

Researchers on Hosting Agreements in Ireland immigration journey



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Hosting Agreement – is it for me ?

You might need a hosting agreements if:

- You are a passport holder from outside the EU or the European Economic Area (non-EU/EEA national).
- You have gained your PhD/MSc degree in Ireland or abroad, you are on your graduate visa called stamp 1G, you are already here or anywhere in the world.
- You have been offered a job in Ireland, on an employment contract with a university, Institute of Technology or an industry or business institution with appropriate accreditation.



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You might need a hosting agreements if:

- Your job is research related, for example: a Post- Doc, Research Assistant, lecturer involved in research or an expert in a company R&D sector for which you have qualifications.
- Your job contact is for at least 91 days.
- Your salary minimum €23,181 or if you have your spouse and or kids staying with you in Ireland minimum €30,000.



Hosting Agreement – is it for me?

More about your Hosting Agreement:

- Hosting Agreement replaces your ‘work permit’ and is a basis for the Immigration (GNIB) to issue to you your permission to remain and work in Ireland - stamp 1 for employed people.
- You must not have any other valid work permit in Ireland at the same time, as Irish law allows only one permission at a time.
- Your Hosting Agreement is valid only in Ireland, and only for the job it has been issued for.
- You can have your Hosting Agreement extended, renewed, or cancelled if you leave before the contract end date.



How to get my hosting agreement?

The cost of the process

- EURAXESS Ireland is responsible for approval of your Hosting Agreement, but it needs to be issued by your employer together with your employment contract first.
- You may, but you don't need to be physically here in Ireland to obtain your Hosting Agreement, HR of your employer will forward it to you in any case.
- If your passport nationality does not require you to have an entry visa your Hosting Agreement would suffice for your travel to Ireland – you will not need to apply for a visa to enter Ireland.



How to get my hosting agreement ?

The cost of the process

- If you are a visa required national, you will need to apply for your entry visa before you come into Ireland.
- Hosting Agreement is free for you to apply, your university or other accredited employer to issue.
- The associated 'immigration cost' :
 - Visa (for visa required applicants only)
 - Your permission to remain (a plastic card with stamp 1/1G for spouses)



An immigration journey for visa required Hosting Agreement holders



* If you cannot get an appointment within 90 days do not worry, as your permission will not be cancelled, or you will not be expected to leave the country while you are waiting to register. However, please note that you must be able to demonstrate that you have sought an appointment within this 90-day period and that you have attempted to register as soon as possible.



More about your visa a visa for your eligible family members

- You can apply for your [visa for scientific researchers](#) up to 3 months before your date of travel to Ireland.
- If you are in another country prior to travelling to Ireland, you must have the relevant visa for that country in your passport before applying for an Irish visa.
- You need to apply using an online system AVATS and then lodge supporting documentation to your nearest Irish consulate.



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- If your family members wish to come to Ireland to reside for longer than 3 months with you, they must, if they are a visa-required nationals, be granted a long stay join family visa in order to travel to Ireland.
- Your family members can expect that their visa application will be dealt with within 12 months of receipt of all required documentation.
- Please check the [ISD website](#) for application and supporting documentation details for joining family members.



Immigration journey for Hosting Agreement holders who do not require entry visas for Ireland



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Who are my eligible family members?

**Do my spouse and kids need a visa? Can they work in Ireland?
Can I include my bother or mother on the Hosting Agreement form?**

- Who is your eligible dependent? Your spouse or civil partner, your child or an adopted child can be included on your Hosting Agreement form.
- Your parents or siblings cannot join you in Ireland as eligible family members under your Hosting Agreement.
- Your spouse can work freely, without any work permit in Ireland as a dependent covered by your Hosting Agreement.
- Your family members need to register their permission to remain under stamp 1G.
- Your children can use the public schooling system in Ireland.



What is next?

My rights to stay and work in Ireland while on a Hosting Agreement or after my contract expires

- After 21 months on your stamp 1 linked to your Hosting Agreement you are eligible to apply for stamp 4.
- With stamp 4 you can work without a Hosing Agreement, or any other Work Permit, and you can establish and operate a business.



What is next?

Who can help me?

- For detailed inquiries related to your contract and Hosting Agreement- contact HR of your employer.
- For general queries and in case you have any problems or issues with your Hosting Agreement -contact EURAXESS Ireland.
- With queries related to accreditations to issue Hosting Agreements by your potential employer – contact EURAXESS Ireland.



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