



PERFORMANCE/TOURNAMENT VISA

A **short stay 'C' performance/tournament visa** allows you to come to Ireland for up to 90 days to stage a performance or to take part in a competitive tournament: Sport, Culture (e.g. music, theatre, dance, etc.), Competitions (e.g. chess, debating, etc.). This visa also allows you to be paid to perform or take part in an event, if the event lasts 14 days or less.

Your visa application must be completed online beforehand at the following link:

www.irishimmigration.ie

Once an application has been made online, the summary sheet should be printed and presented, along with the required documentation to the appropriate Embassy.

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL DOCUMENTS LISTED BELOW MUST BE INCLUDED WITH THE APPLICATION. INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS MAY LEAD TO A VISA REFUSAL

All documents listed must be ORIGINAL (no fax or scanned accepted) along with one set of copies.

All documents must be in ENGLISH or accompanied by a certified translation.

	Required documents	For office use:
1.	Application form completed in full, signed and dated by you, the applicant;	
2.	Your original (and full copy of) current passport and a full copy of any previous passports. Your current passport must be valid for at least 6 months after your intended date of departure from Ireland;.	
3.	Two colour passport sized photographs not more than 6 months old;	
4.	Original or a certified copy of your Permesso di Soggiorno (Permit of Stay) valid for at least 3 months after your intended date of departure from Ireland;	
5.	<u>VISA FEE</u> (to be paid by bank transfer only) 60.00€ single entry visa or 100.00€ multiple entry visa (check multi visa policy on our website) <u>Note:</u> For applications sent by Post/Courier, please include a fee of 23.00€ (to be paid by bank transfer only) and confirmation of the full postal address for return of your passport and documents.	
6.	A signed letter of application including your full contact details: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• outlining your reason for wanting to visit Ireland;• stating how long you intend to stay;• giving details on where you intend to stay while you are in Ireland;	



	<ul style="list-style-type: none">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. <p>The 'Visa declaration' in attachment can be used for this purpose.</p>	
7.	<p>Letter from the organiser: The letter must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">The event, including when and where it will be heldThe organiser, including their past experience of organising similar events (if any)How the organiser knows you and why they asked you to attendConfirmation that you have been asked to attendA statement that the only reason you have been invited to Ireland is to attend the performance or tournamentA statement about whether you will be paid to attend or notA statement about whether the organiser will help to pay for the costs of your visit (if anything) <p>If the organiser has agreed to pay you to attend, ask them to include a copy of your contract that shows the agreed amount and performance/attendance details.</p>	
8.	<p>Sponsorship letters for group members, eg clubs, groups, orchestras, societies: The letter must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A description about your group and proof that you have attended similar events in your home country or abroad, eg printed programmes, media reviews, etcConfirmation that you have been asked to attend the event in Ireland, as part of your group or individuallyA statement about what your sponsor will contribute to the cost of your visit (if anything)	
9.	<p>Accommodation: In your application letter, type or write a description of everywhere you will stay in Ireland (e.g. hotel, hostel, B&B, etc), including the dates you will stay at each place. Include printed reservation confirmations (emails or letters) of your accommodation.</p>	
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(b)	<p>If you are staying with a host in their home: For each host you stay with, ask them to send you a letter including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">The host's full nameThe host's home address in IrelandConfirmation by the host that you have been invited to stayThe dates you will stay with the host. A statement by your host about what they will contribute to the cost of your visit (if any).You must also ask your host to include proof that they live at their address. To do so, ask them to send you a utility bill (on headed paper) from within the last 6 months and include it with your application, for example: electricity, gas, water, fixed line telephone, TV or broadband <p>A print out of a bill from the internet can only be accepted where it is high quality colour; clearly shows the address of the person and the contact details of the utility.</p>	
10.	<p>Finances:</p>	



	<p>You must provide an up-to-date bank statement, showing what money has been paid into and out of the account over the last six months. You must submit this whether or not you are covering the costs of the visit yourself. Bank statements must be on headed paper - internet printouts will not be accepted. Your name, address, account number and account type must be visible on the statement. Any large lodgements must be explained.</p> <p>If a third party e.g. the event organiser or accommodation host is responsible for covering your costs, you must provide full details of the funding</p>	
11.	<p>Details of any previous applications you have made for Irish visas, including refused applications.</p> <p>If you have been refused a visa for any other country, details of this refusal should be provided.</p>	
12.	<p>Medical/travel insurance: Evidence of medical/travel insurance does not need to be provided with your application. However, the Visa Officer may request it before they make a decision on your application. If your visa is approved, you must have evidence of medical/travel insurance when you arrive at the port of entry (airport/seaport) and must present it to the Immigration Officer on request</p>	
13.	<p>Evidence of your obligations to return to your country of permanent residence: You must include proof that you will leave Ireland when your performance/tournament ends. To do so, you must show that you have a strong obligation to return home (i.e. to your country of residence) for economic, social or family reasons.</p> <p>Suggestions on how to show evidence of your obligations to return:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A letter from your employer• A letter from your college/university• Details of any family members living in your country of residence -if you are married or have any dependent children, you must submit your marriage certificate and birth certificates for the children.• Evidence of any property you own/rent e.g. Title deed/tenancy agreement	

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.

Note: Performance/Tournament visas are granted ONLY for short term stays. The duration of stay is determined by an Immigration Officer at the Port of Entry, but will never exceed a maximum of 90 days. It is not possible to extend your stay beyond 90 days.

You must leave the State on or before the date which has been stamped on your passport by the Immigration Officer. (The dates on your visa refer to the dates during which you can seek to enter the State).