



"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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The Irish Immigrant Support Centre

Long-term Residency

Who Qualifies?

Long-term residency is a five-year residency extension offered to persons who have possessed a Stamp 1 or Stamp 4 work permit/work authorization/work visa for at least 60 months.

Rights and entitlements if application for long term residency is successful

- Right to work without having a work permit.
 - Right to establish a business.
 - Right to education.
1. You must have been registered on a work permit/visa/authorization for at least 60 months. The 60 months will be calculated on the basis of the residency stamps in your passport. Any gaps in time between one registration period and another will be deducted from the 60 months total.
 2. When applying for long term residency, a letter should be written indicating that 60 month residency requirement has been met and that the applicant wishes to obtain long-term residency. The following documents should be submitted:
 - Copy of GNIB card
 - Copies of work permits
 - Copy of Passport

Once all documentation has been collected and the letter completed, the application should be submitted by registered post to:

Long-Term Residency
Irish Naturalisation & Immigration Service
13/14 Burgh Quay
Dublin 2

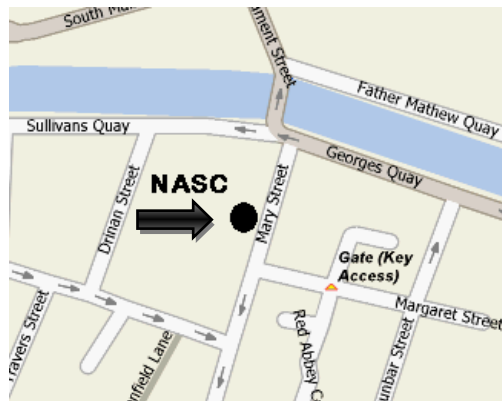
(Processing time is approximately 18 months)

3. It is important that applicants inform the Long-Term Residency Section of any change of circumstances or address while they wait for a decision to be made. Applicants must keep their work permit and residency permission up to date and valid during this time.
4. The Long-Term Residency Section will eventually contact an applicant and request that they submit Police Clearance Certificates for all countries they have lived in for over 3 months including their home countries. The applicant may need to contact the embassies

of various countries in order to obtain the Police Clearance Certificates. Applicants should not begin to collect this documentation until they receive written instruction by the Long-Term Residency Section.

5. If an application for long-term residency is successful, applicants will be requested to submit €500 to the Long Term Residency section before permission is officially granted.
6. There is no appeal available to applicants who are refused long term residency.

For further information please see www.inis.gov.ie



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10:00 am to 1:00 pm

2:00 pm to 4:30 pm