



Sino-Irish Business and Entrepreneurship Seminar Dublin 2011

Emerging Regulatory Environment

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Immigration Policy and Operation

- Broad agreement on who should come to Ireland
 - High Skilled workers (and their spouses and children)
 - People who will run business and create jobs in Ireland
 - Researchers
 - Higher Education students especially high achievers
 - Language and other students (shorter term)
 - Tourists
 - Anyone to whom we have an obligation – e.g. refugees
- What they should do when here
 - Obey laws
 - Be self sufficient
 - Make a contribution to country
- Huge international demand to migrate – only a fraction can be accommodated
- Immigration is about identifying those who meet requirements from those who do not!

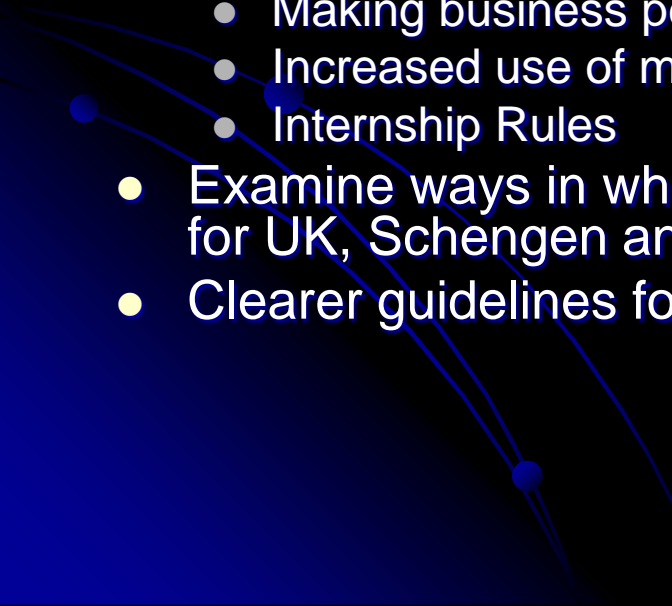
Working In Ireland

- Worker
 - Stamp 4 (exemption from need to hold work permit)
 - May include permission to operate a business
- Student
 - 20 Hours per week during term
 - 40 Otherwise
- Researcher Scheme
 - Research Contract with approved host
 - Status similar to Green Card
 - Details on www.inis.gov.ie and www.entemp.ie
- Business Permission Scheme
 - Intended as stimulus for Job Creation
 - €300k Investment
 - Create or maintain Irish or EEA employment
 - Viable trading concern

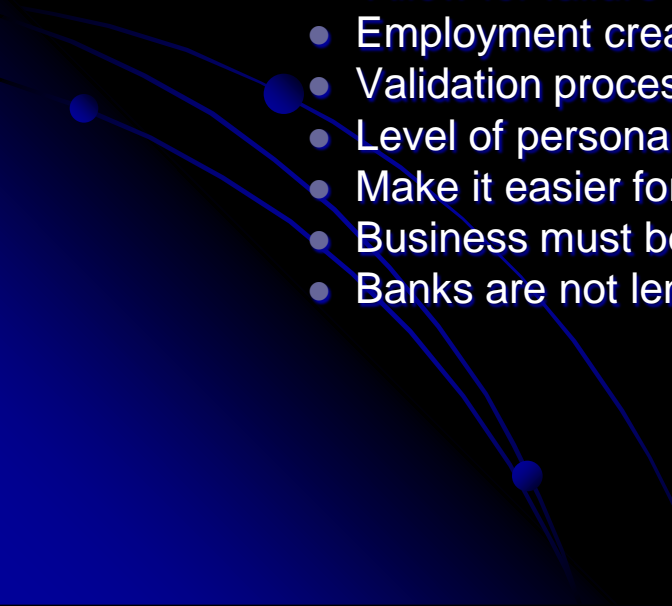
Main Developments in Immigration 2010

- New Immigration Regime for Students
 - Findings accepted by Government and published in September 2010
 - Came into force on 1 January 2011
 - Time Limits on study
 - Fast Tracking Higher education visas
 - More favourable arrangements for PhD students
 - Extension to graduate scheme
 - Steps to a high quality environment with stronger and visible regulation
 - Better linkage between student immigration and economic objectives
- Immigration Residence and Protection Bill 2010 Published
 - Did not complete passage when Government left office
 - Decision for new Government
- New consultative arrangements for visas and immigration with other Govt. Departments and State Agencies

Current Projects

- Family Reunification Schemes
 - Families of Irish Nationals
 - Families of non-EEA nationals
 - Revision of Immigration Stamps
 - Provide more transparent system and greater diversity
 - New Business Regime
 - Investors
 - Entrepreneurs/start ups
 - Making business permission easier to get for existing workers
 - Increased use of multi entry visas for business travellers
 - Internship Rules
 - Examine ways in which the burden of having different visa regimes for UK, Schengen and Ireland can be reduced
 - Clearer guidelines for main immigration categories
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Doing Business

- Proposals well advanced
 - Replace current business permission scheme with more diverse offerings
 - Discussions with State Agencies
 - Entrepreneurs
 - Scheme should be finalised in first half 2011
 - Key issues
 - What sectors – displacement v competition
 - Allow for failure of business
 - Employment creation takes time
 - Validation process
 - Level of personal investment required
 - Make it easier for existing worker to set up business
 - Business must be real
 - Banks are not lending money so what sources are available
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Doing Business - 2

- Investor
 - What is the scope for high net worth (Chinese) individuals who would invest in business in Ireland?
 - Size of investment?
 - Type of Business?
- Business Travellers
 - How do we make it easier
 - Multi Entry Visas for frequent visits
- Immigration Service engagement with major corporate clients – State Agencies

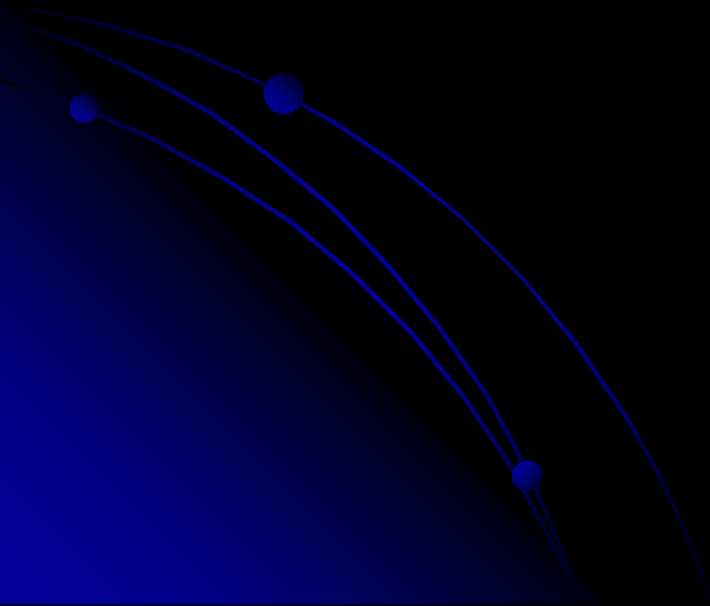
Coming to Ireland from China

- Dedicated visa office in Beijing
- Office in London embassy for people already in UK
- Approval rate Beijing 86%; London 99%
- Beijing turnaround time generally <10days
- Special arrangements for ADS tourists (free Irish Visa when already have UK visa)
- All applications made online

For Queries and comments

- Dedicated e-mail address set up for conference participants

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