Doing Business In Ireland



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Business Entities



Partnership & Sole Trader Liable to Income Tax (20% - 40%)

Limited Liability Company
Liable to Corporation Tax (12.5%)
Knowledge Development Box (6.25%)

Company Limited by Guarantee
Liable to Corporation Tax (12.5%)

Co - Operative
Liable to Corporation Tax (12.5%)

Investment Fund

Collective Investment Fund Exempt from Tax Fund Managers/Service Providers Liable to Corporation Tax (12.5%)



Business Administration



Audit & Accounting Requirements

Audit Exemption For Companies:

Turnover < €8.8 Million

Employees < 50

Gross Assets < €4.4 Million

Accounting Requirements:

Listed Entities - IFRS as adopted by E.U.

Private Entities - Local GAAP or IFRS

US GAAP (Conditions Apply)

Ireland's Key Tax Advantages



Inbound Issues



- Extensive Tax Treaty Network
- (72 Countries)
- Particularly good treaty with China & US
- Access to EU directives
- Government Grants



Outbound Issues



 Generally no withholding tax on interest, dividends and royalties to EU and tax treaty countries

The Irish System

- Low tax policy 12.5% & 6.25%
- Tax relief for acquisition of intangible assets
- 25% R&D Tax Credit
- No CFC Rules
- Minimum transfer pricing rules
- No Capital Duty
- Favourable double taxation relief rules (including for foreign branch profits)
- Participation exemptions from Capital Gains Tax on disposal of shares in subsidiary (normally 33%)
- Favourable regime for offshore funds & aircraft leasing
- Corporation Tax Losses can be carried forward indefinitely
- English speaking member of Euro Zone

Other Taxes



VAT Rates

23.00 % Standard Rate

13.50 % Reduced Rate

9.00 % Second Reduced Rate

Universal Social Charge

1.5% - 8% **Employee**

Income Tax

40%Higher Rate

20% Lower/Standard Rate

Social Costs

4.00 % Employee

10.75 % Employer

Important Commercial & Legal Aspects



- Population 4.7 Million
- Total at work 2012 2.0 Million
- Laws are based on Common Law, EU Legislation and the Irish Constitution. Ireland has established labour laws which are based on EU directives
- Member of European Union
- Member of Euro Currency

Ease of Doing Business



- The Business Environment Ranking of the Economist Intelligence Unit placed Ireland 15th globally out of 82 countries, naming it as one of the most attractive business locations in the world.
- Favourable demographics and consistent investment in education ensure a plentiful supply of highly qualified workers with excellent technical, language and customer services capabilities, as well as a reputation for flexibility and innovation

Foreign Direct Investment Into Ireland



- 9 out of Top 10 Global ICT firms have industry sectors represented in Ireland
- Top 10 'Born on the Internet' companies have Irish bases
- 9 out of 10 Top Global Pharmaceutical giants have Irish operations
- 3 out of 5 Top Games companies are located in Ireland
- 13 out of 15 Top Global Medical Device companies are located in Ireland
- More than 50% of the world's leading financial services firms have Irish operations

Source: IDA Ireland

Investment In Ireland Pharmaceutical Companies

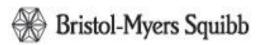






























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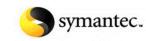
















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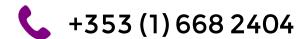


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