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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 810/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 July 2009 establishing a Community Code on Visas (Visa Code)¹, and in particular Article 48(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Regulation (EC) No 810/2009 lays down the Union rules for the issuing of visas for transit through or intended stays in the territory of Member States not exceeding 90 days in any 180 days period.
- (2) According to Regulation (EC) No 810/2009, visa applicants are required to present documents indicating among other things the purpose of their journey and the fact that they fulfil the entry conditions as set out in Article 5 of Regulation (EC) No 562/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council². In order to ensure harmonised application of the common visa policy, Regulation (EC) No 810/2009 established that within local Schengen cooperation the need to complete and harmonise the lists of supporting documents should be assessed in each jurisdiction in order to take account of local circumstances.
- (3) The local Schengen cooperation in Ireland has confirmed the need to harmonise the list of supporting documents and have accordingly drawn up lists.
- (4) In individual cases it should still be possible for consulates to waive the requirement to submit one or more of the listed supporting documents in the case of an applicant known to them for their integrity and reliability in accordance with Article 14 (6) of Regulation (EC) No 810/2009 or, in justified cases, during the examination of an application, to request additional documents, in accordance with Article 21 (8) of Regulation (EC) No 810/2009.
- (5) As regards applicants who are family members of citizens of the Union or of a Contracting Party to the EEA Agreement covered by Directive 2004/38/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2004 on the rights of citizens of the Union and their family members to move and reside freely within the territory of

¹ OJ L 243, 15.9.2009 p. 1.

² Regulation (EC) No 562/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 March 2006 establishing the Community Code on the rules governing the movement of persons across borders (Schengen Borders Code). OJ L 105, 13.4.2006, p. 1.

the Member States , this Decision covers spouses and children and should be without prejudice to the rights that other family members enjoy under the above Directive.

- (6) Given that Regulation (EC) No 810/2009 builds upon the Schengen acquis, in accordance with Article 5 of the Protocol on the position of Denmark annexed to the Treaty on European Union and to the Treaty establishing the European Community and Article 4 of Protocol (No 22) on the position of Denmark, annexed to the Treaty on the European Union and to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, Denmark notified the implementation of Regulation (EC) No 810/2009 in its national law. It is therefore bound under international law to implement this Decision.
- (7) This Decision constitutes a development of provisions of the Schengen acquis in which the United Kingdom does not take part, in accordance with Council Decision 2000/365/EC of 29 May 2000 concerning the request of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to take part in some of the provisions of the Schengen acquis. The United Kingdom is therefore not taking part in its adoption and is not bound by it or subject to its application. This Decision should therefore not be addressed to the United Kingdom.
- (8) This Decision constitutes a development of provisions of the Schengen acquis in which Ireland does not take part, in accordance with Council Decision 2002/192/EC of 28 February 2002 concerning Ireland's request to take part in some of the provisions of the Schengen acquis. Ireland is therefore not taking part in its adoption and is not bound by it or subject to its application. This Decision should therefore not be addressed to Ireland.
- (9) As regards Iceland and Norway, this Decision constitutes a development of provisions of the Schengen acquis within the meaning of the Agreement concluded by the Council of the European Union and the Republic of Iceland and the Kingdom of Norway concerning the association of those two States with the implementation, application and development of the Schengen acquis, which fall within the area referred to in Article 1, point B of Council Decision 1999/437/EC of 17 May 1999 on certain arrangements for the application of that Agreement.
- (10) As regards Switzerland, this Decision constitutes a development of the provisions of the Schengen acquis within the meaning of the Agreement between the European Union, the European Community and the Swiss Confederation on the Swiss Confederation's association with the implementation, application and development of the Schengen acquis , which fall within the area referred to in Article 1, point B of Council Decision 1999/437/EC read in conjunction with Article 3 of Council Decision 2008/146/EC.
- (11) As regards Liechtenstein, this Decision constitutes a development of the provisions of the Schengen acquis within the meaning of the Protocol signed between the European Union, the European Community, the Swiss Confederation and the Principality of Liechtenstein on the accession of the Principality of Liechtenstein to the Agreement between the European Union, the European Community and the Swiss Confederation on the Swiss Confederation's association with the implementation, application and development of the Schengen acquis , which fall within the area referred to in Article 1, point B of Council Decision 1999/437/EC read in conjunction with Article 3 of Council Decision 2011/350/EU.

- (12) As regards Cyprus, this Decision constitutes an act building upon, or otherwise related to, the Schengen acquis within the meaning of Article 3(2) of the 2003 Act of Accession.
- (13) As regards Bulgaria and Romania, this Decision constitutes an act building upon, or otherwise related to, the Schengen acquis within the meaning of Article 4(2) of the 2005 Act of Accession.
- (14) As regards Croatia, this Decision constitutes an act building upon, or otherwise related to, the Schengen acquis within the meaning of Article 4(2) of the 2012 Act of Accession.
- (15) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Visa Committee.

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The list of supporting documents to be submitted by applicants for short stay visas in Ireland shall be as set out in the Annex.

As regards applicants who are family members of citizens of the Union or of a Contracting Party to the EEA Agreement covered by the Directive 2004/38/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2004 on the right of citizens of the Union and their family members to move and reside freely within the territory of the Member States, failure to present the citizen's passport shall not be a sufficient reason for refusing the visa to the family member.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Kingdom of Belgium, the Republic of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, the Federal Republic of Germany, the Republic of Estonia, the Hellenic Republic, the Kingdom of Spain, Republic of Croatia, the French Republic, the Italian Republic, the Republic of Cyprus, the Republic of Latvia, the Republic of Lithuania, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, Hungary, the Republic of Malta, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the Republic of Austria, the Republic of Poland, the Portuguese Republic, Romania, the Republic of Slovenia, the Slovak Republic, the Republic of Finland and the Kingdom of Sweden.

Done at Brussels, 31.7.2014

For the Commission
Cecilia MALMSTRÖM
Member of the Commission





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List of supporting documents to be submitted by applicants for short stay visas in Ireland

1. Basic requirements for persons applying for a visa irrespective of the purpose of travel;
 - 1.1. Irish re-entry visa and/or Irish Certificate of Registration (GNIB card) valid for at least 3 months beyond the intended departure from the Schengen area.
 - 1.2. Proof of current address in Ireland (bills, rent book, lease agreement etc).
2. Documentation allowing for the assessment of the applicant's intention to leave the Schengen area;
 - 2.1. Proof of confirmed return ticket to the Ireland or to the country of final destination.
 - 2.2. Recent (showing movements over the last three months) Irish bank statement in the applicant's name and address showing details and a balance showing that he has sufficient means of subsistence both for the duration of the intended stay and for the return to Ireland or his country of origin, or for the transit to a third country into which he is certain to be admitted, or that he is in a position to acquire such means lawfully, in accordance with Article 5(1)(c) and (3) of the Schengen Borders Code; or
 - if the applicant is financially supported by her/his spouse (for example if the applicant does not work herself/himself), a marriage certificate and the spouse's bank statements.
 - if the applicant is financially supported by sponsor, a letter of sponsorship certified by notary public in the Member State where it was issued should be provided.
 - 2.3. General employment: recent, official and signed letter from employer (headed letter with name, position of signatory and date of issue, address, recent telephone number and registration number in Ireland) and/or work permit and/or payslips for the last 3 months.
 - 2.4. Self-employment:
Company's registration certificate and a recent business printout available from the Companies Registration Office;
 - 2.5. Students:
Recent, official and signed letter from university, college or school based in Ireland stating date of issue, name of the applicant and type of studies and number of lessons (hours) per week and confirming attendance/status, and, if applicable, proof of (part-time) employment (three most recent pay-slips and letter from employer).
 - 2.6. Unemployed:
Permission of the local Social Welfare Office for the intended trip (if trip is longer than 2 weeks) and prove of the weekly or monthly social welfare payments.
3. Airport transit (not relevant if holding an Irish re-entry visa):
Visa or entry permit and confirmed tickets regarding the onward journey to the final country of destination.
4. Documents to be submitted depending on the purpose of travel:

4.1. Business:

- An specific invitation-form or invitation with original signature from a firm or an authority to attend meetings, conferences, proof of registration, or events connected with trade, industry or work, indicating cover of travel and/or accomodation expenses, if applicable;
- other documents which show the existence of trade relations or relations for work purposes;
- formal letter from employer (or other formal documents) proving the applicant's employment status at the company, the kind and duration of the business trips to Schengen country and the commitment of covering all the costs of journey;
- entry tickets or registration for fairs and congresses;
- documents proving the business activities of the company;
- proof of accommodation: confirmed hotel/hostel/B&B reservation(s) or other lodgements covering the whole duration of stay in host country and, if applicable, in other Schengen countries.

4.2. Study or professional training:

- a certificate of enrolment at an educational establishment (school, university, college, etc) for the purposes of attending vocational or theoretical courses within the framework of basic and further training;
- student card or certificate of the courses to be attended;
- documents in relation to accommodation, or proof of sufficient means to cover the accommodation;
- Recent, official and signed letter from university, college or school stating the above mentioned.

4.3. Tourism:

- confirmed hotel booking for your full stay in the Schengen area or any other appropriate document stating the planned accommodation; or
- booking confirmation of a European tour or any other appropriate document.

4.4. Private (family-friends) visit:

- proof of invitation or letter of sponsorship¹ (providing board and lodging) certified by notary public, if applicable;
- an invitation from the host if staying with one,;
- documents in relation to accommodation; or
- proof of sufficient means to cover this accommodation and other expenses;

¹ *The following Member States' consulates require that a specific form be used for the invitation letter or letter of sponsorship: Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovenia, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland (cf.the websites of the Member State concerned)*

- copy of data page of passport or residence permit of host in the Member State, if staying with one;
 - proof of family relationship.
- 4.5. Medical treatment:
- an official document of the medical institution confirming necessity for medical care in that institution;
 - proof of sufficient financial means to pay for the medical treatment;
 - proof of prepayment of medical treatment.
- 4.6. Official delegations travelling on the basis of an official invitation addressed to the government of the third country concerned, to participate in meetings, consultations, negotiations or exchange programs, as well as in events held in the territory of a Member State by intergovernmental organizations:
- a letter issued by an authority of the third country concerned confirming that the applicant is a member of the official delegation travelling to a member state to participate in the abovementioned events, accompanied by a copy of the official invitation from the intergovernmental organization in the Member State; or
 - note verbale.
5. Particular and additional requirements applying to specific categories of persons
- 5.1. Minors (children below 18 years):
- birth certificate and recent, official and signed letter from school;
 - minors travelling alone or with only one parent:
 - original passports of both parents (unless one parent has the sole custody or residence order for the child);
 - proof of consent of parental authority or legal guardian.
- 5.2. Family member of EU/EEA citizen (spouses and children):
- the EU/EEA citizen's passport or National ID card.
 - proof of the family relationship:
 - marriage certificate;
 - birth certificate (only for children).
- 5.3. Seafarers:
- Seaman's book.
 - Covering letter from recruiting company stating the name and the rank of the seafarer.
 - Vessel's name, vessel's arrival date in port and the date of the seafarer's joining of the vessel.
- 5.4. Lorry drivers:
- A written request from the national association (union) of carriers of the host country providing for international road transportation, stating the purpose, duration and frequency of the trips.
 - Written request from the partner company based in the Member State.

- Driver's licence for international transport.

5.5. Persons travelling for the purpose of carrying out paid activity or internship:

Under the national legislation of the Member States, some paid activities or internships require the applicant to provide a work permit or a similar document (cf. the website of the Member State concerned).