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## **Immigration Act 2004 (Visas) Order 2005**

I, Michael McDowell TD, Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 17 of the Immigration Act 2004, hereby order as follows:

1.— (1) This Order may be cited as the Immigration Act 2004 (Visas) Order 2005.

(2) This Order comes into operation on 1 August 2005.

2. In this Order—

"Convention travel document" means a travel document issued in accordance with Article 28 of the Geneva Convention (travel documents);

"the Geneva Convention" has the meaning assigned to it by the Refugee Act, 1996 (No. 17 of 1996)

"Irish visa" and "Irish transit visa" have the meanings assigned to them by the Immigration Act 2003 (No. 26 of 2003).

3. (1) It is hereby declared that the following classes of non nationals are specified as classes the members of which are not required to be in possession of a valid Irish visa when landing in the State:

(a) nationals of a state specified in Schedule 1 to this Order

and

(b) non-nationals who are the holders of a Convention travel document issued by Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Iceland, Italy, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovak Republic, Spain, Sweden or Switzerland.

(2) It is hereby declared that a national of a state specified in Schedule 2 to this Order is required to be in possession of a valid Irish transit visa when landing in the State.

4. The Immigration Act 2004 (Visas) Order 2004 (S.I. No. of 56 of 2004) is hereby revoked.

## SCHEDULE 1

Andorra	Guatemala	Panama
Antigua & Barbuda	Guyana	Paraguay
Argentina	Honduras	Poland
Australia	Hong Kong (Special Administrative Region)	Portugal
Austria	Hungary	Saint Kitts & Nevis
The Bahamas	Iceland	Saint Lucia
Barbados	Israel	Saint Vincent & the Grenadines
Belgium	Italy	Samoa
Belize	Japan	San Marino
Bolivia	Kiribati	Seychelles
Botswana	Latvia	Singapore
Brazil	Lesotho	Slovak Republic
Brunei	Liechtenstein	Slovenia
Canada	Lithuania	Solomon Islands
Chile	Luxembourg	South Africa
Costa Rica	Macau (Special Administrative Region)	South Korea
Croatia	Malawi	Spain
Cyprus	Malaysia	Swaziland
Czech Republic	Maldives	Sweden
Denmark	Malta	Switzerland
Dominica	Mauritius	Tonga
El Salvador	Mexico	Trinidad & Tobago
Estonia	Monaco	Tuvalu
Fiji		United Kingdom & Colonies
Finland	Nauru	United States of America
France	Netherlands	Uruguay
Germany	New Zealand	Vanuatu
Greece	Nicaragua	Vatican City
Grenada	Norway	Venezuela

## SCHEDULE 2

Afghanistan	Iraq
Albania	Lebanon
Bulgaria	Moldova
Cuba	Nigeria
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Romania
Eritrea	Serbia & Montenegro
Ethiopia	Somalia
Ghana	Sri Lanka
Iran	Zimbabwe

Given under my Official Seal,

this 11<sup>th</sup> day of July 2005.

L.S.

Michael McDowell TD,  
Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform.

**Explanatory Note**

*(This note is not part of the instrument and does not purport to be a legal interpretation)*

This Order specifies the classes of non nationals who are required to be in possession of a valid Irish transit visa when landing in the State and the classes of non nationals exempt from Irish visa requirements.