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Ireland - Expansion of Online Passport Renewal Service

Ireland's Department of Foreign Affairs has confirmed that the online passport renewal service is to be expanded.¹

WHY THIS MATTERS

This expanded service allows for the online renewal of children's passports, introduces a passport card for children, and expands the cohort of adults eligible to renew online – so now all adults and children who wish to renew their passports can do so. In addition, because of the expansion of service, all Irish citizens can now renew their passports online, from anywhere in the world.

This development is expected to bring significant benefits for citizens, for instance, faster turnaround times of 10 working days for all online applications, excluding postage. In addition, the cost of renewing a passport online is significantly cheaper than alternative methods, with fees for all online applications being reduced by €5 across all application types.

Requirements, Additional Verifications, and Costs

- The expanded online service permits all Irish citizens, adults and children, to renew their passports online.
- You will need a digital photograph, an e-mail address, and a credit/debit card to apply online.
- To help ensure the Passport Service continues to verify the identity of the child and receive the consent of guardians using the online child passport renewal service, a Child Passport Identity and Consent Form will be generated for printing and witnessing at the end of the online process.

- A standard adult passport book online costs €75. A standard child passport book online costs €20. The cost is cheaper when you apply for a passport book and card at the same time.

KPMG NOTE

Global mobility professionals, immigration counsel, and travelers should be aware of these developments concerning passport renewal methods in Ireland:

- firstly, so that they can follow the steps for renewal properly; and
- secondly, as they could end up saving time, effort, and money.

FOOTNOTE:

1 For more information, see the "[Passports & Citizenship](#)" webpage on the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade website.

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