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### News

#### International Protection Applicant (IPA)

- From July 2025, the IPO will be accelerating the processing of applications from Pakistan. Accelerated applicants undergo the same decision making process as all other international protection applicants, but have their cases dealt with in a more timely manner.
- You can renew your Immigration Residence Permit (IRP) card online, through the Irish Immigration Service portal. You can apply to renew your registration up to 12 weeks before it expires, it is important to allow enough time for your application to be processed.

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D15 TD50

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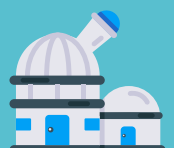
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##### Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection (BOTP)

- Did you know that your Temporary Residence Card (TRC) has an expiry date, which is written in red. If your TRC is expired or due to expire within the next 3 weeks, you can renew by emailing [trcrenewals@ipo.gov.ie](mailto:trcrenewals@ipo.gov.ie).



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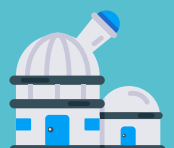
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