



# Working Holiday Ireland

Complete guide to requirements and application based on official Irish immigration rules.

# Key Visa Facts

# 12

Months (Maximum Duration)

## Essential Rules

The Working Holiday Visa for Ireland is a unique cultural exchange opportunity, but it has strict limits set by the *Immigration Service Delivery (ISD)*.

The visa allows you to live and work for a full year in the country. You must also consider additional costs such as the mandatory **€300** IRP registration upon arrival.

# Additional Documents



## Medical Exams

Good news: No routine physical medical certificate is required. It is only mandatory to sign the health declaration on the official WHA form to rule out diseases.



## Criminal Records

Mandatory. You must present an official physical Criminal Record Certificate from your current country of residence, with a maximum age of 3 to 6 months depending on the embassy.



## Language and Translation

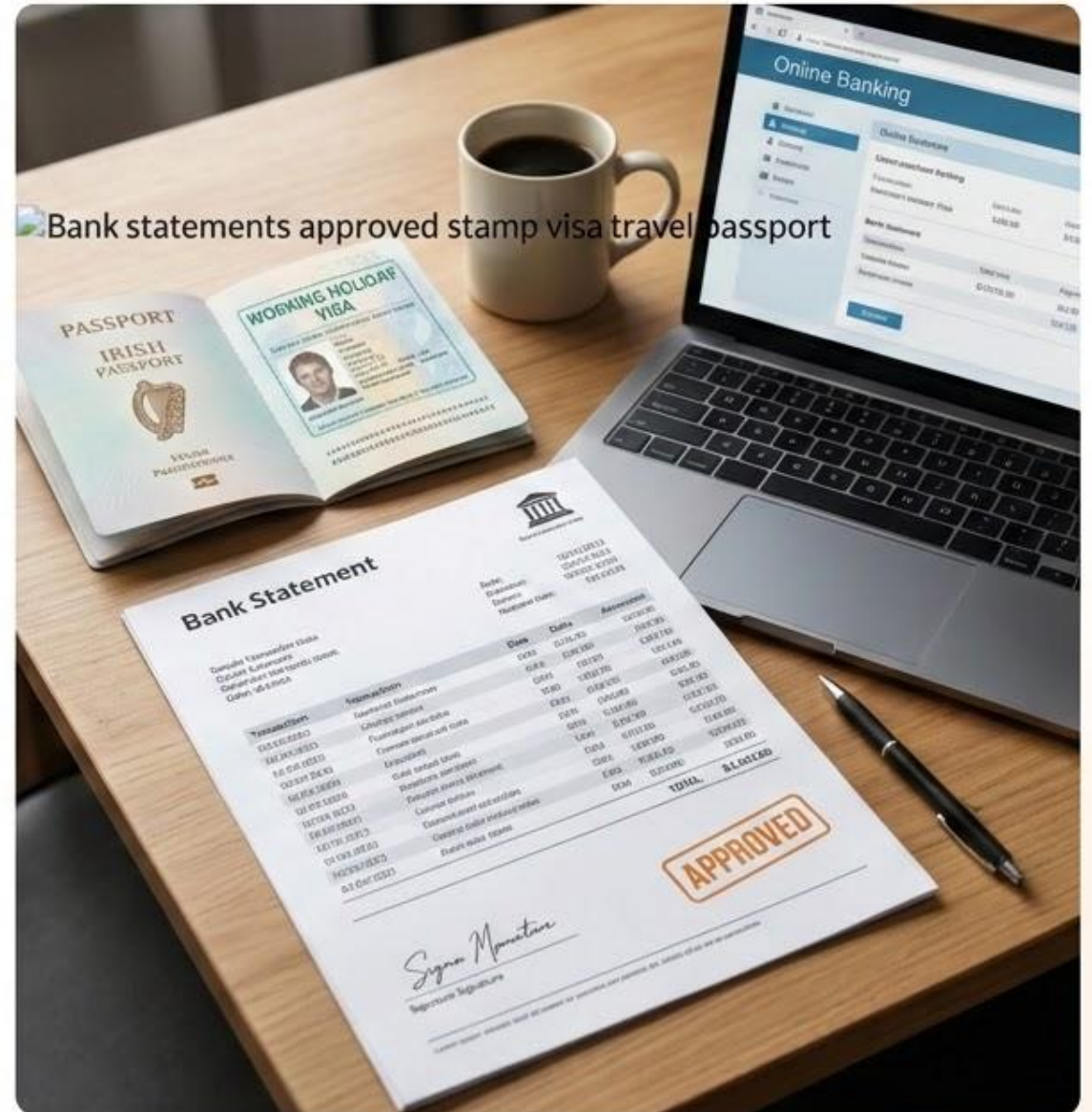
English language is not an exclusive requirement. However, any document not originally in English (bank statements, degrees) must include an official certified translation.

# Proof of Funds

To ensure you can support yourself financially during your stay in Ireland, the embassy is extremely strict regarding solvency:

- ✔ **Ownership:** The bank statement must be exclusively in your name. Sponsors or joint accounts are not accepted.
- ✔ **History:** You must show the account history for the last 6 months.
- ✔ **Format:** If you print your statement from online banking, it must be signed and stamped by the bank.
- ✔ **Return Ticket:** You can show base funds (e.g., €1500) if you have already purchased your return flight ticket.

**Total Solvency = Base Funds + Ticket (or extra value)**



# Health Insurance & Studies

## Comprehensive Health Coverage

It is an unavoidable immigration requirement to have comprehensive private medical and travel insurance. This insurance must cover you for the total duration of the visa (12 or 24 months depending on your country). It must cover emergencies, hospitalization, and repatriation clause.

## Study Opportunities

The Working Holiday is flexible and allows studies as a secondary activity. Short courses (e.g., language learning) are allowed for a maximum of 6 months.

*Note:* It is strictly forbidden to pursue full-time degree courses (Bachelor/Master), as this requires a specific Student Visa.



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# Country Specifications

The exact quota requirements, processes, amounts, and opening dates vary significantly depending on your passport and country of residence.

# Latin America: Quotas

Country	Allowed Age	Annual Quotas	Application Method
Argentina	18 to 35 years	200	In-person (VFS Global)
Chile	18 to 30 years	200	In-person (VFS Global)
Andorra	18 to 30 years	25	Email (Embassy in Madrid)

*For Argentina and Chile, the 200 available quotas are highly demanded and usually sell out within minutes after the official call opens via email.*

# Rest of the World: Quotas

Region / Country	Allowed Age	Annual Quotas	Application Method
Australia and Canada	18 to 35 years	Unlimited / ~2735	Direct Postal Mail
Japan and South Korea	18 to 30 / 34 years	800 each	In-person / Postal
Taiwan	18 to 30 years	400	Email (ISD Ireland)
United States	18+ (Students)	Unlimited	Postal Mail

# Calendar and Openings


## Limited Quota System


Countries in Latin America and Asia usually operate under a system of pre-announced exact dates and times. Due to high competition, it is vital to prepare all documentation months in advance, as sending the application email one minute late can leave you out of the annual quotas.

## Continuous System or Pools

Anglophone nations like Australia or the United States have uninterrupted applications all year round. In the case of Canada, the more than 2700 quotas are systematically assigned based on invitation rounds (pools) distributed over several months.

# Application Methods

 VFS global visa application center or embassy building

 Postal office sending mail package travel international



## In-person (VFS/Embassy)

For countries like Argentina, Chile, and Korea, it requires submitting a printed physical file with a prior appointment.

## Postal Mail

Direct application by sending all documentation via certified mail to the corresponding Embassy.

## Hybrid (Email)

For Taiwan or Andorra, the initial application is digital by sending scanned forms via email.

# Minimum Solvency (EUR)

*\* Base values required assuming the applicant has already purchased the return flight ticket.*

Argentina / Andorra

2,500 €

Taiwan (Equivalent)

2,500 €

Chile / Australia

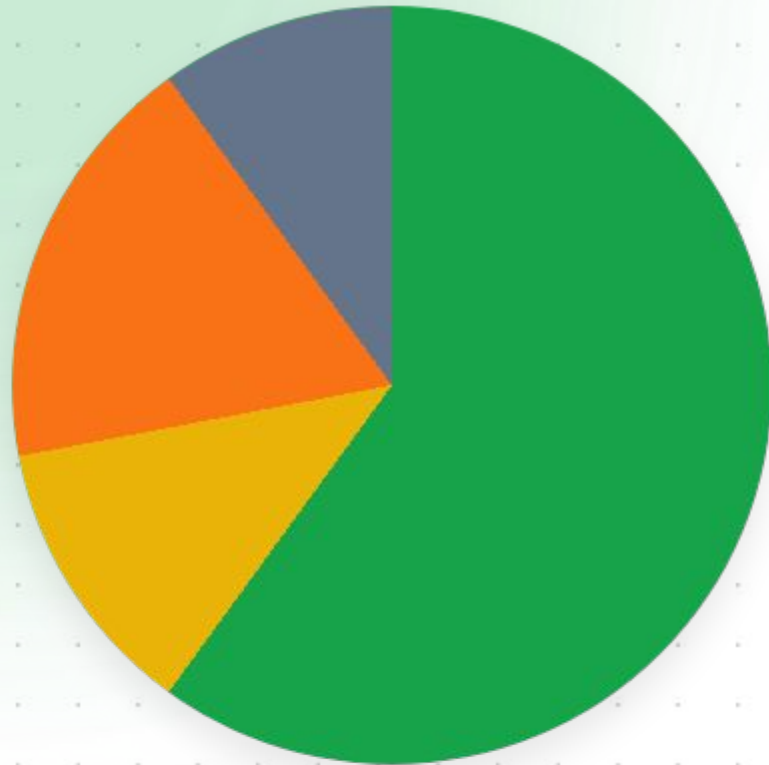
1,500 €

Canada / USA

1,500 €

*If you apply without an already purchased outbound flight ticket, embassies require an additional fund that can raise the proof of solvency to amounts between 3,000 and 4,000 EUR.*

# Cost Estimation



- IRP IRL Registration (300€) - 60%
- VFS/Shipping Fee (~90€) - 18%
- Consular Fee (~60€) - 12%
- Translations and Photos (~50€) - 10%

*This chart shows a breakdown of the administrative costs of the procedure. It is essential to note that the largest expense (IRP Registration) is paid directly in Ireland upon arrival. Medical insurance was not included due to its high variability.*

# Official Checklist



**Original Passport:** Valid, usually requiring a validity greater than 12 months from the planned date of entry.



**Forms and Photos:** Printed and duly signed WHA application form, along with 2 recent passport-sized photos.



**Criminal Records:** Physical and official certificate with a maximum validity of 3 to 6 months from its date of issue.



**Proof of Solvency:** Original and recent bank statement meeting the required funds threshold for your nationality.



**Final Documentation:** Translated medical insurance policy, flight ticket (or extra funds), and Curriculum Vitae in English.

# Visa Extension

The permission is valid for a maximum of 12 months and is legally non-extendable for Working Holiday purposes.

— Immigration Service Delivery (ISD)

\* Exceptions apply to Canadian citizens (24 months). To stay longer legally in the Republic of Ireland, you must leave the country and process a change of residence purpose, such as an employment or full-study visa.

# Top 3 Destinations for your Adventure



## Dublin

The vibrant capital. Perfect mix of Celtic history, traditional pubs with live music, and the international bustle of Temple Bar.



## Galway

The cultural heart. Known for its coastal charm, bohemian atmosphere, street art, and its proximity to the imposing Cliffs of Moher.



## Cork

The gastronomic capital. A lively and proud city, famous for its English Market, university atmosphere, and beautiful southern landscapes.

# Questions?

Thank you very much for your attention and best of luck gathering your documents!

**Prepare your adventure to Ireland!**