

Summary: The Minister has a statutory power to amend or vary any permission to reside granted to a non national resident in the State pursuant to Section 4 (7) Immigration Act 2004. We submit many applications to the Minister pursuant to Section 4 (7) for a change of status to vary a client's permission to remain from a Stamp 3 to a Stamp 4 permission to remain, often relying on an offer of full time employment that is properly evidenced. In certain circumstances, we assist clients to transfer from a stamp 2 to a stamp 4.

The Minister has a statutory power to amend or vary any permission to reside granted to a non-national resident in the State. The relevant statutory provision is Section 4 (7) Immigration Act 2004, which states: "A permission under this section may be renewed or varied by the Minister, or by an immigration officer on his or her behalf, on application therefore by the non-national concerned."

We submit many applications to the Minister pursuant to Section 4 (7) Immigration Act 2004 for a change of status to a different type of stamp. We have assisted many clients making such applications to vary from a Stamp 3 permission to remain to a Stamp 4 permission to remain, often relying on an offer of full time employment that is properly evidenced.

A Change of Status Application is fully at the Minister's discretion. Therefore, it is very important to provide full details of the applicant's immigration history, current circumstances, future intentions in the State and the purpose for which the Applicant is requesting the change of status. Documentary evidence in support of the application must be submitted.

Examples of applications for Change of Status we often make would be for dependant children of Work Permit holders, who on reaching the end of their formal education wish to change from stamp 2/stamp 3 to stamp 4 in order to join the labour market. Also, we assist spouses who are resident on stamp 3 dependency permission to change to stamp 4 status in order that they may take up employment.