

# Ireland Relocation Guide



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<b>TELEPHONE:</b>	Country code (00353) + Area code.
<b>STANDARD TIME:</b>	GMT.
<b>WEIGHTS &amp; MEASURES:</b>	Metric.
<b>ELECTRICITY:</b>	220v AC 50Hz.
<b>INOCULATIONS/VACCINATIONS:</b>	No special requirements.
<b>PUBLIC HOLIDAYS:</b>	New Year's Day – 1st January, St Patrick's Day – 17th March, Easter Monday, First Monday in May, First Monday in June, First Monday in August, Last Monday in October, Christmas Day – 25th December, St Stephen's Day – 26th December.
<b>OFFICE HOURS:</b>	The standard office day is 09.00 hours to 17.30 hours with an hour for lunch. The average working week is 39 hours.
<b>BANK HOURS:</b>	Banks open from 09.00 hours to 16.00 hours. Most close Saturday.
<b>EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS:</b>	Police, Fire and Ambulance 999 or 112.
<b>BRITISH EMBASSY:</b>	29 Merrion Road Dublin 4 Tel: +353 1 205 3700
<b>IRISH EMBASSY IN LONDON:</b>	17 Grosvenor Place London SW1X 7HR Tel: 0207 235 2171

## Part 1 – Background Information on Ireland

### Background

Celtic tribes arrived on the island between 600 and 150 B.C. Invasions by Norsemen that began in the late 8th century were finally ended when King Brian BORU defeated the Danes in 1014. Norman invasions began in the 12th century and set off more than seven centuries of Anglo-Irish struggle marked by fierce rebellions and harsh repressions. The Irish famine of the mid-19th century saw the population of the island drop by one third through starvation and emigration. For more than a century after that the population of the island continued to fall only to begin growing again in the 1960s.

Over the last 50 years, Ireland's high birthrate has made it demographically one of the youngest populations in the EU. The modern Irish state traces its origins to the failed 1916 Easter Monday Uprising that touched off several years of guerrilla warfare resulting in independence from the UK in 1921 for 26 southern counties; six northern (Ulster) counties remained part of the UK. Deep sectarian divides between the Catholic and Protestant populations and systemic discrimination in Northern Ireland erupted into years of violence known as the "Troubles" that began in the 1960s. The Government of Ireland was part of a process along with the UK and US Governments that helped broker the Good Friday Agreement in Northern Ireland in 1998. This initiated a new phase of cooperation between the Irish and British Governments Ireland joined the European Community in 1973 and the euro-zone currency union in 1999.

### Geography

Ireland is an island in North western Europe in the north Atlantic Ocean. The island lies on the European continental shelf, part of the Eurasian Plate. The island's main geographical features include low central plains surrounded by coastal mountains. The highest peak is Carrauntoohil (Irish: Corrán Tuathail), which is 1,041 meters (3,415 ft) above sea level. The western coastline is rugged, with many islands, peninsulas, headlands and bays. The island is bisected by the River Shannon, which at 360.5 km (224 mi) with a 102.1 km (63 mi) estuary is the longest river in Ireland and flows south from County Cavan in Ulster to meet the Atlantic just south of Limerick.

The climate of Ireland is mild, moist and changeable with abundant rainfall and a lack of temperature extremes.

### Population

The population of Ireland as at January 2018 is 4,787,600.

### Language

Irish Gaelic is recognised as the first official language of the Republic of Ireland. The other official language, which is more commonly used, is English.

### Religion

The predominant religion in the Republic of Ireland is Christianity, with the largest church being the Roman Catholic Church.

### Currency

The currency for Ireland is the Euro divided into Cents and the following are in circulation:

Coins:- Cents 1, 2, 5, 10, 20 and 50 and Euros 1 and 2.

Notes:- Euros 5, 10, 20, 50, 100, 200 and 500.

### Education

Education in Ireland is free and compulsory from the age of 6 to 16.

The vast majority of primary schools in Ireland are known as National Schools.

Secondary education is generally attended between the ages of 12 and 18, and many schools offer an optional Transition Year between the Junior and Senior cycles. This is a less formal year without exams, and is usually a chance for students to try a wider range of subjects and complete some work experience.

## Healthcare

Expats living in Ireland qualify for free or subsidised public health services, which are funded by the government.

Nationals of European Union countries with a European Health Insurance Card have access to free or discounted emergency care in public facilities in Ireland.

Private hospitals in Ireland operate independently of the state and require patients to pay the full cost of treatment. Private healthcare can also be provided in public hospitals.

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## Part 2 – Ireland Import Customs Regulations

**Ireland is part of the EU and as such, no official documents are required to import personal effects and household goods originating from another EU country. However, if importing a motor vehicle please see section regarding motor vehicle import.**

### General Information

- You can import your household and personal effects duty free provided they have been in your possession and use for at least six (6) months prior to exporting from your origin Country, and they must be for continued use in Ireland and not for resale.
- You must have been resident in your origin Country for at least one (1) year prior to exporting, and you do have to provide prove of this with various documentation as listed below.
- You must also provide prove (see below) that you intend to take up permanent residency in Ireland for at least 185 calendar days.

### Documentation required for Removal goods from outside EU

#### Documents required:

- Original Irish Customs Form 1076 and TOR 1 (which we will supply).
- Legible inventory in English with same signature as on Form 1076.
- Proof of residence abroad.
- 4 or 5 of the following dated OVER 12 months old – utility bills / credit card statements / bank statements – in English or notarised translation.
- 1 of the above dated within 6 months of your move – in English or notarised translation.
- Proof of sale of residence abroad or copy of rental / lease agreement – in English or notarised translation.
- Proof of employment abroad.
- Proof of residence in Ireland.
- Proof you have entered into a purchase agreement or copy of rental / lease agreement.
- Proof of employment in Ireland.
- Copy Passport.

### Removal goods to a Secondary residence from a non-EU country

#### Documents required:

- Customs valued inventory list to determine VAT & Duty amounts.
- Freight costs.



- PPS number (you can only obtain this once you have arrived in Ireland if you are a new resident).

All goods are subject to VAT at a rate of 23% of their value.

Duty changes from month to month estimated between 10%-25%.

### **Inheritance from a non-EU country**

#### **Documents required:**

- Form C&E 1080 which we will provide.
- Copy of the Will of the deceased or a certified relevant extract or copy of Probate from the Court if the deceased died intestate. An English translation is necessary if document is not in English.
- Copy of death certificate.
- Inventory (if the copy Will or other document does not specifically detail the goods to be imported) with supporting declaration from the Lawyer confirming that the goods to be imported are the legatee's rightful share of the estate.

### **Diplomat's removals**

Duty free entry provided your Embassy in host Country applies for this to the Department of Foreign Affairs Protocol Division in Dublin (Tel: 01 4082030)

### **New furniture, Household items, Presents and Souvenirs from a non-EU country**

Subject to VAT and Duty

- Customs valued inventory list to determine VAT & Duty amounts.
- Freight costs.
- PPS number (you can only obtain this once you have arrived in Ireland if you are a new resident).

If new effects are included with your used household and personal effects, VAT and Duty will apply, and the said effects must be separately declared on your Customs Forms.

### **Works of art, Antiques**

Antiques and works of art not part of your household and personal effects are treated as a commercial import, and such goods would be subject to Duty/VAT according to the circumstances.

### **Motor vehicles**

#### **General Information**

- Duty free entry provided the vehicle has been owned and used by yourself for at least six (6) months prior to exporting.
- The vehicle cannot be sold or otherwise disposed of for at least one year after the date of importation.
- All automobiles being imported which are not covered under the transfer of residence conditions are subject to sales tax and also vehicle registration tax, and in order to ascertain the amount payable we will require the following information:- Make, Model, Year, Type, Engine capacity, Petrol/diesel.
- The motor vehicle may only be imported once you have arrived in Ireland.
- In the case of motor-drive vehicles (including their trailers), caravans, mobile homes, pleasure boats and private aircraft, you must have owned and used for at least six (6) months prior to exporting.

#### **Documents required**

- Customs Form 1076 (provided by us).
- Copy of the purchase invoice.



- Original vehicle documentation showing your name, engine and chassis number of the vehicle.
- Copy of insurance certification.

### **Importation of cars from another EU State**

#### **General Information**

You must have owned and used the car for at least six months prior to importation, and you must supply documentary evidence that you have lived outside Ireland for this period.

- Transfer of Residence Form number 1077 (supplied by us).
- Documents to prove you have lived outside Ireland for at least six (6) months.

Articles of Gold or Silver Plate (does not apply to electroplated goods).

Duty free entry, however if you are moving a considerable amount of gold and silver you will need to complete Form number CU56 and a statutory declaration must be made before a Commissioner for Oaths on to the effect that such articles are being imported for private use and are not for sale or exchange.

#### **Firearms**

Generally prohibited and we ask that you do not include with your household and personal effects.

#### **Alcohol**

All alcohol attracts duty and taxes and we ask that you do not include with your household and personal effects, without prior consultation with us. Including alcohol with the consignment will cause delays in customs clearance resulting in additional costs.

Alcohol imported by Diplomats for personal consumption is allowed duty free. Please consult your Embassy for more information about quotas.

#### **Prohibited items**

- Narcotics.
- Pornography.
- Explosives.
- Live plants.
- Mounted animals (please contact us).
- Hay, straw (even if used in packing).

#### **Food**

Meat and Meat Products are prohibited, and we ask that you do not include any food or drink items without contacting us.

#### **Wood Packaging Regulations**

The European member states have adopted the International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM). This regulation requires all wood packing materials to be treated for the transport of goods to the EU from other countries.

#### **Pets**

We work with a number of Pet Relocation Companies who can help you Import your pet to Ireland.

Please contact us if you wish to be put in contact with our partners.

For further information on pet import regulations please see <https://www.agriculture.gov.ie/pets/>



### **Endangered Species**

A CITES certificate is normally required. There is a worldwide ban on the movement of Ivory without a CITES Certificate. **Please note old pianos usually have ivory keys and a CITES certification will be required.**

For information on obtaining a CITES certificate please visit:-

<http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/endangered-species-application-for-import-and-export-permit>

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