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- **Emigration from Ireland**
- **Returning to Ireland**
- **Immigration**

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1. Updated residency information for non-Irish family members of returning Irish citizens

We have recently updated our information leaflet on residency in Ireland and guidelines for residency applications for the EEA (European Economic Area) and non-EEA family members and partners of Irish citizens who are either living in Ireland or who are coming to live in Ireland.

The updated leaflet also provides more information on the recent **Zambrano decision** which affects the residency rights of non-EEA parents of Irish citizen children.

An Irish citizen does not have an automatic right to have his/her non-EEA family member, spouse or partner join them in Ireland. There is currently **no automatic entitlement to residency based on marriage or partnership** with an Irish citizen. Such residency must be applied for, and may be granted provided certain conditions are fulfilled.

The information leaflet includes information on the steps involved and the documentation required in order to:

- **Enter Ireland** (including applying for a visa if necessary)
- **Register** with the Garda National Immigration Bureau (GNIB)
- **Apply for residency** based on your relationship to an Irish citizen

[Click here](#) or see our website for the full version of the residency information leaflet.

2. Central Statistics Office report shows an increased number of Irish citizens returned to live in Ireland

The Central Statistics Office Ireland (CSO) released its annual Population and Migration Estimates on 15th September 2011. While the figures reflect a sharp rise in emigration of Irish nationals, they also show an increase in the number of Irish nationals returning to live in Ireland.

The figures estimate that approximately **17,100 Irish nationals returned to live in Ireland** in the 12 months prior to April 2011. This represents an **increase of almost 30%** compared to an estimate of 13,300 people choosing to return to Ireland in the previous twelve months.

[Click here](#) or see the CSO website www.cso.ie to view the full version of the report.

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3. Personal Public Service Numbers (PPSN)

Anyone returning to live in Ireland will need a Personal Public Service Number (PPSN) in order to engage with a range of public service bodies in Ireland. This number is the Irish equivalent of a National Insurance Number in the UK, or a Social Security Number in the USA.

The PPSN used to be called the **Revenue and Social Insurance (RSI) number**. If you had an RSI number in Ireland in the past, this will not change; it is just called the PPSN now. There is more than likely a PPS or RSI number in the system for you already if you were **born in Ireland during or after 1971**, or if you have **worked in Ireland after April 1979**.

If you do not know what your PPSN is or whether you have a PPSN or not, you can **contact your local social welfare office in Ireland, or contact Client Identity Services** by phone at 1890 927 999 or + 353 71 9672616 from outside of Ireland.

If you do not have a PPSN, you will need to apply for one before you can start work or make an application for a social welfare payment in Ireland. **You cannot apply for a PPSN until you are back living in Ireland.**

To apply for a PPSN, you need to go to your local **PPSN Registration Centre**. Click [here](#) to see a list of Registration Centres by county, or contact your **local social welfare office** where they will be able to assist you.

If you are an Irish citizen you will need to provide documentation such as the long version of your **birth certificate**, photo ID such as your **passport or driving licence**, and **proof of your address** in Ireland.

For more information on PPS Numbers, see the Department of Social Protection website at the following link: www.welfare.ie/EN/Topics/PPSN