

# Migrant Country Profile

## Republic of The Congo



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## Relationship with Ireland Entry to Ireland

DFA, CONGO: <https://www.dfa.ie/travel/travel-advice/a-z-list-of-countries/congo/>

Congolese Migrant Population in Ireland: 1,276 (Only Combined Figure – DRC and RC)<sup>1</sup>

A Congolese national (coming from Brazzaville) will require a visa to enter Ireland. If an individual is intending on staying in Ireland for less than three months, there are various visas can avail of, depending on the reason for staying: A Tourist Visa, a Visit Family/Friend Visa, a Business Visa, a Conference/Event Visa. Furthermore, if one is intending on studying in Ireland for less than three months, a Visit (Tourist) Visa. In addition, there is a Training Visa, a Performance/Tournament Visa, an Exam Visa, an Employment (Atypical Visa), an Internship Visa, a Seafarer's Identity Document, or in some cases, a Join Ship Visa. A Marriage Visa, and for private medical treatment – a Medical Treatment Visa. If one is intending to Join or accompany an EU/EEA or Swiss (not Irish) family member- a 'Residence Card of a Family Member of a Union Citizen' is required. For details on all visas, please see here: <http://www.inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/Pages/visa-required-short>

If an individual is intending on staying in Ireland for more than 3 months, there are also a list of visas available: a Study Visa, an Employment Visa, an Employment (Scientific Researcher) Visa, an Internship Visa, a Minister of Religion Visa, a Volunteer Visa, and a visa for training is also required. Furthermore, if an individual is intending on joining a spouse, partner, or family member for more than 3 months in Ireland, please see the following link for more details:

<http://www.inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/Pages/visa-long-family>

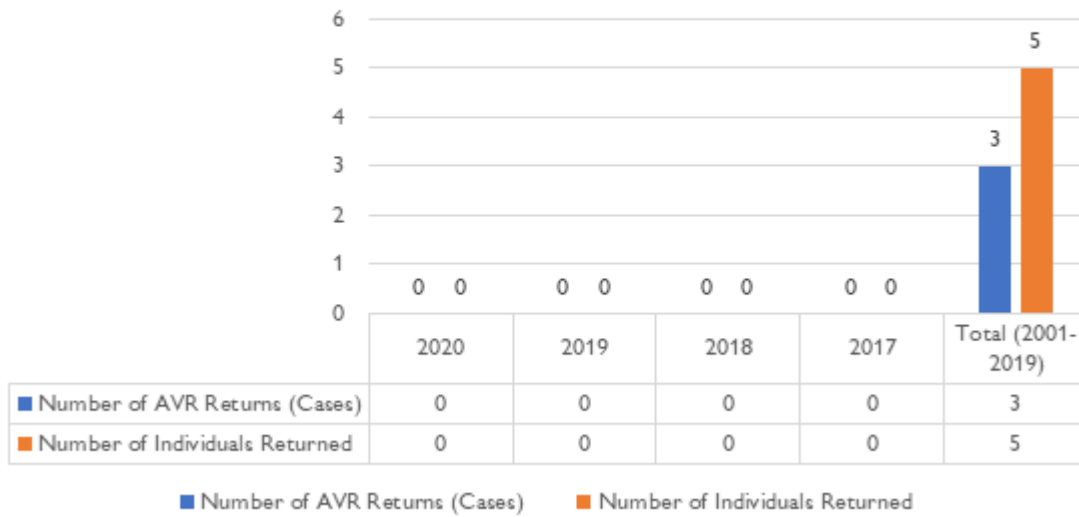
For full details on long-term visas, please see here:

<http://www.inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/Pages/visa-required-long> and for transit information, please see here: <http://www.inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/Pages/visa-required-transit>

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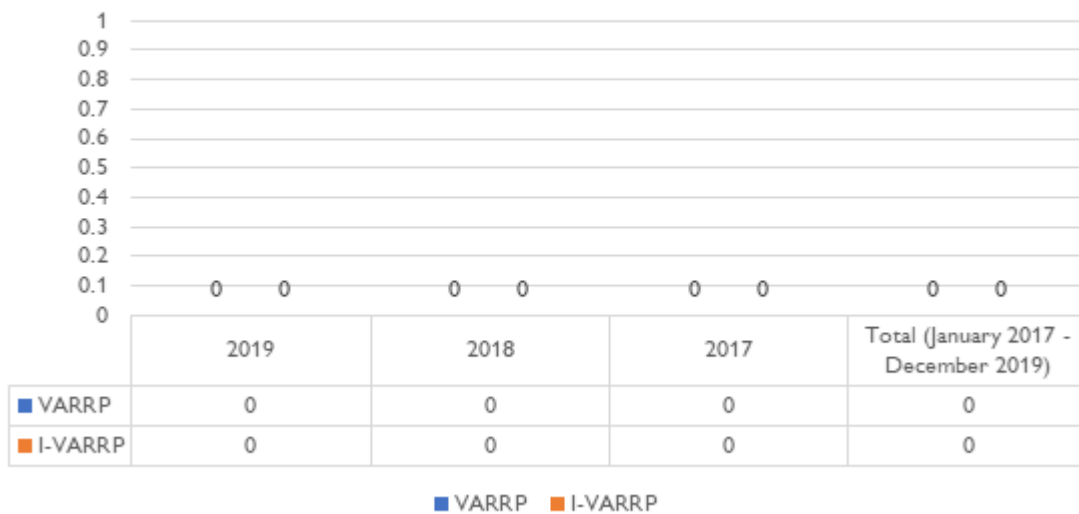
<sup>1</sup> CSO, 2016: <https://www.cso.ie/en/releasesandpublications/ep/p-cp7md/p7md/p7anii/>

### IOM Ireland Assisted Voluntary Return for the Congo: An Overview



Source: IOM Ireland Resources dated 25.03.2020

### IOM Ireland VARRP & I-VARRP Returns for the Congo : An Overview



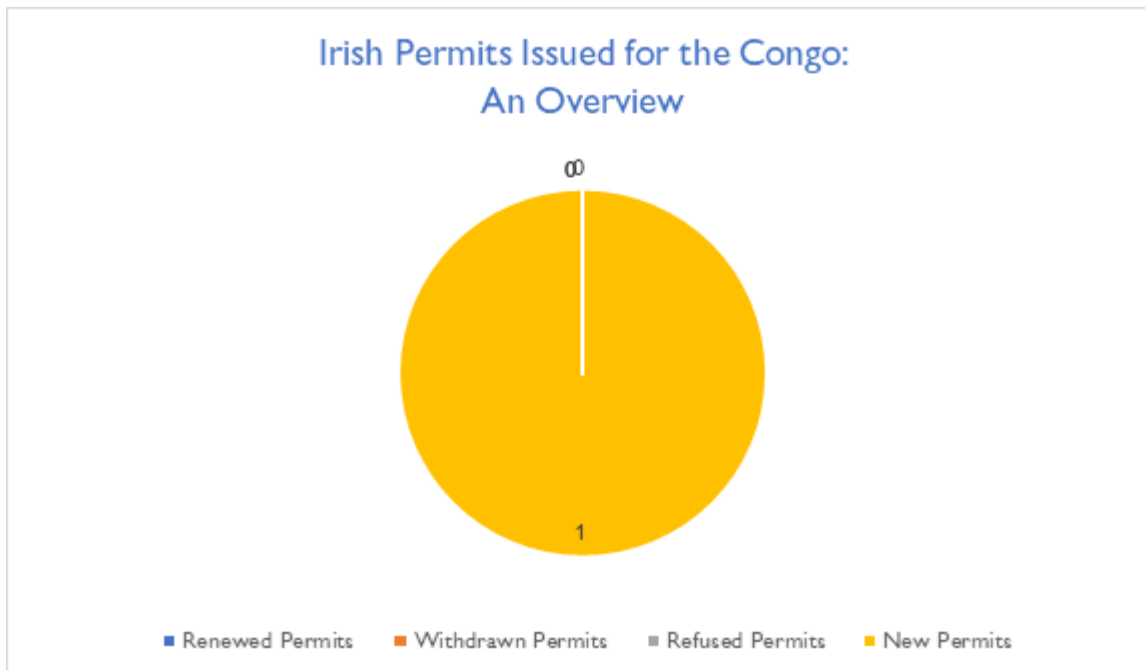
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### [Republic of the Congo | Permits in Ireland \(2019\)](#)



Source dated 25.03.20: Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation:  
<https://dbei.gov.ie/en/Publications/Employment-Permit-Statistics-2019.html>

1 new permit was issued in 2019, 0 were refused, 0 were withdrawn, 0 were renewed. Total for 2019 = 1<sup>2</sup>

### [IOM Data Portal \(International Perspective\)](#)

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<sup>2</sup> Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation: <https://dbei.gov.ie/en/Publications/Employment-Permit-Statistics-2019.html>

Voluntary Returns (origin): 75 (2018)<sup>3</sup>

Ratification of Human Rights Instruments: 13<sup>4</sup> (2017)

### Congolese Diaspora Groups: (Possibly DRC and Republic of the Congo)

1. Congo Irish Business Exchange: <https://www.newcommunities.ie/members/congo-ireland-business-exchange-cibex/>
2. Congolese Chamber of Commerce Ireland: <https://www.newcommunities.ie/members/congolese-chamber-of-commerce-ireland-cccirl/>
3. Congolese Community Ireland: <https://www.newcommunities.ie/members/congolese-community-ireland/>
4. Love and Care for People: <https://www.newcommunities.ie/members/love-and-care-for-people/>
5. Mama Telema: <https://www.newcommunities.ie/members/mama-telema/>
6. Umoja (Swahili Group): <https://www.newcommunities.ie/members/umoja-swahili-group/>

### Republic of the Congo | Irish & International Media

1. UNHCR Article: <https://www.unhcr.org/en-ie/news/latest/2018/4/5ae045a54/the-long-wait-for-refugee-status-in-ireland-does-not-curb-congolese-businesswomans.html>

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<sup>3</sup> IOM DATA PORTAL [https://migrationdataportal.com/data?cm49=178&focus=profile+&i=co\\_diversity\\_yr&t=2015](https://migrationdataportal.com/data?cm49=178&focus=profile+&i=co_diversity_yr&t=2015)

<sup>4</sup> IOM DATA PORTAL [https://migrationdataportal.com/data?cm49=178&focus=profile+&i=co\\_diversity\\_yr&t=2015](https://migrationdataportal.com/data?cm49=178&focus=profile+&i=co_diversity_yr&t=2015)