

Six Ways in Which the Employment Permits Bill will Modernise the Irish Permits System

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Introduction

On 12 October 2022, the Minister for Business, Employment and Retail, Damien English TD introduced the Employment Permits Bill 2022 (the "Bill"). Once enacted, the Bill will repeal the Employment Permits Act 2003 and 2006 and is intended to modernise the Irish employment permit system, allowing evolution in a competitive global labour market.

Key Provisions

Six of the key provisions include:

Conclusion

The lack of flexibility in the current system has created significant and timely hurdles for employers seeking to engage non-EEA nationals in Ireland. The changes introduced under the Bill are a welcome improvement which will hopefully allow for a more efficient recruitment process going forward. Whilst an implementation date has not yet been confirmed, it is envisaged that the Bill will become law in early 2023.

For further information on the Bill or if you are seeking corporate immigration advice, please contact Bláthnaid Evans or Marianne Norton of our employment and corporate immigration team on 01 639 3000 or email ireland@ogier.com. Visit www.leman.ie for more information.

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