

Immigration Service Delivery



An Roinn Dlí agus Cirt
Department of Justice

The Minister for Justice, Helen McEntee TD has today signed an order reversing the visa requirements brought in last month for some Southern African nationalities to support Covid-19 public health measures.

With effect from 00.01 on Wednesday, 22nd December 2021, nationals of Botswana, Eswatini (formerly Swaziland), Lesotho and South Africa are no longer entry visa required and nationals of Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho, Mozambique, Namibia and South Africa are no longer transit visa required.

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	Bolivia
Bhutan	Botswana
Botswana	Brazil
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Brunei Darussalam
Burkina Faso	Bulgaria
Burundi	Canada
Cambodia	Chile
Cameroon	Costa Rica
Cape Verde	Croatia
Central African Republic	Czech Republic
Chad	Denmark

Colombia	Dominica
Comoros	El Salvador
Congo (Brazzaville)	Estonia
Congo (Democratic Republic of)	Eswatini
Cote D'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)	Fiji
Cuba	Finland
Djibouti	France
Dominican Republic	Germany
Ecuador	Great Britain (UK) - Dependent Citizen
Egypt	Great Britain (UK) - National (overseas)
Equatorial Guinea	Great Britain (UK) - Overseas citizen
Eritrea	Great Britain (UK) – Subject
Eswatini	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
<u>Libya**</u>	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	Taiwan Province of China
People's Republic of China	Tonga
Peru	Trinidad and Tobago
Philippines	Tuvalu
Qatar	United Arab Emirates
Refugee or Stateless*	United States of America
Russian Federation	Uruguay
Rwanda	Vanuatu
Sao Tome and Principe	Vatican City (Holy See)
Saudi Arabia	
Senegal	
Serbia	
Sierra Leone	
Somalia	
South Sudan	
Sri Lanka	
Sudan	
Suriname	
Syrian Arab Republic	
Tajikistan	
Thailand	
Timor-Leste	
Togo	
Tunisia	
Turkey	
Turkmenistan	
Uganda	
Ukraine	
Tanzania	
Uzbekistan	
Venezuela	
Vietnam	

Yemen	
Zambia	
Zimbabwe	

*You may require a visa if you are a refugee and do not hold a [1951 Convention Travel Document](#) issued by the listed jurisdictions.

*You may require a visa if you are stateless and do not hold a [1954 Convention Travel Document](#).

** 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:
 - o Irish citizens;
 - o EU Citizens; or
 - o 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.