

WORKING HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Visa General Information

Working Holiday Visa (WHV) is intended to promote close cooperative relations between Argentina and Ireland. The aim of the Programme is to holiday in the Argentine Republic with employment being an incidental rather than the primary reason for the visit.

Currently there is an annual limit of ONE hundred (100) visas.

Applications must be done only in the Consular Section of Argentina in Dublin, Ireland.

A "Working Holiday visa" allows Irish to:

- 1) Take extended holidays in Argentina for up 9 (nine) months.
- 2) Leave and re-enter Argentina a number of times while the visa is valid.
- 3) Work in Argentina for up to 6 months, with the possibility to renew the visa for another 3 months.
- 4) Register in training or study courses for up to 3 months.

A) Visa Requirements

Applicants wishing to participate in the "Work and Holiday visa" program must fulfill the following requirements:

- 1. The applicant must be an Irish citizen who is ordinarily resident in Ireland.
- 2. To be aged between 18-30 years, both inclusive, at the time of the visa application.
- 3. Satisfy the visa officer that the primary intention is to holiday in Argentina with employment being incidental rather than the primary reason for the visit.
- 4. Not to be accompanied by dependent children.
- 5. Have no criminal record.
- 6. Have not previously participated in the program.

B) Documents Checklist

The applicants will need to present the following documents:

- 1) Valid Irish Passport (at least 12 months validity) with 2 blank pages.
- 2) 2 x passport photos. Photographs must not be more than 6 months old.



3) The completed (computer filled) application form.

4) Current curriculum vitae (please also enclose reference letter/s);

5) Accreditation of Academic Achievements (original + copy of certificate/s).

6) Proof of economic solvency: original current bank statement with evidence of enough funds for your stay in Argentina (last 3 months).

Note: If you have a bank account that does operate exclusively online and you receive your bank statements electronically you will need to provide an electronic statement printed by the applicant with the official stamp of the bank in question. This official stamp should appear on the statements.

7) International credit card. Credit card statement showing credit card limit. If you do not possess a credit card, an original letter from your bank with the daily debit card withdraw limit should be presented instead.

8) A Police Certificate (Certificado de Antecedentes) that confirms that you have no criminal background throughout your life. The date of issue has to be as close as possible to the date of your trip. Please note that Police certificates are required from all countries where you have lived in for more than 1 year within the last 3 years;

9) Copy of return ticket from airline or travel agency (ticket details) or sufficient funds to purchase such ticket

10) Certificate of medical/travel insurance valid for the duration of the trip (based on dates on tickets) – Original letter from Insurance Company.

11) Personal interview (compulsory)

C) Processing Visa Applications

1. Please contact the Consular Section of Argentina in Dublin to arrange an appointment for an interview.

2. Interview with the Consul.

- 3. Your application will be assessed. Generally are processed within 3-5 working days.
- 5. The applicant must apply for visa no more than 3 months prior to entering Argentina.

Note: processing of your application will be delayed or returned to you if you do not provide all the required information and documents at the time of the interview.

E) Information to Help Prepare Your Application

Forms: must be completed. Do not sign the forms. The original form must be signed in front of consular officer.

Documents: you can send all the required documentation by email. Once the Embassy is satisfied with the documentation above, the application will be approved in principle and the applicant notified. All original must be presented at the time of the interview.