

# Critical Skills Employment Permit

## Processing Timeline



### Employment Permit

Circa  
2-3 weeks later

Responsible Person	Week 1	Week 2	Week 5
Company	Contact Visa First		
Individual	Provides information & documents to Visa First	Documents are shared via email for signature	
Visa First	Prepares the application	Application is lodged on the Department system	Visa First team monitors online application for status updates
Enterprise, Trade and Employment		Start processing	Electronic notification sent to Company and Visa First

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### VISA

Responsible Person	Week 1	Week 2	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 10	Week 11	Week 12	Week 13
Company	Contact Visa First		Documents are shared via email for signature						
Individual	Provides information & documents to Visa First	Documents are shared via email for signature		Prepares supporting documents and books embassy appointment	Visits the embassy, submits application and provides Visa First with the registration number		Receives notification from the embassy/ visa office and shares updates with Visa First		
Visa First			Prepares application	Application is lodged on the Department of Justice system	Receives the application number	Visa First team monitors for visa status updates	Receives updates from candidate(s)	Book flight for travel to Ireland	Travel to Ireland
Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment					Starts processing		Notifies the result		

Circa  
3 weeks later

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3 weeks later



**NOTE:** The indicated waiting periods and processing times are subject to change. The duration of these waiting periods may vary based on the workload of external entities such as the embassy, Department of Justice, and Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment, at the time your application is being processed. As a result, the processing time could be either shorter or longer than initially estimated.