



Postings under Statutory Instrument 312-96 and Bilateral Agreements

RETENTION OF AN EMPLOYEE TO IRISH SOCIAL INSURANCE LEGISLATION FOR A TEMPORARY POSTING OUTSIDE THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AREA (EEA)

- Please use this page as a guide to filling in this form.
- Please use **BLACK** ball point pen.
- Please use **BLOCK LETTERS** and place an X in the relevant boxes.
- Please answer **all questions** that apply to you. If a question does not apply to you, please leave the answer area blank.
- You need a Revenue Employer Registered Number before you apply.
- Persons employed in Ireland who are sent by their employer to work outside the European Economic Area* (EEA) are compulsorily subject to Irish Social Insurance legislation for at least 52 weeks of their posting assignment. Once the conditions of the posting continue to be fulfilled the retention may continue up to a maximum of five years. If you are an Irish employer posting an employee to a country outside the EEA, please complete this application at least **four** weeks prior to posting and send to:

Special Collection Section
Department of Social Protection
Cork Road
Waterford

LoCall: 1890 690 690 (from the Republic of Ireland only)

Telephone: + 353 1 4715898 (from Northern Ireland or overseas)

Email: [Special Collections Enquiry Form](#)

- If your employee is being posted to a number of countries outside the EEA, please complete **section E** of this form, indicating the first country of posting in **section D**.
- Ireland has Bilateral Agreements on Social Security with Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Québec, Republic of Korea, United Kingdom (Isle of Man and Channel Islands) and United States of America. Postings to these countries are dealt with under the terms of each relevant Agreement.
- If your employee is being posted to an EEA Member State, you should apply for an A1 Certificate – applications are available for download at **www.welfare.ie/EN/Topics/PRSI/intposts/Pages/intindex.aspx**

Note: The rates charged for the use of 1890 (LoCall) numbers may vary among different service providers.

Employer checklist

Important: Employers please ensure your application conforms to points listed below.

- Application submitted at least four weeks in advance of posting.
- Correct application form completed for Certificates of Postings i.e. E101/A1 Cert, Certificate of Coverage, Letter of retention. **Application forms are amended regularly and latest versions are available on website.**
- **Only** original application forms fully completed are accepted. All questions answered in full and “not applicable” entered where relevant. **Use of corrective fluid is unacceptable.**
- Correct dates for posting must be supplied.
- Retroactive dates for a posting **must be correct.**
- Original Certificate of Posting must be returned for cancellation

All forms are available on:

www.welfare.ie/EN/Topics/PRSI/intposts/Pages/intindex.aspx

Following the above will ensure your application is completed correctly. Incorrect applications will be returned to the company and can only be processed by date of receipt of correct application.

European Economic Area

European Union

Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom,

European Free Trade Area

Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway.

Other states

Switzerland

Data Protection and Freedom of Information

We, the Department of Social Protection, will treat all information and personal data you give as confidential. We will only disclose it to other people or bodies according to the law.

Explanations and terms used in this form are intended as a guide only and are not a legal interpretation.