

An Roinn Gnóthaí Eachtracha agus Trádála

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Mr. Eoghan Murphy.

Ref: FOI/Req/2019/265

3 October, 2019.

Dear Mr. Murphy,

I refer to your recently submitted request for information, made under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2014, in which you requested the following:

The number of first-time applications for Irish passports from Great Britain residents that the Passport Service received in each of the following years: 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019.

I also refer to the acknowledgement of your request which was sent to you on 13th September, 2019.

I am the Deciding Officer in this case. By way of explanation, in order to meet the requirements of the Passports Act 2008, each applicant must demonstrate their Irish citizenship in their application. Entitlement to Irish citizenship is governed by Irish law and in particular the Irish Nationality and Citizenship Act 1956, as amended. Irish citizens are not prohibited from holding foreign citizenship in addition to their Irish citizenship. The Passport Office does not compile data on any other citizenships that an applicant may hold.

Tracking of passport applications is in general carried out against channel of application rather than by other metrics, including country of origin. Bearing this in mind, the general breakdown of applications will give the available detail on the number of first-time applications for Irish passports from Great Britain residents (i.e. those that have applied through the London Passport Office) for the years 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 (up to 31 August) as follows:

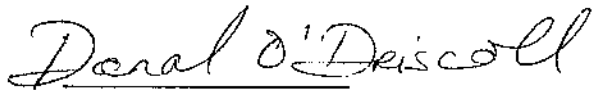
Year	Great Britain
2015	6,011
2016	18,263
2017	31,675
2018	39,099
2019 (up to 31 August)	36,274

Right of Appeal

Should you wish to appeal this decision, you may do so in writing to the Freedom of Information Unit, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, 76-78 Harcourt Street, Dublin 2, D02 DX45 or by email to foi@dfa.ie. A fee applies for an appeal for access to non-personal information; the level of this fee has been set at €30. For methods of payment, please contact FOI Unit at foi@dfa.ie, or 01-4082857.

You should make your appeal within 4 weeks (20 working days) from the date of this notification. However, the making of a late appeal may be permitted in appropriate circumstances. The appeal will involve a complete reconsideration of the matter by a more senior member of the staff of this Department.

Yours sincerely,



Donal O'Driscoll
Passport Office.