



Monitoring rights during the pandemic
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Summary

This week we spoke to RTE on the Passport's Office's decision to pause passport applications in level 5. Passports are needed for identification and access to certain services as well as travelling, therefore it is hard to understand why this essential service cannot be provided for.

- **Passport applications have been paused under level 5 restrictions**

ICCL's Liam Herrick spoke to RTE and highlighted that this is an essential service as passports are not only used for travelling but for identification and access to certain services.

[57,000 passport applications paused under Level 5 \(rte.ie\)](https://www.rte.ie/news/2020/03/14/57000-passport-applications-paused-under-level-5/)