



Do You Have a DUI?

If so, you may be inadmissible to Canada. In Ireland, a DUI is a traffic offense; in Canada it is a federal criminal offense.

If you do have a DUI, there are 2 options:

1. You can obtain a TPR (Temporary Resident Permit) at the port of entry.
<http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/information/inadmissibility/permits.asp>
2. *If 5 years has passed since the completion of your sentence, you may be eligible for rehabilitation. As well, if 10 years has passed since the completion of your sentence, you may receive deemed rehabilitation.*

CIC says: “You do not have to apply to be deemed rehabilitated, but you should be sure you will qualify before you try to enter the country. Otherwise, you could be found inadmissible to Canada when you arrive at the border. It is in your best interest to be assessed by the Canadian embassy, high commission or consulate responsible for your area. This will help ensure you do not travel to Canada only to be refused entry or be subject to other enforcement action. “

You may also want to consult a Canadian Immigration lawyer.

NOTE: If you are applying for Permanent Residency or the IEC-Working Holiday program and it has not been 5 years since the completion of your sentence, you will very likely be refused.

Further Instructions:

Your application for deemed rehabilitation will be assessed on the factors set out below. This is not a conclusive list.

- how many crimes you committed
- the circumstances and seriousness of each crime
- your behaviour since committing the crime(s)
- your explanation of the crimes and why you are not likely to do it again
- any support you receive from your community

- why you think you are rehabilitated and
- your present situation.

If you are not deemed rehabilitated, you may apply for individual rehabilitation.

In order to facilitate an application for rehabilitation, deemed rehabilitation, or a TPR obtain the following:

1. copy of the statute under which you were convicted
2. sentencing report from the court
3. any other court documents to assist Canadian in assessing your offense
4. 3 letters of support to confirm your rehabilitation by respected people who know you
5. Your statement as to what happened and how you have changed

Further info:

<http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/information/inadmissibility/rehabilitation.asp>

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