



Supplementary FAQ to accompany the Guidance re working arrangements in the Public Service during COVID-19

What leave arrangements apply to civil and public servants on return from non-essential travel overseas?

The Irish authorities advise against all non-essential travel overseas until further notice. This includes Great Britain but does not apply to Northern Ireland. It also includes all travel by cruise ship.

The Irish authorities require anyone coming into Ireland, apart from Northern Ireland, to restrict their movements for 14 days. Responsibility to provide for the period of restricted movement arising from non-essential travel overseas is a matter for each individual employee.

Where there is an intention to undertake non-essential travel overseas, all employees must make provision by way of an annual leave or unpaid leave application for the additional period of restricted movement, in line with the normal rules applying in the relevant sector.

The requirement that employees advise their employer of travel abroad is necessary for the protection of public health.

This guidance will be reviewed in accordance with any changes to public health and travel advice.

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