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New Scheme for permission to remain for non-national parents of Irish born children born prior to 1 January, 2005

I am directed by the Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform to inform you that the he will formally announce in the next few days, revised arrangements regarding the granting of permission to remain in the State to non-nationals who are the parents of an Irish born child born in the State before 1 January, 2005

Such parents will be entitled to make a separate application for permission to remain by completing the application form IBC05 giving the applicant's personal details, immigration history, other identities used in the State and details of his or her Irish born child. The applicant will be required to provide, among other documents, an original passport or national identity card, original birth certificate for the Irish born child and two passport size photographs. In addition, where applicable, each applicant will be asked to provide a letter from their Community Welfare Officer stating the period of time for which they have been in receipt of welfare payments in the State. Otherwise, if the applicant has been employed they will be asked to provide details of that employment, such a tax certificate or letter from their employer.

Permission for leave to remain will be granted for an initial period of two years. On renewal, the applicant must show that he or she has become economically viable or has taken appropriate steps (such as participation in training or language courses) to engage in employment, business or a profession, in order to extend that permission for a further three years. The scheme will be administered by the Irish Born Child Unit of this Department. The deadline for making applications under the scheme will be 31 March, 2005 and it is intended that the scheme will be completed at the end of June, 2005.

A notice will be placed in the national newspapers on Saturday 15th January 2005 outlining the new procedures. It is intended that the application form and an information leaflet will be available to the public on the Department's website with effect from Saturday 15th January 2005.

Maura Hynes

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13th January 2005
c.c Mr. Sean O'Donnell