



Please note that Ireland is **not** in the Schengen Area. A **Schengen visa** or Belgian residence card (**titre de séjour/ verblijfstitel / aufenthaltsittel**) 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. **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	Brazil
Bhutan	Brunei Darussalam
Bolivia	Bulgaria
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Canada
Botswana	Chile
Burkina Faso	Costa Rica
Burundi	Croatia
Cambodia	Czech Republic
Cameroon	Denmark
Cape Verde	El Salvador
Central African Republic	Estonia
Chad	Fiji
Colombia	Finland
Comoros	France
Congo (Brazzaville)	Germany
Congo (Democratic Republic of)	Great Britain (UK) - Dependent Citizen
Cote D'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)	Great Britain (UK) - National (overseas)
Cuba	Great Britain (UK) - Overseas citizen
Djibouti	Great Britain (UK) – Subject
Dominica	Greece
Dominican Republic	Grenada
Ecuador	Guatemala
Egypt	Guyana
Equatorial Guinea	Hong Kong (SAR)
Eritrea	Hungary
Eswatini	Iceland
Ethiopia	Ireland

Faroe Islands	Israel
Gabon	Italy
Gambia	Japan
Georgia	Kiribati
Ghana	Korea (South)
Great Britain (UK) - Protected Person	Latvia
Guinea	Liechtenstein
Guinea-Bissau	Lithuania
Haiti	Luxembourg
Honduras	Macau (SAR)
Hong Kong (SAR) Document of Identity)	Malaysia
India	Maldives
Indonesia	Malta
Iran	Mexico
Iraq	Monaco
Jamaica	Netherlands
Jordan	New Zealand
Kazakhstan	Nicaragua
Kenya	Norway
Korea (North)	Panama
Kosovo	Paraguay
Kuwait	Poland
Kyrgyzstan	Portugal
Laos	Republic of Cyprus
Lebanon	Romania
Lesotho	Saint Kitts and Nevis
Liberia	Saint Lucia
Libya**	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

Madagascar	Samoa
Malawi	San Marino
Mali	Seychelles
Marshall Islands	Singapore
Mauritania	Slovakia
Mauritius	Slovenia
Micronesia	Solomon Islands
Moldova	Spain
Mongolia	St Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha
Montenegro	Sweden
Morocco	Switzerland
Mozambique	Taiwan Province of China
Myanmar	Tonga
Namibia	Tuvalu
Nauru	Ukraine
Nepal	United Arab Emirates
Niger	United States of America
Nigeria	Uruguay
North Macedonia, Republic of	Vatican City (Holy See)
Oman	
Pakistan	
Palau	
Palestinian National Authority	
Papua New Guinea	
People's Republic of China	
Peru	
Philippines	

Qatar	
Refugee or Stateless*	
Russian Federation	
Rwanda	
Sao Tome and Principe	
Saudi Arabia	
Senegal	
Serbia	
Sierra Leone	
Somalia	
South Africa	
South Sudan	
Sri Lanka	
Sudan	
Suriname	
Syrian Arab Republic	
Tajikistan	
Thailand	
Timor-Leste	
Togo	
Trinidad and Tobago	
Tunisia	
Turkey	
Turkmenistan	
Uganda	
Tanzania	
Uzbekistan	
Vanuatu	
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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