

## **UK WITHDRAWAL FROM THE EU – Information for UK Nationals and their Non-EEA family members living in Ireland**

The Withdrawal Agreement between the United Kingdom (UK) and the European Union (EU) entered into force on 1 February 2020. The Agreement has the force of law in Ireland. Although no longer a member of the EU, the Withdrawal Agreement provided for a transition period. Brexit came fully into effect from 31 December 2020, when the United Kingdom left the EU after the end of the transition period.

The Irish Government put arrangements in place for those people who come from a country outside the EU (non-EEA), and are a family member or dependent of an UK national, who, as of 31 December 2020, held a valid Irish Resident Permit (IRP) Card.

As a non-EEA family member or dependent of a UK national, from 31 December 2020, you hold the same residence permission to live, work or study in Ireland, if you resided here at the end of the transition period and continue to do so.

You are simply required to replace your current valid IRP Card for a new one stating that you benefit from the Withdrawal Agreement.

This card replacement programme opened from 1 January 2021 and is administered by the Immigration Service of the Department of Justice for all applicants nationwide through an online renewal system available at <https://inisonline.jahs.ie>. This system has been especially adapted to accept Withdrawal Agreement IRP Card replacement applications from all counties not just Dublin and remains open for applications until 30/06/2022.

When making your online application:

- You will be asked to confirm that you have been exercising EU Treaty Rights to reside in the State on or before 31 December 2020 and continue to do so.
- You will be asked to upload proof of identity and proof of current residence.
- When Brexit came into effect, the IRP expiry date of all existing non-EEA family member or dependent of a UK national reverted to 31/12/2020 for the purpose of the Card Replacement Programme (instead of the expiry date on the current IRP card) and this is the date to be included at Section 1.2 of the Online Application Form.
- You will have until 30 June 2022 to apply.

When you receive your new IRP card, please safely dispose of your existing IRP card as it will no longer be valid.

Your entitlements to move freely and reside in other Member States of the European Union ceased to apply from 31 December 2020. From 1 January 2021, your IRP card (or if you have not yet obtained your new IRP card, your Stamp 4 EUFam Residence card) does not have visa exemption effect, except for Ireland. If you intend travelling to another EU Member State, you will need to check the visa requirements for that Member State before you travel.

A new scheme was introduced for UK nationals who came to Ireland after 11.01pm on 31 December 2020 and wished to bring their non-EEA family members. Details of the scheme can be found [here](#).

Information about the Impact of Brexit on UK Nationals and their non-EEA family members residing in Ireland can be found in this [Frequently Asked Questions document](#).

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