

Ireland Visa Screening Requirements - Detailed

Overview

This document summarises visa screening requirements for the Republic of Ireland, based on INIS guidance and application FAQs.

Ireland operates its own visa policy and application system (AVATS/INIS) and requires supporting documents similar to other EU and OECD countries.

Primary Identity & Application Forms

Valid passport and completed AVATS application or online form; passport should generally have at least 6 months validity remaining for travel.

Two recent passport sized photographs and copies of previous passports where applicable.

Purpose, Funds & Accommodation

Proof of purpose: invitation letters, proof of enrolment for students, job offer letters for workers or itinerary for visitors.

Proof of sufficient funds and accommodation during the stay; bank statements, host letters, or hotel bookings may be accepted.

Biometrics, Police Certificates & Health Checks

Biometrics may be required for applicants outside specific exemptions; police certificates may be requested for long-term stays or certain nationalities.

Medical or TB checks may be requested depending on applicant origin and intended length of stay.

Processing, Refusal Reasons & Tips

Refusals commonly result from insufficient funds, incomplete documentation, unclear purpose of travel, or previous immigration history issues.

Be thorough with translations, provide certified copies where needed, and follow the INIS required document lists for each visa type.

Practical Checklist (What to Include)

Passport, application form, photos, fee payment receipt, proof of funds, accommodation proof, invitation or offer letters, police certificates (if requested), and biometric enrolment where required.

Sources

Irish Immigration - AVATS and required documents: <https://www.irishimmigration.ie/coming-to-visit-ireland/how-to-apply-for-a-short-stay-c-visit-tourist-visa/visit-family-friend-visa/> and <https://www.irishimmigration.ie/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Required-documents-Short-Stay-C-Visa.-faq.pdf>