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- **Returning to Ireland**
- **Immigration**

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1. Application period for the United States 'Green Card' Lottery closing soon

The registration period for the annual **U.S. Diversity Visa Lottery (DV-2012) opened on Tuesday 5th October.**

Irish citizens who are interested in living or working in the United States may wish to apply for the lottery, as it is a free-to-enter programme that offers winning entrants the chance to apply for permanent residency - a 'Green Card'.

Anyone interested in applying should note that the registration period is **only open for 4 weeks** this year and **will close on Wednesday 3rd November 2010** so all entries must be submitted on or before that date.

The **official U.S. Department of State website** where applications should be submitted is www.dvlottery.state.gov. Official U.S. Department of State instructions and requirements for entry are available by clicking [here](#) or at the following link: <http://www.tinyurl.ie/dvinstructions>.

Crosscare Migrant Project has prepared an **information leaflet** on the programme which can be viewed on our website or by clicking [here](#).

The Irish Times also published an article on the Lottery which can be viewed by clicking [here](#) or at the following link: <http://www.tinyurl.ie/irishtimesarticle>.

2. Useful advice and information on cross-border issues

For people living and/or working in the border counties of Ireland north and south, or for people moving between north and south, complicated issues may arise relating to their rights and entitlements in either place.

The **Border People website** - www.borderpeople.info - is designed to provide an array of information and an **online advice service** on everything from taxation, transfer of benefits, social welfare and job seeking to healthcare, banking, housing, retirement and pensions and much more.

Borderwise is another initiative designed to meet the advice, information and advocacy needs of people living in the border counties of Ireland, north and south, and those planning to move or who have moved across the border.

Information on rights and entitlements and the series of **'Going North / Going South' factsheets** and booklets on rights, entitlements and services are available on the website www.borderwise.ie.

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3. Central Statistics Office report reflects increased emigration of Irish nationals

On 21st September the Central Statistics Office Ireland (CSO) released its annual **Population and Migration Estimates** covering the 12 month period from April 2009 - April 2010.

While the overall estimates of people leaving Ireland remained roughly the same as the previous 12 months at just over 65,000, when this figure is broken down by nationality it shows a **significant increase in the number of Irish nationals emigrating** – from 18,400 in the 12 months to April 2009 increasing to 27,700 in the 12 months to April 2010.

Irish nationals made up **42% of the total** number of people leaving Ireland in the 12 month period to April 2010, with other EU nationals (including UK nationals) making up a further 45% of the total. This compares to 28% Irish nationals and 59% EU nationals in the previous year.

The most popular individual country of destination for people leaving Ireland was the UK with 22%, with a further 38% destined for other EU countries.

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