

FAQs

1. I have submitted a re-entry visa application to INIS – can I get my application back, with my passport and the fee?

All applications for re-entry visas for adults on hand on 12 April 2019 will be returned to the applicant, including the postal order you sent with your application. You can bring this back to the post office to get a refund. You do not have to take any action or contact us to request a return.

a) If you are travelling and will return to Ireland before 13 May 2019 you will still need a re-entry visa, as Ireland has to give a period of notice to border agencies, airlines etc and of this new visa exemption. You will be able to make an appointment for an in-person application for your visa in the INIS Burgh Quay office [[link to the re-entry visa appointment system](#)]. If you have submitted an application already by post, please ensure to bring your An Post registered post tracking number with you to your appointment. Your visa will be issued at this appointment, and no fee will be charged.

b) If you have submitted an application for a re-entry visa for a minor, we will process it and will not charge the application fee – the postal order will be returned to you.

c) If you have submitted a minor's application for a re-entry visa with an application for a re-entry visa for an adult, we will process the minor's application, but will return the adult's application without processing it. The minor's and adult's passports and supporting documentation will be returned together.

d) If you have submitted an application for a re-entry visa for a minor, with an application for a re-entry visa for an adult, and **you want us to process the adult's application** (because you will be travelling and returning before **13 May 2019**), you must email us at reentryvisa@justice.ie, and let us know that you want the application processed. We will not charge a fee for processing the applications and will return the postal order to you.

e) If your application has been processed, but has not yet been returned to you, you will not be able to cancel the application. This might happen if the visa sticker has been put in your passport but your passport has not yet been processed through the registered post system. No visa fee refund will be made once a visa has been placed in a passport.

2. I will be travelling and returning to Ireland before 13 May 2019 but I have not yet applied for a re-entry visa – how do I apply for one?

If you have not yet applied for a re-entry visa and will be travelling and returning before 13 May 2019, you need to make an appointment for an in-person application in the INIS re-entry visa office in Burgh Quay, Dublin 2 [[link here to re-entry visa appointment system](#)]. You must bring a completed application form to your appointment [[link to current application form](#)]. Your visa will be issued at this appointment.

3. What will I do if an airline refuses to bring me back to Ireland after 13 May 2019 because I don't have a valid visa, even though I have an IRP/GNIB card?

All airlines and border agencies will be informed of the change in requirement for entry to Ireland, but it is possible that there will be some human error in the early days, as staff may be used to the re-entry visa requirement for Ireland.

If challenged, you should ask the staff member to check the current Travel Information Manual which includes the following text: *Ireland, visa exemptions, "Holders of a residence permit or certificate of registration issued by Ireland."* The IRP card is clearly titled 'residence permit' and its predecessor the GNIB card is titled 'certificate of registration'.

They may also check the INIS website – this information will be posted on the visa section of the website.

If there are further queries, you can ask that they contact the Irish immigration service for clarity.

4. I don't need to register until I have been in the State for 90 days – what if I want to travel and return to Ireland before I register and receive my IRP card?

If you know that you will be travelling within the first four months of your arrival in Ireland, you should apply for a multiple entry visa for your initial trip to Ireland. This will enable you to travel in and out of Ireland before you register and receive your IRP card.

If you travelled to Ireland on a single entry visa and discover that you need to travel and return to Ireland before you get your IRP card, you can travel and apply for another entry visa from outside Ireland.

5. My child is just 6 months old – do I need to apply for a re-entry visa for her?

All visa required nationals need a passport and IRP/GNIB card or a visa to travel to Ireland, regardless of their age. Minors who are under 16 are not issued with IRP cards, so will require a re-entry visa. You can apply for a re-entry visa for your child. The re-entry visa will be valid to the date of your own IRP/GNIB card, or for two years, whichever period of time is shorter.

There is no charge for a re-entry visa for a minor under 16.

6. My child does not have her own passport, but is listed in mine– if I don't need a re-entry visa, do I have to get one for her?

All visa required nationals need a passport and IRP/GNIB card or visa to travel to Ireland, regardless of their age, and this won't change with the abolition of the re-entry visa requirement for adults. You will need to get a passport for your child so that a re-entry visa can be inserted into it.

There will be no charge for this re-entry visa.

7. I am an adult with a Stamp 6 permission in my passport but I do not have a GNIB or IRP card. Can I apply for one?

Stamp 6 holders cannot currently be issued with an IRP card. INIS intends, in the coming months, to issue IRP cards to Stamp 6 holders. In the meantime, if you are a visa required national and have a Stamp 6 permission in your passport, you may apply for a re-entry visa if you intend to travel and return to Ireland using your non-Irish passport. You must apply by post.

8. I am a diplomat or staff member of an embassy and I do not have an IRP or GNIB card.

Diplomats or other accredited members of staff at an Embassy (Administrative and Technical Staff / Service Staff / Private Domestic Employee) posted to Ireland must continue to apply for a re-entry visa following arrival in the State. Applications should be made via the Protocol Division of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.