



Fís Éireann
Screen Ireland

European Certificate of Irish Nationality

CRITERIA FOR QUALIFYING FOR A EUROPEAN CERTIFICATE OF NATIONALITY

To be eligible films must meet the following criteria:

1. Who made the film?

The film must be made by a company registered in an EU/EEA state.

The address given for the production company in the application form should be the address of its principal place of business, rather than the address of its registered office.

2. Where does the filming take place?

Location shooting may take place anywhere in the world if required by the subject of the film.

Where there is no location shooting outside of the EU/EEA, all studio filming must take place in studios situated in an EU/EEA state. If location shooting takes place outside of the EU/EEA then up to 30% of studio filming may be shot in that country.

3. What language was the film made in?

An original recording of the film must be in one of Ireland's recognised languages. If required by the narrative of the screenplay, parts of the film may be recorded in a different language.

4. What is the nationality of the key cast and crew?

As a general rule, the director, the scriptwriter, any composer and the majority of the personnel in categories (3) to (9) must be Irish nationals or residents.

- (1) the scriptwriter
- (2) the composer
- (3) lead actors
- (4) executive producer
- (5) director of photography
- (6) sound engineer
- (7) editor
- (8) production designer / art director
- (9) costume designer

Exceptions to this rule:

- (i) the director, the scriptwriter, any composer and the majority of the personnel in categories (3) to (9) may be EU/EEA nationals;
or
- (ii) personnel in categories (1) to (9) may be non-EU/EEA nationals provided that such nationals are not more than 40% of the total of the personnel in those categories; or
- (iii) the director may be a non-EU/EEA national provided that: (a) the scriptwriter and any composer are EU/EEA nationals or residents; and (b) at least 80% of the personnel in categories (3) to (9) are EU/EEA nationals or residents.