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IMMIGRATION ACT 2004 (VISAS) ORDER 2009

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## IMMIGRATION ACT 2004 (VISAS) ORDER 2009

I, DERMOT AHERN, Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 17 of the Immigration Act 2004 (No. 1 of 2004), hereby order as follows:

1. (1) This Order may be cited as the Immigration Act 2004 (Visas) Order 2009.

(2) This Order comes into operation on 1 July 2009.

2. In this Order—

“Convention travel document” means a travel document issued in accordance with Article 28 of the Geneva Convention;

“Geneva Convention” has the meaning assigned to it by the Refugee Act 1996 (No. 17 of 1996);

“permanent residence card” has the meaning assigned to it by the Regulations of 2006;

“residence card” has the meaning assigned to it by the Regulations of 2006;

“Regulations of 2006” means the European Communities (Free Movement of Persons) (No. 2) Regulations 2006 (S.I. No. 656 of 2006).

3. It is hereby declared that the following classes of non-nationals are specified as classes, the members of which are not required to be in possession of a valid Irish visa when landing in the State:

(a) nationals of a state specified in Schedule 1;

(b) non-nationals who are holders of—

(i) a valid Convention travel document issued by Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Iceland, Italy, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovak Republic, Spain, Sweden, or Switzerland and where the intended purpose of the travel to the State by the holder of such a travel document is solely for a visit of up to a maximum period of 3 months,

(ii) a valid permanent residence card issued under Regulation 16 of the Regulations of 2006,

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or

- (iii) a valid residence card issued under Regulation 7 of the Regulations of 2006.

4. It is hereby declared that the classes of non-nationals specified in Schedule 2 are specified as classes, the members of which are required to be in possession of a valid Irish transit visa when arriving at a port in the State for purposes of passing through the port in order to travel to another state.

5. The Immigration Act 2004 (Visas) (No. 2) Order 2006 (S.I. No. 657 of 2006) is revoked.

*Article 3.*

## SCHEDULE 1

CLASSES OF NON-NATIONALS NOT REQUIRED TO BE IN POSSESSION OF A VALID IRISH  
VISA WHEN LANDING IN THE STATE

Andorra	Guatemala	Poland
Antigua & Barbuda	Guyana	Portugal
Argentina	Honduras	Romania
Australia	Hong Kong (Special Administrative Region)	Saint Kitts & Nevis
Austria	Hungary	Saint Lucia
Bahamas	Iceland	Saint Vincent & the Grenadines
Barbados	Israel	Samoa
Belgium	Italy	San Marino
Belize	Japan	Seychelles
Bolivia	Kiribati	Singapore
Botswana	Latvia	Slovak Republic
Brazil	Lesotho	Slovenia
Brunei	Liechtenstein	Solomon Islands
Bulgaria	Lithuania	South Africa
Canada	Luxembourg	South Korea
Chile	Macau (Special Administrative Region)	Spain
Costa Rica	Malawi	Swaziland
Croatia	Malaysia	Sweden
Cyprus	Maldives	Switzerland
Czech Republic	Malta	Taiwan
Denmark	Mauritius	Tonga
Dominica	Mexico	Trinidad & Tobago
El Salvador	Monaco	Tuvalu
Estonia	Nauru	United Kingdom & Colonies
Fiji	Netherlands	United States of America
Finland	New Zealand	Uruguay
France	Nicaragua	Vanuatu
Germany	Norway	Vatican City
Greece	Panama	Venezuela
Grenada	Paraguay	

*Article 4.*

## SCHEDULE 2

CLASSES OF NON-NATIONALS REQUIRED TO BE IN POSSESSION OF A VALID IRISH  
TRANSIT VISA WHEN ARRIVING AT A PORT IN THE STATE FOR PURPOSES OF PASSING  
THROUGH THE PORT IN ORDER TO TRAVEL TO ANOTHER STATE

Afghanistan	Ghana	Nigeria
Albania	Iran	Serbia
Cuba	Iraq	Somalia
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Lebanon	Sri Lanka
Eritrea	Moldova	Zimbabwe
Ethiopia	Montenegro	



GIVEN under my Official Seal,  
27 June 2009

DERMOT AHERN,  
Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Instrument and does not purport to be a legal interpretation.)*

This Order specifies the classes of non-nationals who are exempt from Irish visa requirements and those who are required to be in possession of a valid Irish transit visa when transiting within a port within the State. The change effected by the Order is that nationals of Taiwan are, from 1 July 2009, no longer subject to an Irish visa requirement.

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