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Ireland is required to examine applications for international protection by anyone who is at the borders of the State or is in the State and indicates they wish to make an application.

Some applications are deemed inadmissible under section 21 of the [2015 International Protection Act](https://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/2015/act/66/enacted/en/html) (<https://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/2015/act/66/enacted/en/html>), most likely where another Member State or a Designated Safe Country has already granted refugee or subsidiary protection status.

If an applicant comes under the provisions of the [EU Dublin Regulation](https://home-affairs.ec.europa.eu/policies/migration-and-asylum/common-european-asylum-system/country-responsible-asylum-application-dublin-regulation_en) (https://home-affairs.ec.europa.eu/policies/migration-and-asylum/common-european-asylum-system/country-responsible-asylum-application-dublin-regulation_en), an application may be transferred to another participating State for examination.

The EU Dublin III Regulation is based on the principle that the first Member State of entry to the EU should examine the protection application.

The International Protection Office (IPO) determines if an applicant should be transferred to another Member State or a Designated Safe Country, or have their application assessed in Ireland. The IPO also responds to requests from other Member States and Designated Safe Country to transfer applicants to Ireland.

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