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# Ireland – COVID-19: Further Residency Permissions Extensions, Temporary Registration Office Closures

As previously reported (see GMS [Flash Alert 2020-321](#), 20 July 2020), Irish Residence Permits that were due to expire between 20 July 2020 and 20 August 2020, are automatically renewed for a period of one month, thereby maintaining the residency status of individuals with Irish residence permission expiring during this period. This measure has now been extended and all residency permissions that are due to expire between 20 August 2020 and 20 September 2020 are automatically renewed for a period of one month.<sup>1</sup>

At the same time the Irish Immigration Service Delivery (ISD) also announced that the Burgh Quay Registration Office will close temporarily to allow for revised public health guidance to be issued, following the announcement of new Irish government restrictions in response to the coronavirus pandemic.

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## WHY THIS MATTERS

Employers should note that if the expiry date of their employees' residence permission falls within the period of 20 August 2020 and 20 September 2020, the employees' residence status in Ireland will be maintained as a result of this extension.

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## Further Extension of Immigration Permissions

The ISD announced 18 August that all immigration permissions due to expire between 20 August and 20 September 2020 will be automatically extended by one month. Residence permissions renewed by the ISD notices of 20 March 2020, 13 May 2020 and 16 July 2020, which have new expiry dates between 20 August 2020 and 20 September 2020 are also automatically renewed by this notice for a further one-month period.

These further extensions will apply to the same three categories as the previous notices of 20 March 2020, 13 May 2020 and 16 July 2020:

- 1. Renewal of Existing Permissions / Registrations** – Persons who hold a current valid Irish Residence Permit, or one that has already been extended under the previous notice(s).
- 2. Awaiting First Registration** – Persons granted permission to enter Ireland on the condition they register at Burgh Quay or their local registration office within three months but who have yet to do so.
- 3. Short-Stay Visas** – Those in the country on a short-stay visa, who have been granted permission to remain for less than three months, and who may be unable to leave Ireland to return home due to uncertainties caused by the Coronavirus pandemic.

## Closure of Burgh Quay Registration Office and Local Registration Offices

The Dublin Burgh Quay Registration Office which reopened on 20 July 2020 will now close temporarily, allowing for revised public health guidance to be issued. Appointments for first-time registrations that were scheduled for 19-21 August 2020 will be rescheduled. In addition, all registration offices outside of Dublin which are operated by An Garda Síochána will close temporarily, while awaiting revised public health guidance to be issued. Appointments that have issued for 19-21 August will be rescheduled.

All renewal applications, in the Dublin area, are being processed via the online system. (For prior coverage, see GMS [Flash Alert 2020-307](#) (20 July 2020).) Renewal applications will continue to be accepted throughout the closure of the Burgh Quay Registration Office.

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### KPMG NOTE

Individuals and their employers should be aware of these changes as it maintains the legal residency status of their current Non-European Economic Area (EEA) employees with residency permissions expiring between 20 August 2020 and 20 September 2020. It will however delay the first-time registration of their employees who have recently arrived or are due to arrive in Ireland.

For advice on this changing situation, please contact your local qualified immigration counsel or the Corporate Immigration and Employment Law Team with KPMG in Ireland

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### FOOTNOTE:

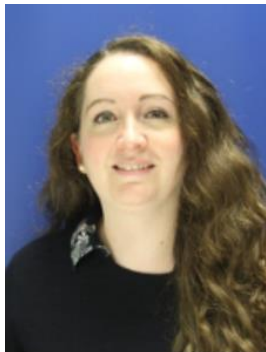
1 Immigration Service Delivery [website](#), Notice 2, Current Valid Immigration Permissions extended for one month and Temporary Closure of Registration Offices (18 August 2020).

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