



"Nasc" is the Irish word for "Link"

Nasc, the Irish Immigrant Support Centre is a non-Governmental organization that seeks to respond to the needs of immigrants in the area of Cork, Ireland.

Our Vision: To contribute to an environment of social inclusion for all communities, based on the principles of equality, social justice and human rights.

Mission: Nasc is a source of support and self-development for migrants, individually and collectively, and uses its experiences to promote fair, consistent and transparent policies.

There are three parts to our work:

- One to one Advice & Advocacy
- Group capacity building
- Policy & Campaigning

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Non EEA nationals: Bringing your family to live with you in Ireland

Who qualifies?

If you are a Non EEA national living in Ireland you may wish to bring your family to Ireland to live with you.

You must have residency permission in the State based on one of the following:

- (1) A work permit holder (Stamp 1)
- (2) A person who was granted permission on the basis of parentage of an Irish citizen child (Stamp 4)
- (3) A person who has been granted temporary permission to remain (Stamp 4),
- (4) A person who was granted long term residency (Stamp 4)
- (5) A person who was granted residency on the basis of marriage or a de facto relationship with an Irish citizen.

If you have residency based on one of the above categories and either you are your spouse or in a financial position and have been in employment for 12 months within the State you may apply for a family member to come to Ireland through the visa application process.

Application Process:

The procedure for applying for a family member to reside in Ireland is a two stage process. Stage 1 is the visa application and Stage 2 is the residency registration. A Family member is generally a spouse or unmarried child under the age of 18.

Stage 1: Visa application

In order to apply for your family member to join you in Ireland you should apply for a long stay D-Visa Join spouse/parent visa. Applications may take 12 weeks.

The Visa application in most cases can be submitted on-line and can then be supplemented by the requested documents which must be forwarded within 30 days of the online application.

Documents required include:

- Original Passport of the applicant
- Signed Declaration
- Visa fee €60
- 2X Passport Photos
- Proof of links to person living in Ireland, i.e.: original birth certificates of both applicant and person living in Ireland and marriage certificate where applicable.
- Proof of relationship with applicant: history of relationship, documentary evidence of visits or financial support provided between family members

- Proof of financial security of person resident Ireland: 6 month bank statements, Revenue documentation, contract of employment, 3 months pay-slips.
- Proof of residency of applicant: copy of GNIB card, work permits (where applicable), letter confirming residency permission, copy of residency stamps in passport.
- Proof of residency of address in Ireland to ensure ability to accommodate family members: tenancy agreement, rent book, PRTB letter, utility bills.
- For children: include letters from the schools they have been attending in their home country.

Conditions do apply, such as evidence of finances which need to be above the Family Income Supplement threshold figure. For income guidelines go to:
http://www.welfare.ie/publications/sw19/sw19_sect7.html#7.1

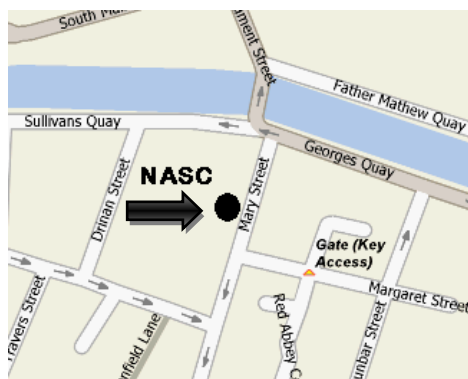
Note: Income threshold guidelines may not apply if you have been living and working in Ireland for at least 36 months.

For a more complete list of documents required for applying for a join spouse or join parent visa, go to:
<http://www.inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/Pages/WP07000160>

Stage 2: Residency Permission

Following the successful outcome of the visa application you must present with your family member to your local Garda National Immigration Bureau (GNIB) in order to get the required residency permission. Children must register in their own right once they reach 16 years.

Nasc’s advocacy officers can assist you with this process and discuss and advise on your individual circumstances



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 10.00 am to 1:00 pm
 2:00 pm to 4.30 pm