

Paragraph 5

Processing an Application

1. The liaison agency of one Party which receives an application for a benefit under the legislation of the other Party will, without delay, send the application form to the liaison agency of the other Party.
2. Along with the application form, the liaison agency of the first Party will also transmit any documentation available to it which may be necessary for the competent authority of the other Party to establish the entitlement of the applicant to a benefit. In the case of an application for a benefit under the Old Age Security Act of Canada, this documentation will include, to the extent possible, a certificate of reckonable periods recorded under the legislation of Ireland.
3. The personal information regarding an individual contained in the application form will be duly certified by the liaison agency of the first Party which will confirm that the information is corroborated by documentary evidence; the transmission of the form so certified will exempt the liaison agency from sending the corroboratory documents. The type of information to which this subparagraph applies will be agreed upon by the liaison agencies of the Parties, with the consent of the respective competent authorities.
4. In addition to the application form and documentation referred to in subparagraphs 1 and 2, the liaison agency of the first Party will send to the liaison agency of the other Party a liaison form which will indicate, in particular, the periods reckonable under the legislation of the first Party.
5. On receipt of the liaison form, the liaison agency of the other Party will indicate on a liaison form the information concerning the periods reckonable under the legislation which it administers and will, without delay, send the liaison form to the liaison agency of the first Party.