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

This project has been funded with support from the European Commission. This publication reflects the views only of the author, and the Commission cannot be held responsible for any use which may be made of the information contained therein.
**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

Situation: At the ‘Revenue’ (tax) Office

Characters: Maria and Gearóid

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.
Dialogue 17  Tax

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
Dialogue 17 Tax

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


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:


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