

Immigration Group

Trusted Partner Initiative

The purpose of the Trusted Partner Initiative (“TPI”) is to ease the administrative burden on employers and to remove the requirement that they replicate the same information in respect of each employment permit application.

Objective

The TPI will streamline the application process for the employer. It is open to companies in expansion mode, start-up companies, as well as regular users of the employment permits regime.

The benefits of the Trusted Partner Initiative are:-

- Fast turnaround of Trusted Partner registration applications - within 2-5 working days for complete applications.
- Trusted Partner status valid for 2 years.
- No fee chargeable in respect of registration on the TPI.
- Shortened employment permit application forms.
- Reduced paperwork for every employment permit sought under the TPI.
- Faster processing times in respect of employment permit applications submitted by Trusted Partners – 5-10 working days.

Criteria for Eligibility

The Department of Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation (“DJEI”) will consider a number of criteria when assessing applications under the TPI.

- The employer must be registered with the Office of the Revenue Commissioners and, where applicable, the Companies Registration Office.
- An employer who has been convicted of an offence under the Employment Permits legislation will be excluded from the TPI for 5 years from date of conviction.
- By signing the form the employer is committing to comply with a list of declarations specified on the application form which includes notifying the DJEI if there are any changes to its details, undertaking to check within reason that all of the information to be provided about future employment permit applications and submitted to the DJEI under the TPI are true and correct, asserting that the person in receipt of a permit will receive the remuneration promised and be employed in the capacity stated on the employment permit application form.

Applications by Trusted Partners for Employment Permits

Employers who have been granted Trusted Partner status have access to their own suite of employment permit application forms and the Trusted Partner Registration Number must be quoted on all applications submitted during the validity period of the Trusted Partner registration.

Aside from the Trusted Partner Registration Number, the Trusted Partner will be required to provide very limited additional details during the application process for an employment permit. There will also be no requirement for the Trusted Partner to sign the employment permit application form. However

each individual employment permit application will need to include the details of the particular employee, the job in question and must be signed by the employee.

For further information on this topic, or if you wish to submit an application under the TPI, please contact one of our team:

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