up to a year, and to take employment as an incidental aspect of this stay. The aim of the scheme is to introduce young Chileans to the people, culture and landscape of Ireland and to allow them to work and study English or Irish there. Participants will have one year from date of issue of the authorization to enter Ireland. A similar scheme operates from Ireland to Chile.

Due to the fact that the programme has been closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there will be 200 vacancies on the programme (in two rounds of 100) on an exceptional basis in 2022. The age limit for the 2022 programme has also been raised to 32 on a one-off basis.

You must follow the below procedures in order to submit your application to a working holiday authorisation:

**1**

**Email us your application to the WHA 2022:** There are 100 vacancies available for Chileans to participate in 2 rounds for this programme. The 2nd round will be launched for the WHA 2022 program at **9am on the 22nd September 2022**

In order to ensure all people are given a fair and organized treatment you must send us **one** email saying that you are interested in participating to [IRISHWHCHILE@VFSGLOBAL.COM](mailto:IRISHWHCHILE@VFSGLOBAL.COM) The first 100 emails received will be assigned an appointment to apply for the Working Holiday Programme.

**2**

**Attend to the assigned appointment date and time:** we will allocate an appointment date and time for your to submit your WH authorization application in our Application Centre. Please save the date/time designated for you.

**3**

**Return of the decision envelope:** The decision envelope with the authorization letter will be returned to you by a secured courier from Vfs Office. \* Due to COVID-19 in person collection of decision envelopes at the Application Center is suspended until further notice.

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Below are the list of documents you must present in order to apply for your WH authorization

- **Fully completed application form: this must be completed in English (Please type form or use block capitals)**
- **2 recent photograph passport size:** Passport size 5mm x 5mm white background no glasses. No lettering.
- **1 Photocopy of details page of your valid passport**
- **1 Photocopy of police certificate of good conduct (antecedents penales) issued within last 3 months of your appointment.**

The Application Centre is located at:

Address	Map
<p>Av. Vitacura 2909, of 204, Santiago, Las Condes, Chile Edificio Madison Next to Intercontinental Hotel</p>	

- Application submission is made by appointment only.
- You will receive a confirmation with the date and time of your appointment

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## Security Procedures at the Application Centre

- We cannot allow applicant's friends, relatives or other associates into the application centre.
- Applicants who have a disability or who are physically challenged will be able to bring somebody to assist them.
- The following items will not be permitted inside the visa application centre or stored in the premises: All battery operated or electronic gadgets such as cameras, audio/video cassettes, compact discs, MP3's, laptops, or portable music players.
- Sealed packages.
- Weapon or weapon like objects or explosive material of any kind.

This list is not finite. Other items may be prohibited based on security staff discretion.

**Please note:** The application centre is unable to store prohibited items. Applicants should make other arrangements to store their belongings before they enter the application centre.

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## Customers with disabilities

The application centre has step-free access for wheelchairs. Applicants who have a disability or who have accessibility requirements are encouraged to bring someone to assist them. Lifts are also accessible for use where necessary. Please note that VFS Global staff will be available to assist any applicant with special needs.

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To book an appointment to the Santiago Application Centre you will need:

1. Send an email to [IRISHWHCHILE@VFSGLOBAL.COM](mailto:IRISHWHCHILE@VFSGLOBAL.COM) from 9am on the 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2022
2. The first 100 emails received will be shortlisted by VFS.
3. If shortlisted, VFS will assign the appointment date/time for your application submission
4. Show your appointment confirmation email at the Application Centre

If for some reason you are unable to attend at the scheduled appointment please let us know within 48hr before your appointment date/time. We will ensure to assign another appointment for you as soon as possible.

If you do not confirm your appointment date/time and do not inform us with 48h notice we will assign your appointment slot to a different applicant and depending on the amount of placements already filled you will be unable to participate in the Ireland WHA 2022.

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## Are you happy with our service?

VFS Global aims to provide an efficient service to our customers. If you have a feedback, we would like to know about it as soon as possible. We will take your complaint seriously and will try to provide a full reply within 2 working days. If we cannot give you a full reply within this time, we will tell you when we expect to do so and keep you up to date with progress.

If you wish to send a about the service you received from VFS Global, you can email your feedback for compliment or complaint to: [IRISHWHCHILE@VFSGLOBAL.COM](mailto:IRISHWHCHILE@VFSGLOBAL.COM)

Please include in your email topic the word “complaint” or “”compliment”. This will ensure your emails is automatically forward to the responsible operations manager who will be dealing with your feedback.

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Once your appointment has been scheduled the following fees must be paid by bank deposit or bank transfer (in two separate receipts):

- Application Processing fee: 85 EU CLP 76,500
- VISA fee: 60 EU CLP 54,000

Bank or wired transfers receipts must be submitted along with the WHA application the day of the appointment.

Fees are not refundable if your WH authorization is refused or you do not cancel your appointment 48 hrs prior your appointment.

Payment details:

Name: VFS Services Chile SPA

Bank: Scotiabank.

Account Number: 97-21460-21.

ID: 76.156.068-9

# Optional Services:

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## Value Added Services

Service	Description	Price
<b>Domestic Courier</b>	Delivery of your working holiday letter to your chosen address in Chile	CLP 18,000.00
	Delivery of your working holiday letter to your chosen address in Regions of Chile	CLP 25,000.00
<b>Photocopy</b>	Photocopy service at the VAC	CLP 1,030.00
<b>Email Notification</b>	You will be informed of each stage of your application by mail	CLP 2,500.00
<b>Form Filling service</b>	Our Submission Officers will assist all applicants with filling in forms on computer terminals at the VAC	CLP 5,500.00

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After your application submission your documents will be shipped to the Embassy of Ireland in Santiago.

Once a decision has been made, your documents will be delivered to you by courier to the address provided the day of the appointment.



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1	Do I have to fill the application form online?	No, you must print the form provided to you on the email, fill it in ink or by computer and bring it to the application centre at the date/time assigned for you
2	What are the exact measurements of the photographs	Passport size 5mm x 5mm white background no glasses. No lettering.
3	How long does it take to process my application at the Embassy?	The application process will take approximately 3 months, all WH Authorization applications submitted in May will be sent to the Embassy by June.
4	What documents I need to bring to my application?	You must bring: Fully completed application form, 1 recent photograph passport size, Photocopy of details page of your valid passport and Photocopy of police certificate of good conduct (antecedentes penales). A valid passport must be 2-10 year expiration date.
5	<b>Do my work authorization letter returns by courier or I need to pick it up at the AC?</b>	<b>Due to the COVID-19 restrictions. VFS will ship it through DHL to the given address the day of the appointment .</b>

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6	Am I required to take fingerprints or any biometric information?	No. This is not required.
7	Can I present my application at any date or time?	No, you will be informed by VFS the appointment date and time you must present at the Santiago Application Centre
8	Do I need to present an airplane ticket	No this is not required. You must have a valid passport for at least 2-10 years at the moment of appointment.
9	Once I obtain my work authorization in how much time I must travel to Ireland?	The WHA is valid for 12 months after issuance date for entry to Ireland.
10	if I am granted the work authorization, when can I leave Chile?	As soon as you are granted the WH Authorization you are free to travel to Ireland.-In addition to your authorization letter, at the port of entry you will need to show proof of travel insurance that covers the 12 month period and that you meet the financial requirement (that you have €1,500 if you have already booked return flight, or €3,000 without.)

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11	What I have to do with my work authorisation letter?	You must present your work authorisation letter to the immigration officer at the Ireland border.
12	How long can I work with one employer , how many can I have. Can I work more than 6 months from those 12 months.	There are no restrictions on employer or time with a single employer once the WHA is issued
13	How much money do I need to have in my account to present to Embassy	Chilean applicants are not required to present bank evidence at the application centre; however you may be asked to show proof of solvency at your port of entry; €1,500 with return flight, or €3,000 without.
14	I am 30 years old now but in 2 more weeks after my application is sent I will be 31. Can I still apply?	You must be under 32 years of age at date of issuance.
15	I have a child, is that something that will make my application to be refused?	Having children will not be a factor in your application; however the WHA is valid for one person only, no exceptions will be made.
16	My passport expires in the month 11 out of 12 for the visa can I still apply	Passports must be valid for the duration of your stay. It is recommendable to have a passport that its valid for at least 2 years prior to your email of interest. If not, before your appointment.

# FREQUENT ASKED QUESTIONS

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17	I have a different signature for my passport and for my ID, I made the signature of my ID not of my passport, would that make my decision to be refused?	The signature at the application form must be the same as your passport
18	When the program will start in 2022?	The applications to the Ireland WHA 2022 program will start on the 29th of April. Only emails submitted from 9am on that day will be considered as to assign you a placement to the WHA program. First come first served based on VFS email platform.
19	How can I present my application to obtain a placement to the WHA program?	You must send an email to <a href="mailto:IRISHWHCHILE@VFSGLOBAL.COM">IRISHWHCHILE@VFSGLOBAL.COM</a> from 9am on the 22 <sup>nd</sup> September we will respond you with the appointment date/time for your to present your application
20	I am a Chilean citizen but I am currently residing overseas, can I apply to the Working Holiday Programme.	Chilean citizens residing overseas or unable to travel to Santiago may nominate a friend or family member or representative to attend their appointment and present their documents on their behalf, with a “ <i>poder simple</i> ”.
21	How the placement to the program will be allocated?	All those interested in participating in the Ireland WHA program will send an email to <a href="mailto:IRISHWHCHILE@VFSGLOBAL.COM">IRISHWHCHILE@VFSGLOBAL.COM</a> from 9am on the 29th April. The appointments will be allocated on a first come first served basis as they arrive in the VFS email platform.

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22	I have a police certificate that was used for a different reason. Can I use the same police certificate to my application?	The certificate must have been issued no longer than 3 months prior to your application submission. In occasions where the applicant has criminal records it must be presented a letter explaining the situation. The applications will be assessed on a case by case basis.
23	May I send my application to another Ireland Embassy or Consulate?	The applications can only be accepted by personal application at the VFS Application Centre in Santiago
24	I am currently in Ireland, may I present an application for Working Holiday?	Yes. Chilean citizens that are already in Ireland with a different immigration permit may leave Ireland and return with a Working Holiday Authorisation Letter.
25	Can I bring my wife/husband/partner and children with me to Ireland?	The authorizations are for individuals only. Holders of a working holiday authorization are not allowed to bring wife/husband/partner or children

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26	Is there a limit of Working Holiday Authorisations to be issued?	The scheme is limited to 200 participants per year. These will be granted in 2 rounds of 100. Once the limit has been reached the Embassy will announce the closure of the program on its website <a href="http://www.dfa.ie/irish-embassy/chile/">www.dfa.ie/irish-embassy/chile/</a>
27	I have another question about the program that is not available at this FAQ. How can I find the answer?	Applicants with any question not available at this Frequent Asked Questions must send your enquiry via the <a href="#">Embassy Contact Us Page</a> . If the answer to your question is not available at this Frequent Asked Question or at the Embassy webpage we will answer you as soon as possible. We regret to inform that it will not be possible to answer questions by phone or personally at the Application Centre in regards of this program.

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Please read the Frequent Asked Questions from this document for obtaining information related to this program.

Alternatively, you may send an email to [IRISHWHCHILE@VFSGLOBAL.COM](mailto:IRISHWHCHILE@VFSGLOBAL.COM)

VFS representatives will strive to answer to all emails within 2 business days. All emails will be answered after the go live date. All emails send before the go live date will be discarded .

**Applicants with any question not available at this Frequent Asked Questions must send your enquiry via the [contact us form](#) on the Irish Embassy website. If the answer to your question is not available at the Frequent Asked Question or at the Embassy webpage we will answer you as soon as possible. We regret to inform that it will not be possible to answer questions by phone or personally at the Application Centre in regards of this program.**



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