



**SEIRBHÍS EADÓIRSEACHTA AGUS INIMIRCE Na hÉIREANN  
IRISH NATURALISATION AND IMMIGRATION SERVICE (INIS)**

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**INFORMATION NOTICE FOR APPLICANTS FOR FAMILY REUNIFICATION**

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**COMMENCEMENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION ACT 2015**

The International Protection Act, 2015 (2015 Act) will be commenced by the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality on **31<sup>st</sup> December 2016**.

As your current application for Family Reunification was received by the Minister before the commencement of the 2015 Act, your application will be processed under current legislation.

All new applications for family reunification that are made after commencement of the 2015 Act will be processed under the 2015 Act.

Where an application is made before commencement of the 2015 Act and permission is granted after commencement of the Act, approved family members will be given permission to enter and/or reside in the State for not less than one year, provided the sponsor's permission is in force and the sponsor is entitled to remain in the State.

For further information on applications for Family Reunification, please visit website of the Irish Naturalisation and Immigration Service at [www.inis.gov.ie](http://www.inis.gov.ie).