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I, Damien English, Minister of State at the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by sections 14, 29 and 30 (as amended by sections 17, 29 and 30 of the Employment Permits (Amendment) Act 2014 (No. 26 of 2014)) of the Employment Permits Act 2006 (No. 16 of 2006) (as adapted by the Business, Enterprise and Innovation (Alteration of Name of Department and Title of Minister) Order 2020 (S.I. No. 519 of 2020)) and the Enterprise, Trade and Employment (Delegation of Ministerial Functions) Order 2020 (S.I. No. 579 of 2020), hereby make the following regulations:

*Citation*

1. (1) These Regulations may be cited as the Employment Permits (Amendment) Regulations 2022.

(2) The Principal Regulations, the Regulations of 2018, the Employment Permits (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2018 (No. 163 of 2018), the Employment Permits (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2018 (S.I. No. 318 of 2018), the Employment Permits (Amendment) (No. 4) Regulations 2018 (S.I. No. 550 of 2018), the Employment Permits (Amendment) Regulations 2019 (S.I. No. 138 of 2019), the Employment Permits (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2019 (S.I. No. 333 of 2019), the Employment Permits (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2019 (S.I. No. 633 of 2019), the Employment Permits (Amendment) Regulations 2020 (S.I. No. 156 of 2020), the Employment Permits (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2020 (S.I. No. 510 of 2020), the Employment Permits (Amendment) Regulations 2021 (S.I. No. 286 of 2021), the Regulations of 2021 and these Regulations may be cited together as the Employment Permits Regulations 2017 to 2022.

*Definitions*

2. In these Regulations—

“Principal Regulations” means the Employment Permits Regulations 2017 (S.I. No. 95 of 2017);

“Regulations of 2018” means the Employment Permits (Amendment) Regulations 2018 (S.I. No. 70 of 2018);

“Regulations of 2021” means the Employment Permits (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2021 (S.I. No. 559 of 2021).

*Amendment of Regulation 8 of Principal Regulations*

3. Regulation 8(2)(c)(I) (as amended by Regulation 5(b) of the Regulations of 2018) of the Principal Regulations is amended by substituting “Irish Residence

Permit Registration Number, or if neither is available” for “Irish Residence Permit pin, or if neither pin is available”.

*Amendment of Regulation 9 of Principal Regulations*

4. Regulation 9(2)(c)(I) (as amended by Regulation 6(b) of the Regulations of 2018) of the Principal Regulations is amended by substituting “Irish Residence Permit Registration Number, or if neither is available” for “Irish Residence Permit pin, or if neither pin is available”.

*Amendment of Regulation 30 of Principal Regulations*

5. Regulation 30 (as amended by Regulation 5 of the Regulations of 2021) of the Principal Regulations is amended—

- (a) in paragraph (5)(b), by substituting “425” for “1,625”, and
- (b) by deleting paragraph (7).

*Amendment of Schedule 3 to Principal Regulations*

6. The Principal Regulations are amended by substituting for Schedule 3 (as amended by Regulation 6 of the Regulations of 2021) the Schedule set out in the Schedule to these Regulations.

*Schedule**New Schedule 3 to Principal Regulations**“Regulations 18, 29, 31, 43, 44, 65 and 66**Schedule 3**Employments in respect of which there is a shortage in respect of qualifications, experience or skills which are required for the proper functioning of the economy*

<b>SOC-3</b>	<b>Employment category</b>	<b>SOC-4</b>	<b>Employments</b>
112	Production Managers and Directors	1122	Site Manager
113	ICT Professionals	1136	Information technology and telecommunications directors
118	Health and Social Services Managers and Directors	1181	Senior health services and public health managers and directors
211	Natural and Social Science Professionals	2111	Chemical scientists in manufacturing (including food & beverages, medical devices), product development, analytical development, clinical co-vigilance, or biotechnology or related and relevant specialist skills, qualifications or experience
		2112	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medical laboratory scientists</li> <li>• Biological scientists and biochemists in manufacturing (including food &amp; beverages, medical devices), product development, analytical development, clinical co-vigilance, or biotechnology or related and relevant specialist skills, qualifications or experience</li> </ul>
		2113	Physical scientists in manufacturing (including food & beverages, medical devices), product development, analytical development, clinical co-vigilance, or biotechnology or related and relevant specialist skills, qualifications or

			experience
212	Engineering Professionals	2121	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Civil Engineers</li> <li>• Structural Engineers and Site Engineers</li> </ul>
		2122	Mechanical engineers
		2123	Electrical engineers
		2124	<p>Electronics engineers specialising in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Chip design, test engineering, or application engineering, or</li> <li>○ Process automation engineering, or</li> <li>○ Power generation, transmission and distribution, or</li> <li>○ Related and relevant specialist skills, qualifications or experience</li> </ul>
		2126	<p>Design and development engineers specialising in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Quality control, or validation and regulation engineering (high tech industry; food and beverages), or</li> <li>○ Chip design, test engineering, or application engineering, or</li> <li>○ Process automation engineering, or</li> <li>○ Power generation, transmission and distribution, or</li> <li>○ Related and relevant specialist skills, qualifications or experience</li> </ul>
		2127	<p>Production and process engineers specialising in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Quality control, or validation and regulation engineering (high tech industry; food and beverages), or</li> <li>○ Chemical process engineering, or</li> <li>○ Process automation engineering, or</li> <li>○ Power generation, transmission and distribution, or</li> <li>○ Related and relevant specialist skills, qualifications or experience</li> </ul>
		2129	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Material scientists</li> <li>• Setting Out Engineer</li> <li>• Façade Designer</li> </ul>
213	Information Technology and Telecommunications Professionals	2133	IT specialist managers
		2134	IT project and programme managers
		2135	IT business analysts, architects and systems designers
		2136	Programmers and software development professionals
		2137	Web design and development professionals

		2139	All other ICT professionals not elsewhere classified
221	Health Professionals	2211	Medical practitioners
		2212	Psychologist
		2213	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Industrial Pharmacists</li> <li>• Pharmacist</li> </ul>
		2217	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Radiographers</li> <li>• Radiation therapists</li> <li>• Vascular technologists/physiologists</li> <li>• Gastro Intestinal technologists/physiologists</li> </ul>
		2218	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Podiatrist/Chiropodist</li> </ul>
		2219	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Audiologists</li> <li>• Perfusionists</li> <li>• Dietician</li> <li>• Cardiac physiologist</li> <li>• Medical Scientist</li> </ul>
222	Therapy Professionals	2221	Physiotherapist
		2222	Occupational Therapist
		2223	Speech & Language Therapist
		2229	Orthoptists
223	Nursing and Midwifery Professionals	2231	Registered Nurses
		2232	Registered Midwives
231	Teaching and Educational Professionals	2311	<p>Academics who hold a qualification equivalent to Level 10 of the National Framework of Qualification in a given discipline awarded no less than two calendar years prior to the date of application for an employment permit, with a minimum of one academic year of relevant teaching experience, and the employment concerned</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ is in a third level institution governed by the Irish Universities Act 1997 (No. 24 of 1997), the Institutes of Technology Act 2006 (No. 25 of 2006) and the Technological Universities Act 2018 (No. 3 of 2018); or</li> <li>○ involves delivering a programme largely or wholly concerned with information and communications technology, which leads to a major award at QQI level 8 and/or level 9 as validated by Quality and Qualifications Ireland.</li> </ul>
242	Business, Research	2421	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chartered and certified accountants, and taxation experts specialising in tax,</li> </ul>

	and Administrative Professionals		<p>compliance, regulation, solvency or financial management or related and relevant specialist skills, qualifications or experience.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Qualified accountants with at least three years' auditing experience, who are full members of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), Philippine Institute of Certified Public Accountants (PICPA) and the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Pakistan (ICAP) and whom have relevant work experience in the areas of US GAAP reporting and Global Audit and Advisory Services and the employment concerned is in MNC Global Audit Services.</li> <li>• Tax consultant specialising in non-EEA tax consultancy and compliance with a professional tax qualification or legal qualification with tax specialism, and has a minimum of three years' experience of tax consultancy requirements and regulations in the relevant non-EEA market.</li> </ul>
		2423	Management consultants and business analysts specialising in big data analytics with skills in IT, data mining, modelling, and advanced maths or related and relevant specialist skills, qualifications or experience
		2424	Business and financial project management professionals specialising in finance & investment analytics, risk analytics, credit, fraud analytics or related and relevant specialist skills, qualifications or experience
		2425	Actuaries, economists and statisticians specialising in big data analytics with skills in IT, data mining, modelling, and advanced maths or related and relevant specialist skills, qualifications or experience
243	Architects, Town Planners and Surveyors	2431	Architect
		2433	Quantity surveyors
		2435	Architectural Technologist
		2436	Construction project managers
244	Welfare Professionals	2442	Social Worker
246	Quality and Regulatory Professionals	2461	Quality control and planning engineers
		2462	Quality assurance and regulatory professionals
		2463	Environmental health professionals

247	Media Professionals	2473	Art Director in 2D or 3D animation, with at least one year's experience in the role
321	Health Associate Professionals	3213	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PHECC registered Paramedics</li> <li>• PHECC registered Advanced Paramedic Practitioners</li> </ul>
		3218	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prosthetists</li> <li>• Orthotists</li> <li>• Respiratory physiologist</li> </ul>
341	Artistic, Literary and Media Occupations	3411	Animation Background and Design Artist in 2D or 3D animation, with at least one year's experience in the role
342	Design Occupations	3421	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Location Designer in 2D or 3D animation, with at least one year's experience in the role</li> <li>• Character Designer in 2D or 3D animation, with at least one year's experience in the role</li> <li>• Prop Designer in 2D or 3D animation, with at least one year's experience in the role</li> <li>• Animation Layout Artist in 2D or 3D animation, with at least one year's experience in the role</li> </ul>
344	Sports and Fitness Occupations	3442	High performance coaches and directors employed by <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ National sports organisations, or</li> <li>○ High profile sports organisations engaging in international competition</li> </ul>
354	Sales, Marketing and Related Associate Professionals	3542	Business sales executives specialising in International Sales Roles or ITB2B sales roles and with fluency in the official language, apart from English, of a state which is not a Member State of the EEA
		3543	International marketing experts with required domain knowledge specialising in product strategy development and management with technical and product/service knowledge (pharmaceutical, medical devices, Software B2B, SaaS products)

Note: 'SOC-3' and 'SOC-4' refer to applicable levels in the Standard Occupational Classification system (SOC 2010)."



GIVEN under my hand,  
14 June 2022.

Damien English,  
Minister of State at the Department of Enterprise, Trade and  
Employment.

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

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

These Regulations amend the Employment Permits Regulations 2017 to—

- increase the quota of general employment permits for meat processor operatives,
- remove the quota of general employment permits for bricklayers and plasterers,
- replace references to “Irish Residence Permit pin” with “Irish Residence Permit Registration Number”, and
- add the occupations of cardiac physiologist, medical scientist, occupational therapist, physiotherapist, podiatrist / chiropodist, psychologist, speech and language therapist and pharmacist to the Critical Skills Occupations List in Schedule 3.

These Regulations may be cited as the Employment Permits (Amendment) Regulations 2022.

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