



## REST ASSURED THAT YOUR **IRISH VISA APPLICATION IS IN ORDER**

Use the **VFS Check and Verify Service** to provide reassurance to the Irish authorities that the information you have provided as part of your Irish visa application is genuine.

### Checks and initial verification on your key supporting documents

This service allows for professionally trained VFS staff to perform a series of pre-checks and initial validation on certain key supporting documents, thereby improving the chances of your application being successful.

### Benefits of using this service

- Provides the Irish Immigration Service with greater confidence in the authenticity of your application;
- Report directly submitted to Irish Immigration Service within 3 working days;
- Designated counters for a hassle-free visa application experience;
- 100% secure handling of your personal data;
- Fully secure and automated system to ensure integrity of verification .

### Who should use the VFS Check and Verify Service?

- This service can be used by all visa applicants who want to be assured that their Irish visa application is in order and the information and supporting documents provided as part of their Irish visa application is genuine. It is recommended for all visa applicants.
- If you intend to apply for the British and Irish Visa Scheme (BIVS) and intend to visit both Ireland and the UK, and you have never travelled outside of India or have previously been refused a visa in any other country, it is highly recommended that you use the VFS Check & Verify Service before you submit your visa application for processing.
- If you are applying for an employment visa and are the holder of a general work permit and coming to work in the catering and agricultural sector, it is highly recommended to use the Check & Verify service to validate your application.
- For Join Family applications, where the dependent family members (spouse/children) are joining a family member (spouse/parent) who is already residing in Ireland, it is highly recommended that the Check & Verify service is used to ensure that your Irish visa application is in order.

### How can I avail of the Check & Verify Service?

- When you are ready to submit your application and supporting documents to the VFS Visa Application Centre (VAC), and you are making your appointment with VFS online to provide your biometrics, you can include the Check & Verify service as an add-on.
- You can pay for this service online, or at the visa centre, using credit or debit visa or Master card. If you choose to pay online, you must bring the printed payment receipt to the centre to obtain the service.
- Or alternatively you can avail and pay for this service at any of the Irish Visa Application Centres.



### Important information about the Check & Verify Service

The Check & Verify service is offered by VFS Global for you to support your visa application. As part of this service, they make reasonable checks, including but not limited to; Bank statements; Income Tax Returns, Credit history, Employment, Court record checks to confirm the accuracy and authenticity of information submitted by you in connection with this application. They also make reasonable checks as mandated by the Irish Immigration Service on any sponsors for a visa application to verify your information contained within.

The information provided by you, will be treated in confidence, however this information may be disclosed to government departments, agencies, local authorities, foreign governments, and other bodies, for the purposes of verifying the information given. When required by law in order to prevent fraud and be compliant with anti-money laundering provisions, as part of the Check & Verify service we may contact fraud prevention agencies.

The Check & Verify report in respect of the customer's visa application will be forwarded to the Irish Immigration Service for processing within 3 days, regardless of whether all verification checks have been completed. During that time we will make 3 attempts to conduct each verification check.

Any Check & Verify services as well as disclosures of your personal information will be performed in accordance with applicable local Data Protection and Privacy Legislation. For any additional information regarding how your data is handled by VFS, or to exercise your rights as a data subject, please check the Privacy Notice on the VFS website, ask their visa application centre manager or contact VFS Global Data Protection Officer at [dpo@vfsglobal.com](mailto:dpo@vfsglobal.com)

While Check & Verify does not guarantee the success of your application, or improve processing times, it can often be beneficial to both. The fee payable is for the service provided; therefore, you will not be entitled to a refund if your application is refused or issued for a shorter period than you applied for. Refunds do not apply if checks could not be completed due to unavailability of sponsors, employers or issuing authorities to confirm information.

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