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Background

Emigrant Advice is a project of CROSSCARE, the Dublin Diocesan Social Care Agency. Since 1987, Emigrant Advice has been working with migrants in vulnerable situations. In recent years, clients of Emigrant Advice include intending emigrants, emigrants, immigrants, returnees and intending returnees.

Mission Statement

"To provide quality information, follow-up and where necessary, advocacy to enable people involved in a migration decision or experience, especially the most vulnerable to make informed decisions. To effect positive change in migration policy through our engagement with clients and in collaboration with others".

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Thinking about coming home.

Are you sure?

The most important message if you are thinking about coming home is that the Ireland of today is a very different country to the one you left. This is especially true if you left Ireland a great many years ago. If you have not been home for ten or twenty years you will notice a very big difference.

These are just some of the questions you should ask yourself before making the decision to return home. Emigrant Advice's publication 'Returning to Ireland' provides you with comprehensive information so that you can make your decision to return to Ireland based on fact, NOT on your memories on how things used to be.

Questions I should ask myself

- What will be the cost of moving? Will I be able to afford it?
- What is the cost of living in Ireland? Will I be able to afford to live there?
- How expensive is accommodation? Will I be able to afford to purchase a property or will I rent?
- Will I be able to transfer my benefits and my pension?
- Am I entitled to an Irish pension? Do I have enough social insurance contributions?
- Am I entitled to free medical care? Will I be able to buy private health insurance?

- How do I enrol my children in schools? What if they do not speak Irish? I want to go back to university, am I entitled to free fees?
- How do I open a bank account?
- How do I bring my car to Ireland? Will I have to re-sit my driving test?
- Am I entitled to any social welfare payments?

What should I bring with me?

You should bring:

- Details of your qualifications obtained abroad
- CV and employment details
- Records of your insurance contributions abroad (for Social Welfare/Insurance purposes)
- If you have children who will be attending school in Ireland you should bring school reports and references from your children's schools.
- Driver's Licence and details of your insurance cover
- Birth certificates
- Marriage Certificates
- Divorce Certificates (if applicable)
- Proof of eligibility for Irish citizenship/naturalisation for non-EU family members
- Proof that you are returning to Ireland long-term, evidence that you have terminated a tenancy agreement, sold a property, closed a bank account etc.

Where can I get the 'Returning to Ireland'?

The **'Returning to Ireland'** publication is available from:

- All Irish agencies in the United Kingdom
- All Irish agencies in the United States
- All Irish agencies in Australia
- Selected Irish agencies in Europe
- All Irish embassies and consulates worldwide
- All Citizen Information Centres (CIC) in Ireland
- All Social Welfare branch offices and local offices in Ireland
- Emigration related organisations throughout Ireland
- Emigrant Advice office and www.emigrantadvice.ie

How do I use the new 'Returning to Ireland'?

The **'Returning to Ireland'** is in Factsheet form. You should request the Factsheet that corresponds to your particular query from your nearest **'Returning to Ireland'** provider. If you want information on *'pensions'* you should read *'Factsheet 3'* or if you wish to find out more information on *'payments for the unemployed'* you should read *'Factsheet 2-C'*. We realise that making a decision to return home involves much organisation and anxiety and you may sometimes feel overloaded with information. The new **'Returning to Ireland'** aims to provide you with information in a manner that is easily understood and which allows you to gradually deal with the practicalities of moving home.