

## Join Family visa - Supporting documents

These documents help the visa officer in making a decision on your application. Prepare your documents carefully.

You must support your application with all information you consider relevant. The visa officer will consider each application based on the information received and may ask for additional information or documents to be provided.

You are not guaranteed that your application will be successful if you submit all of the required or requested documents.

### Documents Required for ALL APPLICATIONS

- Passport
- Photographs
- Signed and dated summary form from the online application system
- Letter of application
- Finances
- Previous visa refusals and criminal convictions
- Medical/travel insurance
- Fees
- Biometric Information – If you are resident in certain countries
- Translations
- Letters of support from business, company other organisations (including educational institutions)
- If you are visiting in another state prior to travelling to Ireland, you must have the relevant visa for that state in your passport before applying for an Irish visa
- If you are living in another state prior to travelling to Ireland, you must have the relevant immigration permission for that state in your passport before applying for an Irish visa.

### Additional Documents

A full list of additional required documents is set out in the table below

	<b>Guide to Additional Required Documents</b>
<b>Sponsor's status /eligibility to sponsor</b>	<p>In the case of a sponsor who is an <b>Irish citizen</b> and residing in Ireland, a clear and legible copy of their passport or other documentary evidence attesting to their Irish citizenship.</p> <p>In the case of a sponsor who is an <b>Irish citizen and residing in a country other than Ireland</b>, a clear and legible copy of their passport</p>

	<p>showing evidence of their residency in the country in which they are residing.</p> <p>In the case of a sponsor who is a <b>non-EEA citizen</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A clear and legible copy of all pages of their passport,</li> <li>• Where relevant, a copy of their certificate of registration (a document issued by the Irish immigration authorities)</li> <li>• A copy of their current employment permit/researcher (scientific) hosting agreement or other evidence of eligibility to sponsor (please refer to list of eligible sponsors at para. 16.4 of the <a href="#">Policy Document on Non-EEA Family Reunification</a> .</li> </ul>
<p><b>Evidence of claimed relationship</b></p>	<p>You must provide evidence of the claimed relationship. It is your responsibility to show proof as to the genuineness of the relationship.</p> <p>The nature of the evidence required will depend on the relationship claimed, for example, spouse, civil partner, de facto partner, child.</p> <p>Below are some of the main types of relationships claimed and supporting documentation required.</p> <p><b>Spouse or civil partner</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marriage certificate or civil partnership certificate – marriages/civil partnerships must be capable of recognition under Irish law for other purposes outside of the immigration system</li> <li>• If your sponsor (spouse/civil partner) is residing in Ireland and you have not resided together since your marriage/civil partnership, you must also provide a full account of your relationship history (where and when you met evidenced by e.g. visas, entry/exit stamps on the passport of your spouse, photographs, correspondence by e-mail, telephone)</li> <li>• For immigration purposes it is not sufficient for a relationship to have developed solely over the internet or by telephone/sms. A relationship must include a number of face to face meetings (excluding webcam) between the parties.</li> </ul>

	<p><b>Child (under 18 years and unmarried)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Birth certificate/ adoption order</li> <li>• In the case of a child from a previous marriage or relationship, evidence that you have been given full custody and access rights to the child such as a court order</li> <li>• In the case of a child from a previous marriage or relationship, where the other parent has some custody or access rights, a sworn affidavit by that parent consenting to the child being removed from their home country.</li> </ul> <p><b>De facto partner (a de facto partnership refers to a relationship similar to marriage including cohabitation for 2 years prior to the application for family reunification)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evidence that will support the existence and durability of your relationship, for example, registration certificate of partnership (if applicable), evidence of common ownership of property, joint tenancy of property, on-going correspondence addressed to both partners at the same address, financial dependence/interdependence or any other relevant documentary evidence</li> <li>• A full account of your relationship history (where and when you met evidenced by for example, visas, entry/exit stamps on the passport of partner, photographs, correspondence by e-mail, telephone)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Finances</b></p>	<p>You must provide evidence of your finances and those of your sponsor including evidence to show that your sponsor meets the minimum level of earnings required (please refer to Chapters 17 and 18 of the <a href="#">Policy Document on Non-EEA Family Reunification</a> .</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A detailed statement of your bank accounts covering a six month period immediately prior to your application.</li> <li>• A detailed statement of your sponsor’s bank accounts covering a six month period immediately prior to your application.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In the case of a sponsor who is resident in Ireland, evidence that they meet the minimum level of earnings required:  Employment Detail Summary from Revenue for the 3 years immediately prior to the date of your application and 3 recent consecutive payslips.  If self-employed you must submit Notices of Assessment of income from self-employment for the three most recent years, and evidence of earnings in the period since the most recent tax return was filed.</li> <li>• In the case of a <b>person who is eligible to sponsor applications for immediate family reunification</b> (please refer to list of such sponsors at para. 16.4 of the <a href="#">Policy Document on Non-EEA Family Reunification</a> ):       <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Evidence of projected earnings for example a copy of contract of employment.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• In the case of a <b>person who is eligible to sponsor applications for family reunification after 12 months</b> (please refer to list of such sponsors at para. 16.4 of the <a href="#">Policy Document on Non-EEA Family Reunification</a>  )       <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Evidence that they meet the minimum level of earning required – P60s for the previous 2 years (or previous 1 year in the case of an employment permit holder who has been in Ireland for 1 year only), or if self-employed you must submit Notices of Assessment of income from self-employment, as appropriate</li> <li>◦ 3 recent consecutive payslips</li> <li>◦ In the case of an employment permit holder a copy of their contract of employment of at least 1 year from your proposed date of entry giving their annual salary is also required.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Evidence of dependency</b>	If you are making your application on the basis of financial and social dependency on your sponsor you must provide documentary evidence to establish that you are actually dependent on your sponsor. While

the nature of the documentary evidence may vary from case to case  
evidence of the following will normally be relevant:

- Amount, frequency and duration of the financial support provided by your sponsor (for example, copies of your sponsor's bank statements showing transfers to your account, copies of your bank statements showing receipt of those amounts)
- Any other sources of income that you may have
- If you have no other source of income, evidence of why you are unable to work, why you are not eligible for state benefits
- Your living costs (e.g. evidence of mortgage/rent, utility, food, medical, education payments)
- Details of any other family members in your country of residence
- Your medical condition (where relevant), relationship with the sponsor including evidence of active and continuous involvement in your life, for example, evidence of visits, correspondence.