

IRELAND¹ – national procedures for mutual legal assistance in criminal matters

States Parties are requested to fill in this table with the necessary information and return it to the Secretariat of the PC-OC. The information contained in this table should be updated on a yearly basis.

<p>The Central Authority (name of the institution, address, telephone, fax and e-mail where available) responsible for mutual legal assistance:</p>	<p>The Minister for Justice and Equality is the Central Authority for Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters.</p> <p>The Mutual Assistance and Extradition Division, within the Department of Justice and Equality, has the function of receiving, transmitting and otherwise dealing with requests.</p> <p>Requests should be forwarded to:</p> <p>The Minister for Justice and Equality Mutual Assistance and Extradition Division 51 St. Stephen's Green Dublin 2. Ireland</p> <p>Tel: +353.1.408 6109 and +353.1.408 6110 Fax: +353.1. 408 6117 E-mail: mutual@justice.ie</p> <p>Where requests for assistance in investigations are exclusively of a police to police nature they may be addressed either through Interpol channels to Interpol, Dublin or directly to the Garda Síochána (national police) as follows: Assistant Commissioner, Crime Branch (Mutual Assistance Section), Garda Headquarters, Phoenix Park, Dublin 8, Ireland.</p>
<p>If different from the Central Authority, the authority to which the request should be sent (name of the institution, address, telephone, fax and e-mail where available):</p>	<p>N/a</p>
<p>Channels of communication for the request for mutual legal assistance (directly, through diplomatic</p>	<p>Request must be addressed to the Minister for Justice and Equality</p>

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channels or other):	
Means of communication (eg. by post, fax, e-mail ²):	By post.
Language requirements:	Requests must be received in either the Irish or English languages.
Double criminality requirement, if applicable:	Generally required for coercive measures.
Limitation of use of evidence obtained:	Evidence cannot be used for any purpose other than that permitted by the relevant instrument or specified in the letter of request.
Other particularly relevant information (e.g. documentation required for special types of assistance):	<p>Depends on the nature of assistance sought. In general, requests should contain the fullest information, in particular:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) details of the authority making the request, including the name, telephone number and email address (where available) of a contact person (b) details of the purpose of the request (c) details of the person or persons named in the request including, where available, address, date of birth and nationality (d) a description of the offences charged or under investigation (e) a summary of the facts giving rise to the

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	<p>request</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (f) relevant dates e.g. date of court hearing (reason for special urgency or attention should be included in the covering letter of request) (g) a description of evidence sought, including, in the case of bank accounts, details of the relevant institution, account numbers and account names (h) specific information on any property to be searched and/or seized (i) details and supporting documents in relation to the freezing, confiscation or forfeiture of criminal assets.
<p>Links to national legislation, national guides on procedure:</p>	<p>A guide to Irish mutual assistance procedures is available on the department's website, www.justice.ie.</p>
<p>Parties to the Second Additional Protocol: Link to database with contact details of competent authorities for the purpose of direct transmission of MLA requests</p>	<p>Requests should be addressed to the Minister for Justice and Equality.</p>