

RESIDENCY

“Residency: Can it be Revoked?”

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RESIDENCY CAN be withdrawn – but this would be an extremely rare move.

According to the Department of Justice, it is unaware of any case in which it revoked a person’s residence status. If breaches are detected in one’s residency permission, however, it may not be renewed when the time comes.

According to the General Immigration Division at the Department of Justice, it grants extensions of permission to remain to non-EEA nationals who are legally resident in the State, normally on a yearly basis and mostly in relation to people on work permit conditions. If a person breaches the rules of their stay, the division may decide not to re-grant permission when it comes up for renewal.

Those seeking renewals are expected to have complied with their previous immigration and employment permit conditions and be “of good character”. Parents of Irish-born children, who gained residency under the 2005 scheme are also required to show they are “economically viable” when seeking to extend their residency status in Ireland.

Citizenship can also be revoked, and the department is currently investigating three cases where this action may be taken.

Attaining citizenship through fraudulent means and disloyalty to the State are among the factors taken into account when considering the revocation of one’s Irish citizenship.

The Minister for Justice has also withdrawn refugee status from 16 people within the past five years. One reason for revocation of refugee status is if the recipient has voluntarily reestablished him or herself in the country that he or she left for fear of persecution.

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