

# IRELAND

## IMMIGRATION INVESTMENT PROGRAMME (IIP)

**186** Visa-free countries

**TOP** ranking for Education

**No** Language requirement



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## QUALIFICATION

The immigrant investor program allows for wealthy individuals outside EU to gain residency in Ireland by making investments into the Irish economy. Successful applicants gain the rights to reside in Ireland. The residency is not permanent but can be renewed every five years.

Applicants must fulfill the following requirements in order to apply for the IIP.

- Must have a legal net worth of at least €2 million
- Must be of good character, and have no legal convictions in Ireland or any other country

\* Approved applicants are initially granted a residency period of 2 years. After which, a further period of 3 years can be granted on condition that the investor is adhering to the conditions of the IIP.

\* It is important to note that the IIP does not provide for special access to citizenship. You can become an Irish citizen by naturalisation if you meet certain criteria, based on issues such as length of time living in Ireland.

## BENEFITS OF IIP

### FAST

Approval within 4- 6 months

### SAFE

Invest after receiving approval letter

### SIMPLE

No language requirement, no interview required

### CONVENIENT

Only one day residency per year required

### FLEXIBLE

HNWIs can obtain residency without moving

## WHY IRELAND?

Many other countries such as UK, Canada, United States and Australia etc. offer investment immigration programs. What are the advantages of choosing Ireland?

- Ireland will remain as part of the EU – especially attractive due to Brexit
- Full family – spouse and/or unmarried children under 24
- Easy to maintain residency – stay 1 day per year
- The IIP can help earn money if investor makes the right investments
- Accessible healthcare – subsidized by government

## INVESTMENT PROCEDURE

Prepare Application Documents and Investment Funds

Wait for Approval from INIS

Invest in Chosen Investment option

Indefinite Renewal of Residency (every 5 years)

Renewal of Residency (extra 3 years)

Travel to Ireland to Register with INIS (for 2 year residency)

**1. Submit** an application based on one of the four investment options. No investment required at this time, but a non-refundable application fee of €1,500 is required. Applications are only accepted during intake periods. Please see the Application Periods section for more information.

**2. Obtain approval** from the Immigration Ireland Evaluation Committee & Minister of Justice and Equality.

**3. Invest** in the chosen investment option and submit proof that the investment has been made in full. Please see the Investment Routes section for more information

**4. Confirmation** of investment will grant successful applicants an initial two-year residency in Ireland together with any nominated family members. Note that Investor Visa holders need not reside in Ireland to maintain their residency



## INVESTMENT ROUTES

There are a total of 4 different investment routes which can be chosen by applicants.

### 1. Enterprise Investment

- A minimum investment of €1 million in an Irish enterprise for a minimum of 3 years
- The enterprise can be a start-up established by the applicant or an existing enterprise. The enterprise must be registered and headquartered in Ireland.
- The €1 million investment may be invested into one or multiple enterprises

The enterprise investment route is aimed at investors who either wish to create a new enterprise or invest in existing businesses in Ireland; therefore, this route facilitates applicants who have their own investment/business strategy.

### 2. Investment Fund

- A minimum investment of €1 million in an Investment Fund for a minimum of 3 years.
- The monies invested by the IIP applicant must be invested in a manner that is consistent with the programme objectives. The funds must also be invested in Ireland to represent equity stakes in Irish registered companies that are not quoted on any stock exchange.
- The funds and fund managers must be regulated by the Central Bank of Ireland to conduct business in Ireland.

The investment fund route allows for investors to use professional investment intermediaries to invest in Ireland's enterprise sector.

### 3. Real Estate Investment Fund (REIT)

- A minimum investment of €2 million in any Irish REIT that is listed on the Irish Stock Exchange.
- The €2 million may be spread across multiple different REITs
- The investment must be held for at least 3 years from the date of purchase. During the three year period, the number of shares in the REIT must be retained by the investor even if their value rises above the €2m investment
- After 3 years, the investor may divest 50% of the shares purchased for the IIP, after 4 years, the investor may further divest another 25%, and after 5 years the investor has no requirements to retain any of the shares if the investor so wishes

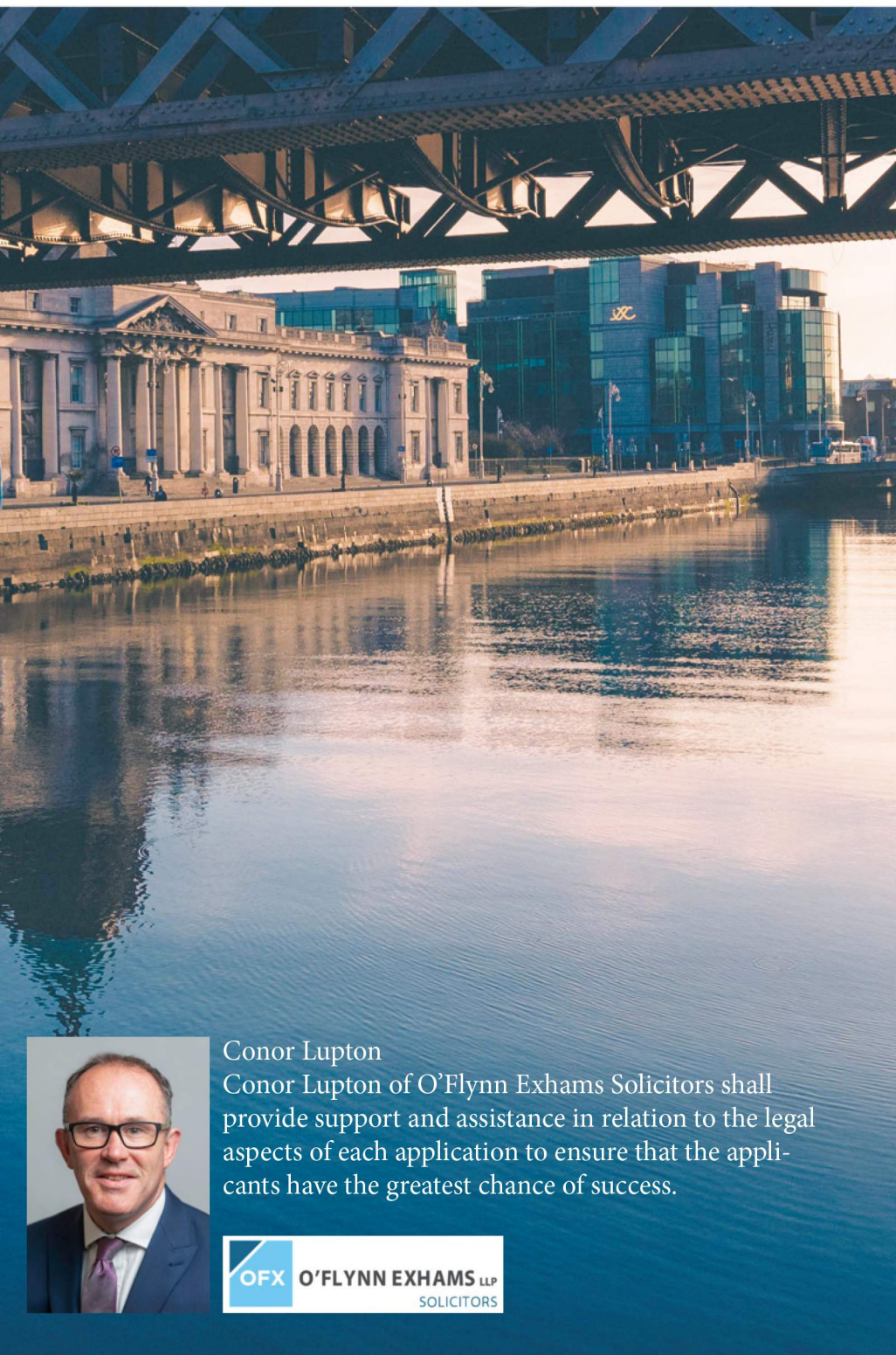
The REIT investment option provides a lower-risk property investment model for the investor. Additionally, REITs are income producing investments which are required to distribute the majority of profits each year, which generates a regular stream of income for investors.

### 4. Endowments (Donation)

- A minimum endowment of €500,000 in a project of public benefit in the arts, sports, health, cultural or educational field.
- The endowment should be regarded as a philanthropic contribution with a clear public benefit.
- Investors will receive no financial return for the endowment
- If a group of 5 or more investors wish to combine their philanthropic endowment, a minimum of €400,000 per investor will qualify under the programme

The endowment option will be best for investors who wish to engage in philanthropy and benefit the public at large. Additionally, this is the most straightforward option as no further financial obligation is required under the IIP.





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