

FAQ's : Travel Arrangement from 08 December 2022 to 31 January 2023

Q1. What happens if I want to remain abroad after the 31 January 2023?

- A. If you wish to remain abroad-after the 31 January 2023 you will need to renew your IRP card before you travel. If you are a visa required national and have been unable to renew your IRP card before your travel date, then, on an exceptional basis, you can apply for a visa to re-enter the State at your local Irish Embassy or Consular Office.

This application should be made on-line on AVATS when at your destination and you will then be instructed to submit the application to the local mission or visa office, who will do their best to expedite your case.

The contact details for the Mission to which you send your application will be on the AVATS summary sheet. If you are a visa required national, you can apply for a visa [here](#).

Q2. What happens if I want to travel after 31 January 2023?

- A. Non-nationals who wish to travel outside Ireland after 31 January 2023 must be in possession of a valid in date IRP card and/or an appropriate visa if they intend to re-enter the State.

Q3. What happens if I am waiting for a letter of permission before applying for an IRP card?

- A. If you are in possession of or waiting for a letter of permission from ISD, and you wish to travel during this period, you should contact the section dealing with your application directly at one of the contact points [here](#).

Q4. I have applied for EU Treaty Rights but still do not have a letter of temporary permission to allow me to apply for an IRP card. What can I do?

- A. Applicants who consider they may have an entitlement to temporary permission and are planning to travel should email eutreatyrights@justice.ie as soon as possible and provide documentary evidence of their Christmas travel plans. We will make every effort to prioritise the request. If you are travelling with children please provide their names, dates of birth and document numbers so we can include them.

Q5. I have been in Ireland for a number of weeks but have been unable to get an appointment in Dublin to register my permission. What can I do?

- A. We are working hard to give every applicant an appointment as soon as possible. If you have urgent travel plans please contact immigrationsupport@justice.ie with a copy of your airline ticket and your flight details, **including outward and return journey details**, and using the subject line **'Flights booked for travel'** so we can assist you if possible. Please note that details of return flights must be provided or your request to have your application expedited will be refused.

If you are a visa required national and you entered the State on a multi-entry visa in recent months, that visa may still be valid for re-entry. You should check the validity dates on the visa sticker. However, if you were issued with a single entry visa and have not registered, you will need to apply for a re-entry visa from an overseas visa office before you return.

On an exceptional basis, you can apply for a visa to re-enter the State at your local Irish Embassy or Consular Office. This application should be made on-line on AVATS when at your destination and you will then be instructed to submit the application to the local mission or visa office, who will do their best to expedite your case. The contact details for the Mission to which you send your application will be on the AVATS summary sheet. If you are a visa required national, you can apply for a visa [here](#)

It is best to apply for a multi-entry visa, which will be valid for a further six months from date of issue.

Q6. What happens if I am unable to return by this deadline because of COVID-19 restrictions or flight problems?

- A. In that case and if visa required, you can apply for a visa on-line and submit the application at your local overseas mission and the mission will do their best to expedite your case. The contact details for the mission to which you submit your application will be on your on-line AVATS summary sheet.

Q7. I have applied online for a new IRP card. If it arrives at my Irish address while I am travelling, can I use a soft copy to return to Ireland after 31 January 2023?

- A. A soft copy of your IRP card is not acceptable for travel. If you stay abroad after the 31 January 2023 and you do not have a new, physical IRP card, and if you are a visa required national, you can apply for a visa [here](#) . When selecting reason for travel on the online visa form you should select 'other' and Long Stay (D) should be selected for visa type.

Q8. What if I have to travel through a third country to return to Ireland?

- A. Immigration Services (ISD) will communicate with the airlines and immigration authorities to inform them of the changes in place until 31 January 2023. However where you require immigration permission for that third country it is a matter for that jurisdiction to determine if you meet their immigration requirements including visa etc.

Q9. I am a diplomat who wishes to remain outside Ireland beyond 31 January 2023. What should I do?

- A. Diplomats with valid credentials from the Department of Foreign Affairs may enter the country using those credentials in place of a re-entry visa. Please direct all queries to the Protocol Office, Department of Foreign Affairs. Click [here](#) for contact details.