

BUSINESS IMMIGRATION

IN THE UNITED STATES

A Guide for Irish Companies

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The Irish Immigration Center (IIC) was founded in 1989 to assist Irish immigrants in Massachusetts. Since that time IIC has evolved into a full-service organization that provides legal and social services to immigrants from over 100 countries. IIC also manages numerous international exchange programs and collaborates with other organizations to promote cross-cultural understanding.

IIC is a nonprofit charitable organization funded by grants and tax-deductible contributions. It is the only Irish organization in the United States that is accredited by the US Department of Justice to represent immigrants before the federal immigration authorities. To learn more, go to www.iicenter.org.

IIC has prepared a guide to focus your thinking on the relevant issues under US immigration law if you plan to do business in the United States. The key point is this: do not procrastinate. Getting the proper authorization for your employees to do business in the US can be a lengthy process that is both complicated and labor-intensive.

You also need to keep in mind that immigration law issues are only one piece of the puzzle for companies planning operations in the US. Please remember to consult the resources provided by Enterprise Ireland to help you with issues involving taxation, corporation law, environmental, labor, and other regulatory requirements.

IIC's brief guide addresses the immigration law issues that arise over the short, medium, and long term timeframes. Depending on your business plans, you will know at a glance what options are open to you and learn about the key features of the various visas involved: eligibility requirements, advantages and disadvantages, periods of admission, fees, issues involving accompanying dependents, and so on.

Irish companies (as well as those from other countries) are encouraged to call IIC to receive the latest updates on changes to US immigration law and regulations and to consult further on your particular situation. IIC can connect you with an experienced immigration lawyer from its network in Massachusetts to assist you with filing any necessary applications. Referrals also can be made to qualified lawyers elsewhere in the US, if necessary.

The Irish Immigration Center is ready to help your business grow in the United States. We look forward to being of service!

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- The IIC business immigration guide;
- Four quarterly updates on developments in business immigration law and comprehensive immigration reform legislation;

- Consultations with IIC's legal adviser;
- Document checklists and procedural summaries for the relevant visas;
- Referral to a business immigration lawyer.

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