



Ireland

Immigrant Investor Programme (IIP)

Ireland is a quiet and peaceful island perched on the edge of Europe, its west side exposed to the mighty Atlantic Ocean. Ireland's climate is primarily influenced by the ocean and it doesn't have the extreme temperatures that other countries at a similar latitude would have. There's no such thing as a perfect time to visit Ireland, and although the weather is always highly changeable, the temperatures are rarely extreme.

Known as the land of 'Saints and Scholars', due to its rich heritage of religious devotion and education, and the 'Emerald Isle', due to its abundance of lush green vegetation, Ireland has long been associated with romance and beauty, humour and sadness. Ireland has had a long history, stretching back 12,000 years, and it has been ruled over the years by the Celts, the Normans and the English. After many years of English and British rule, Ireland became fully independent in 1937, although a part of Ireland - Northern Ireland - remained under British rule. Ireland had had a long history of poverty

and immigration and, following a long period of protectionism, the new Irish state began to open up to the world. Northern Ireland continued to prove a stumbling block for peace between the UK and Ireland until the Good Friday Agreement ushered in a new era of cooperation.

Ireland joined the UN in 1955 and entered the EU in 1973. It is also a member of the Eurozone. The Irish economy has emerged from the depths of a severe economic recession and there are signs that the economic recovery, under way since 2012, is set to continue. Ireland has now emerged as a leader in innovation, with a business-friendly Government, a highly educated workforce, excellent infrastructure, and favourable tax policies for business. The recovery was hard fought and is a testament to the hard work and optimism of the Irish people, famously friendly and welcoming, and known the world-over for their warmth and charm. It is no wonder Ireland has become such a popular destination for tourism and business.





Immigrant Investor Programme

The Immigration by Investment Programme (IIP) was introduced to allow investors from outside the European Union (EU) the opportunity to relocate to Ireland by making an investment in the country, while also earning the right, for their families and themselves, to reside in Ireland and to study or work.

The Immigrant Investor Program (IIP) is a five year route to settlement in Ireland. An initial Investor Visa is granted for a period of 2 years, after which you may renew the visa for a further 3 years. Once an investor has achieved residency after five years, they and their family may choose to pursue Irish citizenship, after having met the necessary naturalisation requirements. This makes the IIP an efficient route to a second residency or even citizenship.

Eligibility for Application

- Applicants must be over 18 years of age.
- Applicants (and accompanying spouses, adult children and parents) must have no criminal record.
- Applicants must have a net worth of at least €2,000,000
- An investment of at least €1,000,000 must be made. The investment must be held for at least three years and must be approved by the Irish government.

Core Advantages

- Ireland is a beautiful country with a high quality of life and an exceptionally open economy. Ireland is a welcoming place, with a warm and friendly people, attractive towns and cities, and unspoilt countryside.
- Ireland has a favourable tax system for business. There is a low corporation tax rate and a high availability of skilled labour.
- Permanent residency gives access to Ireland's health-care system and education system. Residents can apply for the European Health Insurance Card, which can cover certain medical expenses for injuries or illnesses incurred while travelling in another EU/EEA country.
- Family members can also be included in the residence permit applications.
- After five years of continuous residence, the applicant can apply for another residence permit or apply for citizenship. Family members may also apply for citizenship. Ireland allows dual citizenship. Obtainment of Irish citizenship will not automatically forfeit citizenships of other countries.
- Ireland is a member of the European Union. Citizens are free to live, work, study and do business in any EU member state and in Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Iceland. An Irish passport comes with the freedom to travel to 156 countries around the world, visa-free and hassle-free.

Investment Requirements

1. A minimum €1,000,000 investment of venture capital funding into an Irish business for a minimum of three years. The investment may be into one enterprise or spread across a number of enterprises.
2. A minimum €1,000,000 investment in a government-approved investment bond. A minimum €2,000,000 investment in a Real Estate Investment Trust regulated by the Irish Stock Exchange. This may be an investment in one trust or across a number of trusts.
3. A philanthropic donation of €500,000 (or €400,000 per individual where 5 or more applicants pool their donations for a specific project).





Residency/ Naturalisation Process

1. The initial Stamp 4 residency permit is issued for a period of 2 years. The applicant and his/her family members may come and live in Ireland. Our local partners will be ready to assist you before and upon your arrival in Ireland.
2. After the initial 2 years, the residency permit is renewed for a further 3 years, provided the requirements are still met.
3. After this 5 year period, applicants can apply for a renewed Stamp-5 permit, which lasts for a period of 5 years. This permit can be renewed repeatedly. Alternatively, applicants can apply for citizenship, provided the naturalisation requirements are met. Applicants for naturalisation must prove that they have been legally resident in Ireland for at least 5 years out of the 9 years leading up to the date of application. This includes 1 year of continuous residence immediately before the date of application.



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The Future Citizen Institute studies all matters relating to the phenomenon of investment residency, citizenship-by-investment, and global mobility. By producing thought-leadership in an ever-changing industry, we hope to shape the evolving understanding of the 'Future Citizen'.

The Institute was formed as a response to the changing nature of citizenship and identity in a globalising world. Drawing on the expertise of industry leaders, academics, and investors, it

examines the consequences of increased mobility in a political and economic context.

At the Future Citizen Institute, we produce research and foster a community of globally minded individuals with an interest in investment migration. As the industry continues to grow rapidly, we hope to be an invaluable source of data and analysis for professionals, students and academics.

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