

Citizenship Language Pack For Migrants in Europe - Extended

English

Multimedia Course in Language and Culture for Migrants

A2 Level

To aid communication in everyday English in Ireland

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Module 7:

Authorities



Introduction

Maria Wallace requires some information from the relevant tax authority in Ireland, 'Revenue'. She and her husband would like to open their own business and may require validation from Revenue.

Dialogue 17 – Tax

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLAHmRvsK0yq3eKIr35DOT7-5M2f7ynI4m>

 Maria	 Gearóid	<p>Situation: At the 'Revenue' (tax) Office</p> <p>Characters: Maria and Gearóid</p>
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Maria- Good morning, could you help me, please? I would like to ask a few questions.

Gearóid- Good morning. How can I help you? Mrs...

Maria- My name is Wallace, Maria Wallace.

Gearóid- Pleased to meet you, Mrs Wallace. So, what can I do for you?

Maria- My husband is training to be a hairdresser. He will be graduating in two months. We would like to open our own hair salon.

Gearóid- Hmm. So you and your husband would like to start your own business.

Maria- Yes, exactly.

Gearóid- Well, that's a very good idea. But you don't apply for registration for self-employment at this office.

Maria- Yes, I know. First, we need some advice, you see. The tax system in Ireland is so complicated.

Gearóid- Yes, you are right, ma'am. You can get some detailed information about our tax laws from our adviser. If you would take a number and then take a seat, please.

Maria- Thanks.

Gearóid- Goodbye.

Maria- Bye

Oral Comprehension

Answer the following questions. The correct answers can be found in the key on the last page.

Exercise 1:

What is Maria's husband training to be?

- a. An accountant
- b. A hairdresser
- c. A business man

Exercise 2:

When will he be graduating?

- a. Next year
- b. He has already graduated
- c. In two months

Exercise 3:

What would Maria and her husband like to do?

- a. Start their own business
- b. Pay their taxes
- c. Graduate

Exercise 4:

What does Maria say about the Irish tax system?

- a. It's good
- b. It's organised
- c. It's complicated

Exercise 5:

From whom does Gearóid say she can get more information about the tax laws in Ireland?

- a. The self employment office
- b. From a lawyer
- c. From Revenue's advisor

Grammar

Adjectives with –ed

Some adjectives of emotion that are used to describe people's feelings are formed with "-ed".

Examples:

Pleased to meet you, Maria Wallance

You can get some detailed information about our tax laws from our advisor.

The tax system in Ireland is so complicated

Links:

<http://www.trussel.com/eding.htm>

<https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/en/grammar-reference/adjectives-ending-ed-and-ing>

<https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/en/english-grammar/adjectives/adjectives-ed-and-ing>

<http://www.ecenglish.com/learnenglish/ed-and-ing-adjectives-describing-feelings-and-things/>

In Ireland

The tax authority in Ireland is called 'Revenue'. In Ireland, people are subject to income tax, value added tax, and various other taxes. Employees pay pay-as-you-earn (PAYE) taxes, based on their income, minus certain allowances. Taxation of earnings is progressive meaning that low earners pay very little or no tax and higher earners pay much higher rates. A large amount of the central government tax revenue comes from consumption taxes, for example, VAT and excise duties. To learn more about the tax in Ireland, follow the links below:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Taxation_in_the_Republic_of_Ireland

http://www.citizensinformation.ie/en/money_and_tax/tax/income_tax/

<http://www.revenue.ie/en/index.html>

Vocabulary

Hairdresser

Graduate

Hair salon

Business

Registration

Self-employment

Advice

Adviser

Complicated

Tax system

Laws

Number

<http://dictionary.cambridge.org/>

Key

After you have completed the exercises, check your answers here.

Exercise 1 - b

Exercise 2 - c

Exercise 3 - a

Exercise 4 - c

Exercise 5 - c