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Routes to Irish Citizenship

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A

BORN IN IRELAND

1

Were you born on the island of Ireland before 1 January 2005?

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If **YES**, you are automatically an Irish citizen by birth.

2

Were you born on the island of Ireland on or after 1 January 2005 **AND** were either of your parents an Irish citizen (or entitled to Irish citizenship) or a British citizen at the time of your birth?

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If **YES**, you are automatically an Irish citizen by birth.

3

Were you born on the island of Ireland on or after 1 January 2005 **AND** had either of your parents lived on the island of Ireland for 3 out of the 4 years prior to your birth, or, were either of your parents entitled to live on the island of Ireland without restriction on their residency?

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If **YES**, you are automatically an Irish citizen by birth.

If the answers to questions 1, 2 and 3 are **NO**, proceed to **Route B.** →

B

BORN OUTSIDE OF IRELAND (IRISH DESCENT)

1

Were either of your parents born on the island of Ireland **AND** an Irish citizen at the time of your birth?

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If **YES**, you are automatically an Irish citizen.

2

Were either of your grandparents born on the island of Ireland?

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If **YES**, you are entitled to claim Irish citizenship by having your birth registered on the Foreign Births Register.

3

Did either of your parents have their birth registered on the Foreign Births Register prior to your birth on the basis of them having an Irish born grandparent?

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If **YES**, you are entitled to claim Irish citizenship by having your birth registered on the Foreign Births Register.

4

Were either of your parents a naturalised Irish citizen at the time of your birth?

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If **YES**, you are entitled to claim Irish citizenship by having your birth registered on the Foreign Births Register.

If the answers to questions 1, 2, 3, and 4 are **NO**, proceed to **Route C.** →

C

ARE YOU CURRENTLY RESIDING IN IRELAND?

1

Do you have 5 years of residence in Ireland out of the last 9 years under an eligible visa?

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If **YES**, you may be eligible to apply for citizenship by Naturalisation (subject to meeting certain conditions).

2

Are you married to an Irish Citizen?

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If **YES**, do you have 3 years of residence in Ireland out of the last five years under an eligible visa?

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If **YES**, you may be eligible to apply for citizenship by Naturalisation (subject to meeting certain conditions).



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This document aims to provide guidance for individuals who are looking to apply for Irish citizenship. If the routes outlined in this document are not open to an individual, the individual may in the alternative wish to apply for long-term residency in Ireland under the Immigrant Investor Programme. Further details of which can be accessed at www.matheson.com/services/private-client/relocation-services



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