
THE ULTIMATE HOW-TO GUIDE

Why choose
Ireland?



Relocating to Ireland

A PRACTICAL
GUIDE



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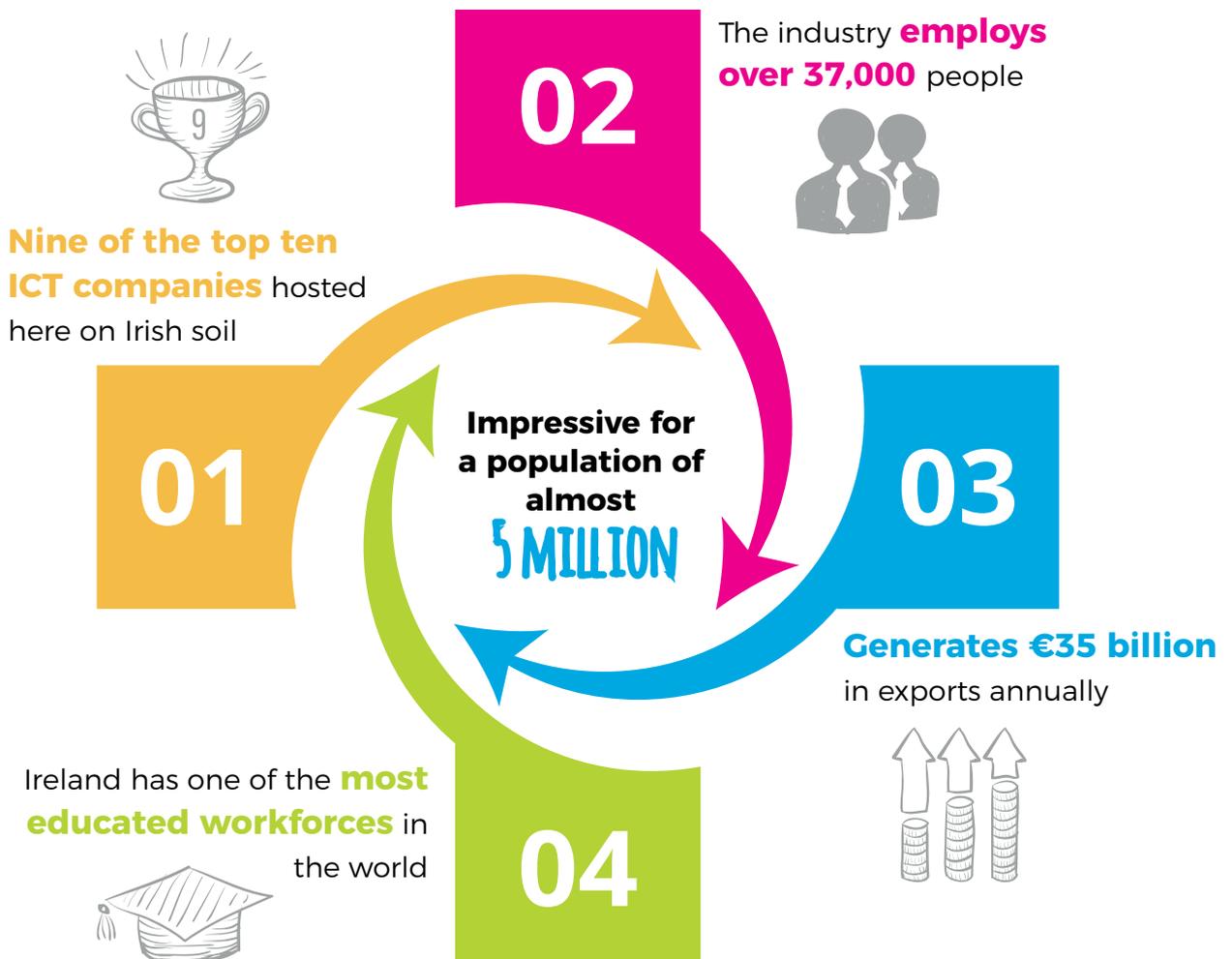
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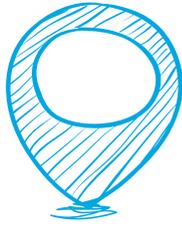
Moving to Ireland?

This small island, home to almost five million people, has consistently drawn people to its shores throughout the years, both on circumstances of business and pleasure. And now on the cusp of becoming the only English-speaking country in the EU, Ireland is quickly cementing its reputation as a top destination for techies. itContracting presents why more and more people are choosing to move to Ireland, with 'Relocating to Ireland: The Ultimate How-To Guide'.

Why choose Ireland?

When it comes to attracting tech talent, Ireland has managed to welcome the world's IT giants to its shores. Our ICT sector is now one of the world's most diverse and most successful, and we have been often referred to as 'The Silicon Valley of Europe'. Amazon, Google, Facebook, Apple, VMware, Dell EMC, Oracle, Salesforce and Twitter are just some of the big names that have set up shop in Ireland.





Our location

Geography plays a major part in our thriving IT industry. We're located advantageously between the US, the UK and mainland Europe, which attracts inward tech investment from USA, Asia and Europe. Microsoft first established its European Operations Centre in Dublin back in 1985. Nowadays, Microsoft employs a whopping 1,200+ full time employees and 700 full-time contract staff.



Our workforce

Our universities, Institutes of Technology and nationwide programmes produce a bevy of highly-skilled IT graduates annually. Courses have also been created in conjunction with IT partners such as Dell EMC, HPE and IBM. And, Trinity College, University College Cork, University College Dublin and Cork Institute of Technology all have major technology innovation hubs.



Our research

Ireland is also heavily invested in pushing the forefront of ICT. Institutions such as CRANN, the Tyndall National Institute, and Lero, The Irish Software Engineering Research Centre, deliver leading research and cross-industry collaborations, all in the name of developing next-generation technologies.



Our climate

Would you believe the Irish climate is a big factor in global tech corporations settling? No, it's not for the sunbathing. Data centres are massively affected by temperature as they emit huge amounts of heat and need pricey cooling systems to keep at optimum functionality.

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itContracting is located nationwide with strong partnerships & direct access to technology market leaders. To learn more [click here](#)



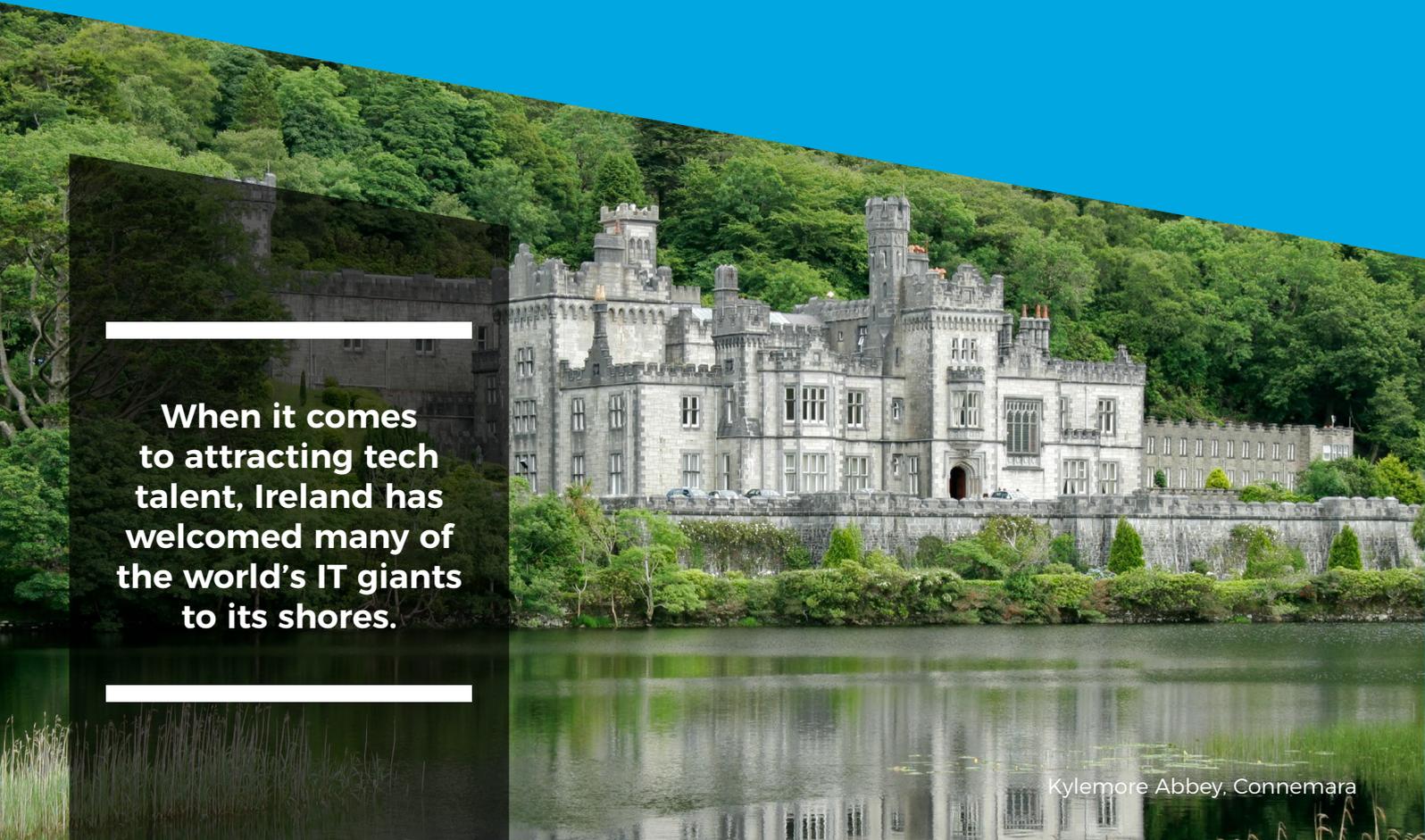
Why would you move to Ireland?

An abundance of stunning landscape, hearty culture and vibrant cities await you on this small Atlantic island.

From the mystical East of Ireland with its historic monuments and monastic sites, to the Ring of Kerry that delivers breath-taking coastal routes - don't forget the views of Skellig Michael Island (for the Star Wars fans) - this country packs in a lot of ancient history and weekend breaks for the wandering kind.

The Wild Atlantic Way is a magnificent trail which starts (or ends) at the seafood capital of Ireland, Kinsale, in Cork. The route winds its way around the peninsula of southern, western and north of Ireland. Visit the island's most southern tip, Mizen Head. Or meet our famed dolphin, Fungi in Dingle. And don't forget to get a glimpse of the Cliffs of Moher. If you're hungry for more, continue on to Galway and stop off at the Aran Islands, before making your way up to the most northerly tip in Ireland, Malin Head.

And if you're more inclined towards the hub-bub of citylife, choose from an array of bustling hotspots: Cork city, Galway city, Kilkenny town and of course, Dublin's fair city. Parks, museums, restaurants, landmarks, hotels, pubs, clubs and culture galore, are all bundled together with your dream IT job here in Ireland. **Sure, why wouldn't you?**



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How do I relocate to Ireland?



Flights

Ireland is easily accessible from pretty much every country and major city in Europe, thanks to frequent flights into Dublin, Cork and Shannon airports with Ryanair and Aer Lingus. Direct flights are also operated to the US with more competitive prices, thanks to the introduction of low-cost transatlantic airlines, Norwegian Air and WOW air.

Make sure to use Skyscanner, Kayak and Google Flights to find the best offer. Book your flights as early as possible and be flexible with your dates to receive the best deal.

Insider tip: Aer Lingus and Ryanair run frequent flight sales so subscribe to their mailing lists.

Visa



As soon as you have your work permit confirmed, visit the Irish Embassy in your country to organise what type of visa is needed to travel to Ireland. In certain cases, you may need to secure a single-entry visa, and then apply for a multiple-entry visa upon arrival in Dublin. These circumstances will depend on the type of passport or visa that you hold.

GNIB card



More than likely, you are planning to stay in Ireland for over 90 days. If so, visit the Immigration Office to obtain a GNIB card and register. It's highly advisable to do this as soon as you secure your work permit or within 90 days of arrival, as demand is high and appointment slots fill up quickly.

<http://www.inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/Pages/first-time-registration>

Accommodation



There are many decent property and rental sites available such as Daft.ie, Rent.ie and MyHome.ie. Many people look to share accommodation when first relocating, and these websites offer decent sharing options. For initial accommodation, visit EazyCity, a great temporary accommodation provider that offers a full introduction to the main cities across Ireland. There's also Airbnb, the temporary rental service, and also a great selection of B&Bs, hotels, hostels and short-to-medium stay apartments on offer.

The process of securing a rental normally involves one-month deposit and the first month's rent upfront, although Dublin and Cork city have recently seen landlords occasionally asking for two-month deposits. The rental market is currently quite competitive in Ireland, so looking organised will place you in favour with landlords.

Make sure to secure all references from your previous accommodation and workplace before arriving to Ireland, and have all the necessary documents ready: copy of ID/passport, bank account details, reference contacts (two), proof of finances, employer reference with salary and position, and possibly your PPS number. Also, rentals mostly come furnished in Ireland.



Transport

We have excellent public transportation, including nationwide rail, rural and city bus routes and the Dublin inner-city tram line, the Luas. Our infrastructure accommodates the major Inter-Urban motorway which connects Irish cities such as Dublin, Cork, Limerick, Galway and Waterford. More nationwide motorway projects are under way too, further streamlining your journey around our country.



Banking

There are a range of banks and financial institutions in Ireland, all with similar banking options and services. The two main institutions are AIB and Bank of Ireland. Another bank, KBC proves equal in function, and opens accounts quickly.

To open a bank account in Ireland, most banks require you to book an appointment. You will need proof of Irish address, and proof of identification (passport, national ID card, Irish driver's license) or an identification form with a photo signed by a Garda (police officer). You will also need to produce your PPS number to open an account.



Jobs

Here at itContracting, we specialise in Contract and Permanent recruitment for the whole IT sector across Ireland, including: Infrastructure Engineering, Software Development, IT Management, Executive IT roles, UX/UI Design, Network Engineering, Technical Support, QA and Testing, Project Management, DevOps, Cyber Security and more...

So, whether you're an experienced Software Developer, Network Engineer, or searching for a graduate IT role, consider Ireland as the destination for your next career opportunity, and [contact the itContracting team today.](#)

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itContracting is a member of the **National Recruitment Federation**, so you can trust in us for your next career move!



PPS number

The Personal Public Service (PPS) number is your unique reference number that allows you to access social welfare services and is needed for employment as registration for the Revenue Commissioners. To apply for your PPS number through the Department of Social Protection, you will need a valid passport or national ID card, and evidence of why you need a PPS number, and evidence of your Irish address.

The retrieval process takes about two weeks - if you begin your employment without a PPS number, you are taxed on an emergency rate (40%) until your tax details are confirmed.

Insider Tip: EazyCity can provide a proof of address in the PPS number application.



Tax

Income tax in Ireland is divided up into incremental taxes: Pay As You Earn (PAYE), Pay-Related Social Insurance (PRSI) and a Universal Social Charge (USC) - USC rates are calculated on your circumstances.

Currently, there are two rates of Income tax depending on how much you earn: 20% and the balance of your remaining income is taxed at 40%. For example:

- **Single person** - 20% income tax up to €34,550, 40% on the balance.
- **Married couple/civil partners with one income** - 20% income tax up to €43,500, 40% on the balance.
- **Married couple/civil partners with two incomes** - 20% income tax up to €69,100, 40% on the balance.
- **One parent family** - 20% income tax up to €39,550, 40% on the balance.

Remember! You may have tax you need to claim back from your native/previous country. Make sure to find out using taxback.com (charges a fee) or you can do it yourself.

To estimate your tax for the year ahead, visit the PwC 2018 Budget income tax calculator: <http://download.pwc.com/ie/2018-income-tax-calculator/index.htm>



Phone

To avoid the long-distance roaming charges of your own network, change over to an Irish provider. Vodafone, 3, Eir and Virgin Mobile are the main phone networks, which offer both, Pay As You Go or contract options. If you have an unlocked smart phone, buy a SIM card and register it. Keep an eye out for the best bundle options on each network to see what suits your data consumption, or roaming phone call charges.

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All our recruiters have extensive specialised experience within the tech sector. Why not **contact one of the team** today?



Handy links

Dublin Bus www.dublinbus.ie

Luas Light Rail Tram www.luas.ie

Irish Rail Train & Dart www.irishrail.ie

Citizen's Information Office www.citizensinformation.ie

PPS Number www.welfare.ie

GNIB card www.inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/Pages/first-time-registration

Airbnb - Temporary accommodation www.airbnb.com

EazyCity - Temporary accommodation www.eazycity.com

Daft.ie - Properties for sale or rent www.daft.ie

My Home - Properties for sale or rent www.myhome.ie

Rent.ie - Properties for rent www.rent.ie

Irish Relo - Relocation Services www.irishrelo.com

AIB Bank www.aib.ie

Bank of Ireland www.boi.ie

KBC www.kbc.ie

A guide to Ireland www.Ireland.com

Lovin Dublin www.lovindublin.com

Meet Up www.meetup.com

The Wild Atlantic Way www.wildatlanticway.com

Jobs www.itContracting.ie

For more information, consult the **Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade** website.



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