

You can apply for a single journey short-stay C visa, which will permit you to enter and reside in the State for up to 3 months if you are a non-EEA national and you wish to accompany or join an EU/EEA/Swiss citizen family member who is moving to or residing in Ireland pursuant to the [Directive 2004/38/EC](#).

Important: please ensure you arrange your documents exactly as specified in the checklist. Do not print this unless necessary. Do not submit this checklist with your documents, this is just for personal reference.

If you wish to remain in the State for more than 3 months as a family member of an EU citizen exercising their free movement rights, then you must apply (when in the State) for a Residence Card of a family member of a Union citizen.

The submission of all or any of these documents does not guarantee that your application will be successful.

Important: please ensure you arrange your documents exactly as specified in the checklist. All documents relevant to your circumstances listed below must be submitted. If you do not submit these documents, you will have to sign a Waiver form acknowledging that you are submitting an incomplete application.

Order of Documents	Description of document	Tick box
1	Online application form: AVATS Print, sign and date the application summary sheets.	
2	Passport photographs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two colour passport sized photographs not more than 6 months old. You must print your name and visa application reference number clearly on the back. More information on photograph requirements here. 	
3	Your current passport and a full copy of any previous passports NOTE: Your current passport must be valid for at least 12 months after your intended date of departure from Ireland. A complete photocopy of the above current passport (all pages must be photocopied).	
4	Fees: The visa fee for a short stay single entry visa is €60. Qualifying family member: If you are a 'qualifying family member' of an EU/EEA/Swiss citizen you are exempt from the visa fee. The list of 'qualifying family members' is as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spouse Child (under 21 years) Child (under 21 years) of the spouse Adopted child (subject to adoption papers) Dependent parent Dependent parent of the spouse Other dependent family members in the direct ascending line (for example, grandparent) or descending line (for example, grandchild) Other dependent family members of the spouse in the direct ascending (for example, grandparent) or descending line (for example, grandchild). 	
5	Signed Letter of Application: Type or write a letter explaining why you want to join your EU/EE/Swiss family member to Ireland. Sign and date the letter and submit it with your documents. Your letter must include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your full name and identification details The reason you want to come to Ireland and the dates you plan to arrive Details of your family member A description of who will pay (or help to pay) for your travel and living expenses Your letter must also include a commitment from you that you will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Obey the conditions of your visa in full Not rely on public services (for example public hospitals) or become a burden on the State 	
6	Family: EU citizen exercising (or planning to exercise) free movement rights: If you wish to have your visa application considered under the Directive on the basis that you are a family member of an EU citizen exercising or planning to exercise free movement rights you must state this clearly on your visa application.	
6a	Supporting documentation: In order for you to establish that you are a 'qualifying family member' or a 'permitted family member' you must prove: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> That there is an EU/EEA/Swiss citizen from whom you can derive rights under the Directive The existence of the required family relationship to that citizen including where relevant dependency or membership of the household That you will be accompanying or joining that citizen who is exercising free movement rights in Ireland or provide a declaration or statement of confirmation that the citizen will be exercising those rights at the time of your arrival in Ireland. 	

	<p>The following forms of proof may be required:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of identity – for example, valid passports for the applicant family member and the EU citizen • Proof of family link, such as a valid marriage or birth certificate – this is so that the visa officer can establish that the applicant is a family member of the EU citizen • Where relevant, proof of dependency or membership of the household • Proof that the EU/EEA/Swiss citizen is exercising free movement rights in Ireland for example, proof that the EU/EEA/Swiss citizen already resides in the State, or a declaration or statement of confirmation that the EU/EEA/Swiss citizen will be exercising those rights at the time of the applicant family member’s arrival in Ireland – this is so that the visa officer can ascertain that the applicant family member will be residing in the State together with the citizen concerned. 	
7	<p>Invitation Letter: Your family member must provide a letter that states they are inviting you to Ireland to join them. The letter must be signed and dated and must state:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Family/Friend contact information - The reason they want you to join them - The dates they plan to see you in Ireland - A description of how they are related to you - A statement that they understand you must obey the conditions of your visa in full, not rely on public services or become a burden on the state. <p>It must also include a clear legible color photocopy of the picture page of their National Identity Card or passport.</p>	
8	<p>Previous visa refusals: If you were ever refused a visa by any country, you must state this in your application. You must also include the original letter sent to you by the authorities that refused your application. If you were ever refused entry to, deported from, or otherwise required to leave any country you must provide the original documentation given to you by the authorities of that country and a description of the reasons for deportation/ refusal.</p>	
9	<p>If you have any criminal convictions in any country you must provide documentation with your application and a description of the criminal convictions you hold.</p>	
10	<p>For a young person travelling with:</p> <p>Both parents or legal guardians, include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The young person's original Birth Certificate with their application documents <p>One parent or legal guardian only, include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An original letter of consent signed by the young person's other parent/legal guardian • A photocopy of the other parent/legal guardian's passport or national identity card that clearly shows their signature <p>An adult who is not their parent or legal guardian, include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An original letter of consent signed by both of the young person's parents/legal guardians • A parental letter of consent is needed even if the young person is travelling with an older family member, eg a brother or sister aged over 18 • A photocopy of each parent/legal guardian's passport or national identity card that clearly shows their signature <p>Alone (i.e. without a parent or any other adult), include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An original letter of consent signed by both of the young person's parents/legal guardians • A photocopy of each parent/legal guardian's passport or national identity card that clearly shows their signature <p>For a young person where a parent is deceased:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You must include the original Death Certificate of the deceased parent <p>For a young person where one parent has sole custody:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You must include the original Court Order that granted sole custody to the parent concerned 	
11	<p>Any other documents you wish to submit and not listed above.</p>	
IMPORTANT INFORMATION - DOCUMENTS		
<p>Please note that visa officers may request additional documents as they consider necessary.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Documents must be translated and certified - you must provide a certified translation into the English language of any documents not in English. Please include both, the copies of the original documents and certified translations of the same. • Return of documents - If there are specific documents that you wish to have returned to you, please submit a list of these with your application. Photocopies of these documents should be included in your application. • Disclaimer - The provision of all the documentation listed in no way guarantees that a visa will be granted. • Please do not purchase travel tickets prior to a decision being made on the visa application. Doing so may lead to unnecessary additional costs in circumstances where a visa is not granted. 		