

Irish support organisations

Local embassy or consulate

If you need help abroad, always contact your **local Irish embassy or consulate**. You can also contact the Consular Assistance Unit in Dublin by phone on +353 1 408 2000. You could also contact a **local Irish emigrant support organisation**.

Crosscare Irish Diaspora Support Project

Crosscare Irish Diaspora Support Project can provide information and advocacy support when you return to Ireland, especially to help access a social welfare payment or dealing with homeless services. Email Crosscare Irish Diaspora Support Project at **irishdiasporasupport@crosscare.ie** or phone +353 (0)1 891 3050.

Safe Home Ireland

If you are returning to Ireland or thinking of returning to Ireland, Safe Home Ireland can give you support and information on housing, healthcare, welfare and more. They also provide housing assistance and outreach visits if you are eligible. Contact Safe Home Ireland by emailing **info@safehomeireland.com** or by phoning +353 98 36036

Irish Council for Prisoners Overseas (ICPO)

If you or a family member are in prison abroad, the Irish Council for Prisoners Overseas can give you information on health and legal matters, repatriation, deportation and more. Contact ICPO by emailing **info@icpo.ie** or by phoning +353 (0)1 5053156

Find out more with QR codes
Point the camera on your smartphone at the black-and-white QR codes to go straight to the information you need on **citizensinformation.ie**

If you have questions, you can always reach us at **returning2ireland@ciboard.ie**

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Citizens Information



Need to come home?

If your return is unplanned or you are moving home during an emergency situation, we have information that can help.

www.returningtoireland.ie

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Emergency accommodation

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If you are homeless when you return to Ireland, contact the local authority in the area where you last lived to apply for emergency accommodation. We have information on the supports available to help you find somewhere to live when you return to Ireland.

Social welfare

You can apply for a social welfare payment when you return to Ireland. You need to give information about your circumstances and in most cases, pass a means test to qualify. Visit our website for information on social welfare payments and how to apply.



Deportation and prison

Deportation

If you are deported back to Ireland, you need to bring certain documents with you (for example, proof of your deportation) to apply for social welfare and other services. Your **local Irish embassy or consulate** can help you. We have information on supports when being deported to Ireland.

Release from prison abroad

If you are released from prison overseas, you may need help with issues such as language barriers or dealing with an unfamiliar legal system. **The Irish Council for Prisoners Overseas (ICPO)** can give you and your family advice and support to help with your return to Ireland.



Healthcare

Emergency medical needs

You or a family member may need access to medical treatment or other healthcare when you return. We have information on how to get emergency medical help, how to apply for a medical card and how to access other medical services when you return.

Caring for family in Ireland

If you're moving home to care for relatives, we have information on how to access community and home care services, tax and social welfare payments for carers and how to apply for financial support for nursing home care.