



ADDENDUM 1 TO INFORMATION BOOKLET FOR APPLICANTS FOR INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION (IPO 1)

Section 8 – Your rights and obligations in the International Protection Process

Access to the Labour Market

Access to the labour market for international protection applicants has been facilitated by Ireland opting into the EU (recast) Reception Conditions Directive (2013/33/EU).

The Regulations adopted by Ireland as a result of this Directive allow for effective access to the labour market when no first instance recommendation on an international protection application has been made within 6 months.

An international protection applicant may have access to the labour market six months from the date when their protection application was lodged, if they have yet to receive a first instance recommendation from the International Protection Office, and if they have cooperated with the process.

Eligible applicants may apply to the Minister for Justice for a labour market permission, which allows both employment and self-employment. An applicant who has not received a first instance decision in respect of his or her international protection application within a period of 5 months may apply for permission to access the labour market. Such permission, if granted, will come into effect if the applicant is still eligible on the date which marks 6 months since the making of their international protection application.

The Labour Market Access Unit (LMAU) which is part of Immigration Service Delivery (ISD), processes applications on behalf of the Minister for Justice. The permission is granted to eligible applicants for 12 months and is renewable until there is a final decision on the holder's protection application.

Eligible applicants have access to all sectors of employment, with the exception of the Civil and Public Service, An Garda Síochána, and the Irish Defence Forces.

For further information please see the website of the Irish Naturalisation and Immigration Service: <http://www.inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/Pages/labour-market-access>

Please note that certain information furnished for the purpose of an international protection application may be disclosed to Immigration Service Delivery and other Government Departments, in line with the law, for the purpose of processing an application for permission to access the Labour Market.