



Explanatory Leaflet for Form EUTR3

APPLICATION FOR PERMANENT RESIDENCE (FOR NON-EEA NATIONAL FAMILY MEMBER)

1. Who should apply on Form EUTR3?

Form EUTR3 is to be completed by each non-EEA national applying for permanent residence, having resided in the State for five years or more as the family member of an EEA national under the European Communities (Free Movement of Persons) Regulations 2015 or as the family member of a United Kingdom national under the European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) (Citizens' Rights) Regulations 2020. References to EEA national in this leaflet shall be deemed to also apply to the United Kingdom national. Applications for EUTR 3 can be made via the [ISD Customer Service Portal](#).

2. Legislation

Directive 2004/38/EC on the right of citizens of the Union and their family members to move and reside freely within the territory of the Member States (the "Directive") is given effect in Ireland by the European Communities (Free Movement of Persons) Regulations 2015 (the "Regulations").

The Directive and the Regulations apply to citizens of the European Union, citizens of EEA Member States and citizens of Switzerland who move to or reside in a Member State other than that of which they are a national, and to their family members who accompany or join them. Under Regulation 15 of the Regulations, a non-EEA national family member of a Union citizen who, by virtue of the Regulations, is entitled to remain permanently in the State may, before the expiration date of the residence card issued to him or her, apply for permanent residence.

3. How to apply

To make an EU Treaty Rights 3 (Permanent Residence) application, please follow these steps:

- Log in to your account on the [ISD Customer Portal](#) (or [create one if you don't have an account](#)).
- Go to 'Make an application' on the left-hand side of the dashboard.
- Select Form EUTR 3.
- Fill in the form and upload the required documents.

If you do not wish to submit an online application, you may request a paper application by submitting a query to our Customer Service team through the Customer Service Portal.

We will send you a pdf of a paper-based EU Treaty Rights 3 form and you can submit the completed application, along with supporting documentation, to the following address:

Permanent Residence

Join Family
Immigration Service Delivery
Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration
13-14 Burgh Quay
Dublin 2
D02 XK70

NOTE: Online applications for EUTR 3 will be available through the Online Customer Portal from 10 September.

If you have already started an application using the previous paper-based version of EUTR 3 form, these applications can still be submitted by post to us for up to 5 weeks after 10 September (i.e. until Thursday 15 October 2026).

4. Application times

Due to the large volume of applications it can take up to 6 months for an application decision to be reached. All applications are dealt with strictly in chronological order of the date of receipt.

5. Changes in circumstances

If your circumstances change (such as a change of address, a change in family status, or a change in the activities of the EEA national) you must inform the EU Treaty Rights Division in writing immediately. Failure to do so may result in your application being refused.

Please be advised that the onus is on you to keep this office updated regarding your circumstances and to resubmit any relevant supporting documents in relation to new circumstances. It should be noted that any person seeking to assert rights or entitlements under the Regulations is under an obligation to ensure that they comply with all appropriate provisions of the Regulations. Failure to comply may result in the person being guilty of an offence or offences as provided for in Regulation 30 of the Regulations, and that person may be liable to the sanctions set out therein.

6. Data Protection notice

All information provided will be treated in confidence but may be disclosed to other government departments, agencies, the Garda Síochána, local authorities, foreign governments or other bodies strictly for purposes connected to the application.



7. Immigration status during application process

If your current permission to remain in the State is due to expire before your application is processed, you may be provided with an immigration stamp in your passport, which is valid for the period of the application process only, i.e. a maximum of 6 months. This stamp will allow you to remain in employment and continue to reside in the State until your application has been processed. Please note that receipt of this endorsement is not an acknowledgement of an entitlement to permanent residence. This will be determined in due course when your application is either approved or refused.

8. How do I acquire a right of permanent residence?

A non-EEA national can acquire a right of permanent residence under the Regulations as the family member of an EEA national in one of the following circumstances:

Regulation 12(1)(b) – Five years of residence with EEA national

An entitlement to permanent residence under the Regulations is normally acquired when you have resided in the State as the family member of an EEA national in conformity with the Regulations for a continuous period of five years or more.

Regulation 13 – Cessation of Activity

You may acquire a right to permanent residence under Regulation 13 if you are residing in the State as the family member of an EEA national who:

- (i) is retired, having resided continuously in the State for at least 3 years, and having been engaged in employment or self-employment for at least the previous 12 months; OR
- (ii) has ceased employment or self-employment as a result of a permanent incapacity to work, having resided continuously in the State for at least 2 years; OR
- (iii) has ceased employment or self-employment having been incapacitated for work as a result of an accident at work or an occupational illness entitling him or her to a pension which is payable in whole or in part by the State.

Regulation 12(4) – Retention of Rights

When you have resided in the State for a period of five consecutive years and have retained a right of residence following the death of the EEA national, divorce or annulment of marriage to the EEA national, or annulment or dissolution of a recognized civil partnership with the EEA national, you may acquire a right of permanent residence provided that you are employed or self-employed in the State, or possess sufficient resources to support yourself and any dependants.

NOTE: Before you submit an application for Permanent Residence on the basis of Regulation 14, you must first apply for Retention of a Residence Card (Form EUTR5) and receive approval of your application for retention.

9. Exercise of EU Treaty Rights

An EEA national residing in the State exercises their rights under the Regulations and the Directive by engaging in one of the following activities, as outlined in Regulation 6(3)(a) of the Regulations.

Employment

Where the EEA national is working for an employer in the State. This may include vocational training programmes and some non-proprietary directors of a registered company.

Self-employment

Where the EEA national is a sole trader, in a business partnership, or is a proprietary director of a registered company operating in the State.

Study

Where the EEA national is engaged in a course of study with a qualifying and accredited educational institute or college in the State, while possessing comprehensive sickness/health insurance in respect of themselves, their spouse, and any dependants.

Involuntary unemployment

Where the EEA national has been employed in the State for more than one year but has become involuntarily unemployed, and has registered as a job-seeker with a relevant office of the Department of Social Protection.

Residing with sufficient resources

Where the EEA national has sufficient resources to maintain themselves and any dependants in the State, while possessing comprehensive sickness insurance in respect of themselves, their spouse, and any dependants. A person residing on this basis must have sufficient resources such that they would not become an unreasonable burden on the social assistance system of the State.

10. Outline of the form

Complete all sections relevant to your application

If you are at present unable to provide any of the information or details requested in any of the relevant sections, please provide a letter of explanation.

Section 1 – Applicant Details

This section is for the details of the applicant.

Section 1B – Details of applicant's current activity

This section is for details of the applicant's current activity in the State for cases where the applicant has previously been granted Retention of Rights having applied on Form EUTR5 and is now seeking a right of Permanent Residence on the basis of Regulation 12(4) of the Regulations.



Section 2 - Details of the EEA national of whom the applicant is a family member

This section is for the details of the EEA national.

Section 3 - Activities of the EEA national in the State

This section is for details relating to the EEA national's activities in the State under Regulation 6(3) of the Regulations. Activities include employment, self-employment, the pursuit of a course of study, residing as a registered jobseeker after involuntary unemployment, and residing with sufficient resources.

- In the first part of Section 3 you should outline the EEA national's current activity in the State.
- In the second part of Section 3 you should outline all previous activities of the EEA national in the State for the last 5 years or a continuous period of 5 years. If you require additional space, please use Annex B and attach it to your application form.
- The final part of Section 3 may be used to record details relating to the cessation of employment or self-employment when applicable.

Section 3 of the form is not required where Section 1B has been used.

Section 4 - Previous addresses in the State

This section is for the history of the applicant and the EEA national's residential addresses in the State. You must provide details for all addresses at which you have resided for the last 5 years and show a history of residence for a continuous period of 5 years. If you require additional space, please use Annex A and attach it to your application form. Supporting documents are required for each address which is given (see Section 5).

Section 5 - Document Checklist

This section contains the checklist for the supporting documents which must be submitted with your application. Documents in the shaded boxes are only required for certain applications as specified.

Section 6 - Declarations

This section is for the declarations to be signed by the applicant and EEA national affirming that the contents of the application are truthful. Unsigned forms will be returned and will not be treated as valid applications.

11. Documentation to support an application for a permanent residence card (Form EUTR3)

When submitting documents please note the following:

1. All documents submitted must be photocopies.
2. Passports should be photocopied in colour, and photocopies should include all pages of the passport including blank pages.
3. Marriage certificates and birth certificates should be photocopied in colour and should include any Apostilles or legalisation stamps. Copies of translations of documents should also be supplied where appropriate.
4. Other documents may be submitted as colour or as black-and-white photocopies.
5. Photocopied pages of multiple-page documents should be stapled together.
6. Any documents which are not in English must be accompanied by a certified translation.
7. Do not submit original IRP Certificates of Registration – a holder of an IRP card is required to be in possession of it at all times.
8. Do not submit documents which have not been requested.

The obligation is on the applicant at all times to provide satisfactory evidence as outlined below and to notify this office of any changes to their circumstances in accordance with Regulation 11(2) and 11(4) of the Regulations.

Required Supporting Documents

(a) Evidence of identity

For the applicant:

- A valid passport (colour photocopy of all pages)
- Two passport-size photos of the applicant

For the EEA national:

- A valid passport or an original National Identity Card (colour photocopy of all pages)
- Two passport-size photos of the EEA national

(b) Evidence of relationship with the EEA national

For marriage to the EEA national:

- The civil marriage certificate

For civil partnerships:

- The civil partnership certificate

For de facto partnerships:

- Evidence of a durable relationship for the last five years (e.g. evidence of continuous cohabitation, evidence of jointly-owned assets, evidence of shared bank accounts or insurance, evidence of travel, birth certificates of any children of the partnership)

For a child, grandchild or descendant of the EEA national:

- Birth certificate for the applicant
- A letter of consent from the absent parent/legal guardian permitting the child to reside in the State, if only one parent or legal guardian of the child is to reside in the State with the child
- Evidence of dependence on the EEA national (if child is over the age of 21)

For a child, grandchild or descendant of the spouse of the EEA national:

- Birth certificate for the applicant
- The civil marriage certificate for the EEA national and their spouse



- A letter of consent from the absent parent/legal guardian permitting the child to reside in the State, if only one parent or legal guardian of the child is to reside in the State with the child
- Evidence of dependence on the spouse of the EEA national (if child is over the age of 21)

For dependant parents, grandparents and relatives in the ascending line of the EEA national:

- Birth certificate for the EEA national
- Evidence of dependence on the EEA national

For the dependant parents, grandparents and relatives in the ascending line of the spouse of the EEA national:

- Birth certificate for the spouse of the EEA national
- The civil marriage certificate for the EEA national and their spouse
- Evidence of dependence on the spouse of the EEA national

For other family members:

- Birth certificates or other evidence of relationship with the EEA national
- Evidence of dependence on the EEA national, AND/OR evidence of membership of the EEA national's household prior to residing in the State OR medical evidence, including a medical report from a physician, hospital etc., that you require the personal care of the EEA national for health reasons

(c) Evidence of activities in the State for the last 5 years (as per Section 1B or Section 3 as applicable)

For each period of employment, copies of the following documents should be provided:

- Letter from employer setting out terms and conditions of employment AND/OR signed contract of employment
- Two payslips for current employment (if currently employed)
- P60 or Employment Detail Summary for the last five years (or for any years applicable)
- Employment permits (if applicable)

For each period of self-employment, copies of the following documents should be provided:

- Agreed Tax Assessment from the Revenue Commissioner for each financial year
- VAT3 receipts (if applicable)
- Bank statements of the business for six months, and copies of corresponding invoices or receipts issued
- Companies Registration Office certificates (if applicable)

For each period of study, copies of the following documents should be provided:

- Letter from college/course provider including course description, start date and completion date
- Letter from private medical insurance provider
- Bank statements AND/OR evidence of financial resources

For each period of involuntary unemployment, copies of the following documents should be provided:

- Letter from Department of Social Protection with details of benefit claims
- Letter from Employment Services Office acknowledging registration as a jobseeker
- Letter from prior employer outlining circumstances of redundancy
- P60s or Employment Detail Summary for prior two years of employment
- P45 or Employment Detail Summary (if currently unemployed)

For each period while residing with sufficient resources, copies of the following documents should be provided:

- Evidence of financial resources
- Bank statements
- Letter from Department of Social Protection with details of any benefit claims
- Letter from private medical insurance provider

(d) Evidence of retirement, permanent incapacity or occupational illness of EEA national (if applicable)

- Documentary evidence of cessation of employment or self-employment, outlining the circumstances of cessation
- Documentary evidence of receipt of a state pension (contributory or non-contributory), or an allowance, benefit or supplement with respect to a disability, injury or illness (as applicable)

(e) Evidence of residence of applicant and EEA national in the State

For each residential address while renting, copies of the following documents should be provided:

- Letter from landlord/agency, tenancy agreement, or Residential Tenancies Board (RTB) Letters of Registration
- Utility bills in both names for each year of residence

For each residential address as a home-owner, copies of the following documents should be provided:

- Letter from mortgage provider, local authority or County Council
- Title or deeds as applicable
- Utility bills in both names for each year of residence

Other evidence of residence may be considered if deemed satisfactory. If you are not renting or a homeowner, then the person you are living with should provide the above documents with a written declaration of your residence in addition to any other evidence of your residence.

Note: If for any reason you cannot supply some or all of the required documentation above, you must provide a written statement explaining why. Provision of some or all of the above documentation is not a guarantee of a successful application.