Temporary Protection Transition Scheme

Frequently Asked Questions

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Who can apply?

Who can apply?

People who are beneficiaries of Temporary Protection and have been resident in Ireland under Temporary Protection for a minimum of one year prior to the opening of applications on 30 September 2026 can apply for this scheme. You must have been resident in Ireland as a beneficiary of Temporary Protection on or before 30 September 2025 to be eligible to apply for the Scheme.

Principal applicants must be over the age of 18 years old and can make either an individual application, or apply as a principal applicant for their family.

Eligible family members include the principal applicant's spouse, civil partner, de facto partners, children aged under 18, unmarried adult children aged 18-23 and children aged over 23 where they have a disability which renders independent living impossible.

Children in a family application refers to direct descendants, adopted children, or minor stepchildren of the principal applicant or of his/her spouse, civil partner or de facto partner up to the age of 18 years.

How do I apply?

To make an application for the Temporary Protection Transition Scheme you will need to make an Irish immigration Service online account which can be made at the following website: ISD Online Forms.

Once you have logged into your Immigration Service online account you will be able to make your application for the Scheme. Each family member will need to complete their own application for the Scheme.

What are the eligibility criteria for the principal applicant?

Individual applicants and principal applicants on behalf of a family must meet the following standard eligibility criteria:

- be resident in Ireland for a minimum of one year as a beneficiary of Temporary Protection before the opening date of this application process;
- be employment or self-employment for six months immediately prior to the opening of the Scheme, with a minimum yearly salary of €29,432;

- not be availing of state supported accommodation such as commercially provided, rapid build programme or hosted accommodation supported by the Accommodation Recognition Payment at the time of application.

Eligibility under the Scheme is subject to the good character and conduct of applicants i.e. the principal applicant and each family member.

Can we make a family application?

Yes, family applications can be made. A principal applicant who meets all of the eligibility criteria must make an application, indicating on the form that they are making a family application. Once this application has been made the principal applicant will be given a Family Identifier.

All other family members must then submit a separate application, indicating on the form that it is a family application in the relevant field. In their application they must include the Family Identifier in the relevant field to link their application to the Principal Applicant.

The principal applicant should submit a separate application form on behalf of any children under the age of 18 in their family, including the Family Identifier.

Do all family members need to meet the eligibility criteria?

All family applications are dependent on the principal applicant meeting the standard eligibility criteria. If the principal applicant is approved, then each individual family member will have to meet the following conditions for approval:

- If you are a Spouse, civil partner, de facto partner you must be residing with the principal applicant in Ireland as a beneficiary of Temporary Protection for one year on 30 September 2026 and be resident in independent accommodation.
- If you are a child under 18 years of age, you must be resident in Ireland as a Beneficiary of Temporary Protection prior to 30 September 2026 as part of a family unit. You must be residing with the principal applicant and be a direct direct descendant, adopted child, or stepchild of the principal applicant or of his/her spouse, civil partner or de facto partner.
- If you are an adult child aged 18 – 23 years of the principal applicant or of his/her spouse, civil partner or de facto partner and you are not married or in a civil/de facto partnership with another person and have been residing with and continue to reside with the principal applicant for a period of one year on 30 September 2026.

- If you are over 23 years of age and require the close personal care of the principal applicant or his/her spouse, civil partner, or de facto partner due to a disability which renders independent living impossible, where supporting medical evidence is provided.

If one member of the family is accepted, are all members accepted?

All family applications are dependent on the principal applicant meeting the standard eligibility criteria. If the principal applicant is approved, then each individual family member will have to meet conditions for approval as outlined above.

Can the parents or grandparents of the principal applicant apply as part of a family application?

Only the eligible family members listed above may be included in a family application.

Parents or grandparents of a principal applicant must make their own separate application and meet the eligibility conditions in their own right.

Can we apply as a family if we do not live together?

All adult members of a family making a family application must be living together at the time of making the application and have been living together for a minimum of one year prior to the opening date of the scheme.

Children under 18 must have been resident in Ireland and living with the principal applicant immediately prior to the opening date of the scheme and continue to live with them on the date of application.

Can my adult child who is over 23 years old form part of the application as they are still in college?

No. Adult children over the age of 23 who do not require close personal care due to a disability must make their own individual principal application and meet the conditions of the Scheme in their own right.

Can my married adult child who is 18-23 years old form part of the application as they are living with me?

No. If your child is married they or their spouse or civil partner will have to make a separate principal application.

Can my adult child who is 18-23 years old and not in employment form part of the application if they are living with me?

Yes. An adult child aged 18-23 years of age can form part of the family application. They must be a beneficiary of Temporary Protection and living with the principal applicant for the year immediately prior to 30 September 2026 as a family unit and continue to be living together at the date of application.

Can I include my child who is under 18 years of age and is not living in Ireland?

No, only children under 18 who are resident in Ireland immediately prior to 30 September 2026 with the principal applicant as a beneficiary of Temporary Protection can be included in the family application.

What is a “de facto partner”?

A ‘de facto’ relationship means you and your partner are committed to a shared life together, i.e. as if you were married. A de facto relationship should meet the following criteria:

1. Both partners have been living together in a durable relationship which has existed for a substantial period of time
2. Both partners intend to live together indefinitely
3. Neither partner is related to the other by blood
4. Neither partner is in a relationship with another person.

A de facto relationship is similar to a marriage or civil partnership in practice though not in law. It is where:

- You and your partner both have a mutual commitment to a shared life to the exclusion of all others
- Your relationship is genuine and continuing (for at least 2 years)
- You live together on a permanent basis and do not live apart
- You are not related by family.

What happens if my application is approved or rejected?

What happens if the principal applicant of a family application is refused?

All family members' applications are based on the principal applicant so if the principal application is refused then all the family applications are refused without further examination.

I do not meet the eligibility criteria. What happens to me?

People who do not apply for the Temporary Protection Transition Scheme or who are unable to meet the eligibility criteria will remain covered by the Temporary Protection Directive which is currently in place across the EU until March 2028. People will continue to have access to the associated rights of the Directive for the duration of Temporary Protection to include the right to reside in Ireland and the right to access to social welfare, education, and employment.

My application was approved, what happens now?

Once your application has been approved, your temporary protection status will be forfeited and you must register your TPTS permission with the Immigration Service Delivery within 90 days of receiving your approval.

Your grant letter will provide information on how to register your permission. Moving to this scheme means you will no longer be resident in Ireland under the Temporary Protection Directive.

If my application is approved and I transition to the Temporary Protection Transition Scheme, will I still be able to drive in Ireland under my Ukrainian driver's license?

You may drive in Ireland on a Ukrainian driving licence only while you are benefiting from Temporary Protection under the EU Temporary Protection Directive. Your Ukrainian driving licence is recognised for driving in Ireland for the duration of your Temporary Protection.

If you are resident in Ireland under any other immigration permission, your Ukrainian driving licence is not recognised for driving in Ireland. Therefore, if you are resident in Ireland under any other immigration permission, you must hold a valid Irish or European Union/European Economic Area driving licence to drive here. Please see the following webpage for further information: Ukraine Drivers - National Driver Licence Service

If my application is approved, can I work without an employment permit?

Yes, you can take up employment and are not required to hold an Employment Permit. You can work in a profession, subject to conditions of the relevant professional or other bodies. You can establish and operate a business.

If my application is approved, can I access state funds and services?

Yes. You may access state funds and services as determined by Government departments or agencies.

How long will my permission last. Is it only for 2 years?

The Temporary Protection transition scheme permission will be for an initial two years beginning on the date of your grant letter. This permission is renewable for periods of two years thereafter.

What happens if my application is refused?

If your application is refused, you will remain entitled to the benefits of your Temporary Protection status while the Temporary Protection Directive remains in effect.

The Temporary Protection Directive has recently been extended following Council Implementing Decision 2026/1912 and will remain in effect until 4 March 2028.

My application was refused. Can I appeal?

Yes. You can appeal a refusal. The appeal must be made by email and must be received by the Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration within 30 working days of the date of the issue of the decision. An appeal will be considered by a different officer. Full details of how to appeal a refusal will be included in your letter of refusal.

Independent Accommodation Requirement

What counts as independent accommodation?

To avail of the scheme, a person cannot be living in any of the following accommodation types:

- State Contracted Commercial Accommodation (e.g. hotels, guesthouses etc. paid for by the Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration);
- Rapid Build or Modular Accommodation;
- Persons who are in receipt of accommodation from UCTAT, through the Accommodation Recognition Payment (ARP), including accommodation under the Pledge programme administered by the Irish Red Cross, or the Offer a Home programme administered by Local Authorities;

Can I apply for the scheme while living in State- supported accommodation?

No. You must be living in independent accommodation at the time of applying for the scheme. As part of the application form you will be required to provide the address of your independent accommodation and evidence that you live at that address.

How can I prove that I live in independent accommodation?

You will need to provide one of the following documents:

- Letter from a Letting Agency;
- Rental contract e.g. tenancy agreement or license agreement;

- Residential Tenancies Board (RTB) registration;
- Proof of House ownership.

Do I have to be living in my independent accommodation to make the application or can I apply before I move in?

You can only apply when you can prove that you are living in independent accommodation at the time of application.

Can I apply on the day I move into independent accommodation, or do I need to be living there for six months?

You can apply on the day that you have moved into independent accommodation. You do not have to be living there for six months.

Can I apply if I am living with a friend or a family member, but I have no rental contract?

No. You must be able to demonstrate that you have a rental agreement to be eligible for the Scheme. Informal agreements with family and friends will not be accepted.

Income Requirement

If I meet the Income Requirement, does this cover my family as well?

Yes. Where a principal applicant meets the income requirement, this will satisfy the income eligibility condition for their spouse or partner, unmarried children aged under 23 and adult children with close personal care needs.

Unmarried adult children aged 18-23 are not required to independently meet the income requirement.

Is the €29,432 income requirement net or gross income?

You must have average gross earnings from employment or self-employment of €29,432 per year, which is the earnings before any taxes or deductions are made.

Do I have to be working full time or am I eligible if I am working part time?

You can meet the required minimum income requirement from working full time or part time.

I have two part-time employments can both incomes count towards the minimum income requirement?

Yes. Both employments can be counted towards the minimum income required.

I am in full-time education and have a part-time job but do not meet the minimum income. Am I eligible?

No. Applicants must meet the income threshold or be a member of a family application where the principal applicant meets the income threshold.

I am working and availing of a TÚS or Community Employment Scheme, does my income under the schemes count towards the income threshold?

Yes. Income earned from work in a TÚS or Community Employment Scheme will count towards the income threshold.

Can I apply if I am getting a social welfare payment?

Yes. You are still eligible to apply. However, social welfare payments will not count towards the minimum income required.

I am working but also receive social welfare assistance. Do my social welfare payments count towards the income threshold?

No. Income from social welfare payments will not count towards the minimum income required. An applicant must meet the income threshold from employment earnings only.

Can the incomes of my spouse or adult child be combined to meet the income threshold?

No. In family applications the principal applicant must meet the income threshold to satisfy the eligibility criteria.

What documents will I need to prove my income?

You will be required to submit a minimum of two of the following documents covering the previous 6-month period prior to the publication of the Scheme i.e. 30 September 2026:

- At least 4 previous payslips covering the previous six months;
- Contract of employment or a letter from your employer confirming employment details,
- Revenue records;
- Bank statements.

I am self-employed. How can I prove my income?

You must provide documents confirming your self-employment income including:

- Revenue's Indicative Calculation on which you base your self-assessment;
- A full set of trading accounts, for each trade, farming or rental income listed under Schedule D on Revenue's Indicative Calculation, to include: Trading Profit and Loss Account, Capital Account, Balance Sheet, Adjusted Profit Computation, Form 11.

If I do not meet the income threshold, but I have a support network in Ireland that can ensure I do not rely on social welfare e.g. I live with an Irish person or family who will support me, am I eligible for the scheme?

No. Applicants must meet the income threshold or be a member of a family application where the principal applicant meets the income threshold.

I am married/in a civil partnership/in a de facto partnership with an Irish Citizen. Can I apply based on their income?

No. The principal applicant must be a beneficiary of Temporary Protection and meet the eligibility conditions to include the income requirement in their own right.

If you are the spouse or civil partner of an Irish National you can apply for residency under ISD's Spouse/Civil Partner of Irish National Scheme. More information is available at Spouse/Civil Partner of Irish National Scheme - Immigration Service Delivery.

Please note, spouses of Irish nationals do not have an automatic right to residency in Ireland.

I am married/in a civil partnership/in a de facto partnership with a person who holds a residence permission that is not a Temporary Protection Permission. Can I apply based on their income?

No. The principal applicant must be a beneficiary of Temporary Protection and meet the income eligibility criteria.

Can my savings be used towards the income requirement?

No. Savings will not be considered towards the income requirement which must be met from employment or self-employment.

I was previously working for more than 6 months but recently lost my job. Can I still apply?

No. Applicants must have been working for 6 months prior to the date of the opening of applications and continue to be in employment at the time of application.

I moved jobs during the last 6 months with a break in my employment. Can I still apply?

Employment must be continuous for the 6 months prior to making an application.

I will be in employment for 5 months on 30 September, will I be eligible for the Scheme?

No. Principal applicants must have been working for 6 months prior to the opening date for this Scheme and continue to be in employment at the time of application. Therefore, to be eligible for the Scheme, you must have been in employment on or before 30 March 2026.

Residency Requirement

Can I apply if I came to Ireland less than a year before the application process opened?

No. Only persons who were living as a Beneficiary of Temporary Protection in Ireland for a minimum of one year prior to the opening of the application process for the Temporary Protection Transition Scheme may apply.

How is the one year of residency as a Beneficiary of Temporary Protection calculated?

This is calculated as one year preceding the opening date of the scheme. You must have been resident in Ireland as a beneficiary of Temporary Protection on or before 30 September 2025.

I previously held Temporary Protection in Ireland then moved to another country. I returned to Ireland but have been resident here for less than 1 year. Do I meet the residency requirement for the scheme from my previous residency in Ireland?

No. The residency requirement is to have lived as a Beneficiary of Temporary Protection in Ireland continuously for 12 months prior to the opening date of the scheme.

I am no longer on Temporary Protection and have made a claim for asylum. Can I apply?

No. Only beneficiaries of Temporary Protection are eligible to apply.

If you are no longer an international protection applicant and are currently a beneficiary of Temporary Protection, you are eligible to apply. Time spent as an international protection applicant will be disregarded and the time spent as a Beneficiary of Temporary Protection, both before and after the time spent as an international protection applicant, will count towards the one-year residency requirement.

I have been outside of Ireland during the year prior to the opening of the scheme. Am I still eligible?

A short period of absence from the State of up to 90 days in aggregate in a 12-month period will be disregarded for those who would otherwise meet the residence requirement set out above.

However, if you claimed Temporary Protection in another EU Member State, you will not be eligible for the Scheme as you did not hold Temporary Protection in Ireland during this time.

If I am in Ireland one year before the application process closes on 30 March 2027, can I apply then?

No. You must have been resident in Ireland as a beneficiary of Temporary Protection one year preceding the opening date of applications on 30 September 2026. Time spent in Ireland as a Beneficiary of Temporary Protection after 30 September will not count towards this requirement.

Other Questions

My application was approved. Am I eligible for family reunification with a family member outside of Ireland?

This Scheme will not create any new entitlement to family reunification. Those who are successful under this Scheme should refer to the Policy Document on Non EAA Family Reunification to establish whether you are eligible to make a consequential and separate application under that policy: https://www.irishimmigration.ie/wp-content/uploads/2026/06/Family-Reunification-Policy-12-June-2026.pdf .

Do I have to give up my Temporary Protection status to apply for the Scheme?

No, your Temporary Protection Status remains active while your application is under consideration.

Your Temporary Protection status will end if you are successful in your application for this scheme. If your application is unsuccessful, your Temporary Protection Status will remain in effect.

If my circumstances have changed and I want to move back to Temporary Protection, can I?

Yes. You can choose to move back to Temporary Protection at any time for as long as Temporary Protection is active. You will need to attend Citywest in person to make a new application for Temporary Protection and withdraw your permission under the Temporary Protection Transition Scheme.

Please note that applicants who have left state provided or state supported accommodation will not be able to return to this accommodation should they choose to reapply for Temporary Protection.

I submitted my application and I am waiting for a decision. Will my application still be assessed if the deadline for the receipt of applications passes?

Yes. When applications are submitted before the application deadline, they will continue to be processed following the deadline being reached. The deadline only applies to the submission of applications.

Can I submit an application after 30 March 2027?

No, the application process is only open for six months. No applications will be accepted after 30 March 2027.