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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?

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?

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?

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?

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

2

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

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?

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?

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

CURRENTLY RESIDING IN IRELAND

1

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

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?

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

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



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