



Ollscoil na hÉireann
National University of Ireland

APPLYING TO NUI FOR AN EXEMPTION FROM IRISH AND/OR A THIRD LANGUAGE EXEMPTION APPLICATION FORM

To apply to NUI for a language exemption (Irish and/or Third Language), you need to send in a completed Exemption Application Form and other relevant material. Before sending in your application form you are advised to read the NUI booklet *Matriculation Regulations: Minimum Academic Entry and Registration Requirements*. A copy can be downloaded at <http://www.nui.ie/college/entry-requirements.asp>. Copies are also available from NUI. If you have any questions, please contact NUI and we will be happy to assist you.

There are five sections in the Exemption Application Form.

Section A: All applicants are required to complete **Section A** and **one other section** of the Form.

See below to find out which of the following Section is relevant to you.

Section B: For Exemption from Irish only
Candidates born outside the Republic of Ireland (but who are living in the Republic of Ireland)

Your application should be accompanied by a copy of your Birth Certificate.

Section C: For Exemption from Irish only
Candidate born in the Republic of Ireland (26 counties) but

- whose primary education up to the age of eleven years was outside the Republic of Ireland (26 counties); or
- who resided outside the Republic of Ireland (26 counties) during at least three years of their post-primary education; or
- whose post-primary education took place for at least three years outside of the Republic of Ireland (26 counties).

Section C **must** be signed by the Principal/Head of your school.

Section D: For Exemption from Irish and/or Third Language
Candidates who have been exempted in school from the study of Irish, because of a Specific Learning Disability affecting basic language skills in the mother tongue (viz a dyslexic condition) [DES Revision Rule 46 'Rules and Programmes for Secondary Schools' in relation to exemption from Irish (Circular letter M10/94 – 1(c)(i))].

Please indicate the exemption(s) for which you wish to apply. Section D **must** be signed by the Principal/Head of your current school. Applications made under this regulation should be accompanied by

- a copy of the DES Certificate of Exemption, signed by the Principal/Head of the School where the certificate was issued and
- the relevant professional psychologist's report.

Section E: For Exemption from Irish and/or Third Language
Candidates who have not received a DES Certificate of Exemption (see Section D above) but who are certified by a professional psychologist as having a Specific Learning Disability affecting basic language skills in the mother tongue (viz. a dyslexic condition warranting exemption).

Please indicate the exemption(s) for which you wish to apply. Section E **must** be signed by the Principal/Head of your school. Applications made under this regulation should be accompanied by

- a Certification Form signed by a professional psychologist (available from NUI) and
- the psychologist's report.

**MATRICULATION REGISTRATION
EXEMPTION APPLICATION FORM (SCHOOL RECORD FORM)**

(All applicants **must** complete Section A – Personal Details)

SECTION A - Personal Details

APPLICANT'S SURNAME: _____

APPLICANT'S FIRST NAME(S): _____

APPLICANT'S ADDRESS: _____

APPLICANT'S DATE OF BIRTH: dd/mm/yyyy

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APPLICANT'S CAO NUMBER (IF KNOWN):

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TEL NO: HOME/MOBILE: _____ EMAIL: _____

| | Irish | Third Language |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| Please state number of years, if any, that you studied Irish and/or a Third language at Post-primary school | | |
| Please indicate the most recent examination you have taken | | |
| Grade obtained | | |
| Did you present Irish and/or a third language at Junior Certificate | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Grade obtained: | Grade obtained: |

Please list your Leaving Certificate Subjects (NB At least six subjects must be presented for NUI Matriculation)(Please Note: LCVP is not accepted as a subject for Matriculation purposes)

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SECTION B - Born outside Ireland

Candidates born outside the Republic of Ireland (26 counties);

Candidates (apart from those born in Northern Ireland/United Kingdom and who are presenting GCE/GCSE qualifications, who will automatically be granted exemption from Irish) are required to submit a copy of their birth certificate to NUI for verification

(Please note: Exemption under this regulation can be granted only from Irish)

I enclose a copy of my Birth Certificate ☐

SECTION C - Candidate born in the Republic of Ireland (26 counties) but:

- whose primary education up to the age of eleven years was outside the Republic of Ireland (26 counties); or
- who resided outside the Republic of Ireland (26 counties) during at least three years of their post-primary education; or
- whose post-primary education took place for at least three years outside of the Republic of Ireland (26 counties).

(Please note: Exemption under this regulation can be granted only from Irish)

ATTENDANCE AT PRIMARY SCHOOL

| Name(s) of School(s) Attended: | Years of Attendance: | |
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| | From: | To: |
| | From: | To: |

ATTENDANCE AT POST-PRIMARY SCHOOL

| Name(s) of School(s) Attended: | Years of Attendance: | |
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| | From: | To: |
| | From: | To: |

Number of years, if any, applicant studied Irish at Primary School:

DECLARATION BY HEAD/PRINCIPAL OF YOUR SCHOOL

Please have the following declaration signed by the Head of your School

This is to certify that

- (i) was educated up to the age of 11 years outside the Republic of Ireland ☐
- (ii) resided outside the Republic of Ireland (26 counties) during at least three years of their post-primary education ☐
- (iii) received his/her post-primary education for at least three years outside of the Republic of Ireland (26 counties) ☐

SIGNATURE of SCHOOL PRINCIPAL/SUPERIOR:

NAME and ADDRESS of SCHOOL:.....

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DATE: **SCHOOL TELEPHONE NUMBER:**

SECTION D - Candidates submitting a Certificate of Exemption from Irish in accordance with the Department of Education revision of Rule 46 'Rules and Programmes for Secondary Schools' in relation to exemption from Irish (Circular letter M10/94)(1(c)(i));

(Candidates should read carefully sections 5 and 6 on the Regulations regarding the Irish Requirement and the Third Language Requirement in the booklet *NUI Matriculation Regulations* before completing this section of the application form).

Please indicate the exemption(s) for which you wish to apply:

Irish and Third Language ☐ Irish only ☐ Third Language only ☐

ATTENDANCE AT PRIMARY SCHOOL

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| Name(s) of School(s) Attended: | Years of Attendance: | |
| | From: | To: |
| | From: | To: |

ATTENDANCE AT POST-PRIMARY SCHOOL

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| Name(s) of School(s) Attended: | Years of Attendance: | |
| | From: | To: |
| | From: | To: |

Number of years, if any, applicant studied Irish at Primary School:

Number of years, if any, applicant studied Irish at Post-Primary School:

Number of years, if any, applicant studied Third Language at Post-Primary School:

I have been granted an exemption from the study of Irish by the Department of Education. I enclose:

(i) a copy of the DES Certificate of Exemption (M10/94), signed by the Head of the School where exemption was issued ☐

(ii) a copy of a professional psychologist's report ☐

NB: Where the candidate intends to present another language (apart from English) as a Leaving Certificate subject, the rationale for presenting the other language, while seeking exemption from Irish on the basis of a learning disability affecting language skills, must be set out clearly and accompany the application for exemption

I attach a rationale for presenting another language while seeking exemption from Irish (where relevant) ☐

DECLARATION BY HEAD/PRINCIPAL OF YOUR SCHOOL

Please have the following declaration signed by the Head of your School

I confirm that, to the best of my knowledge, the information given above is correct

SIGNATURE of PRINCIPAL (CURRENT SCHOOL):

NAME and ADDRESS of SCHOOL:

DATE: **SCHOOL TELEPHONE NUMBER:**

SECTION E - Candidates who have not received a DES Certificate of Exemption but who are certified by a professional psychologist as having a Specific Learning Disability affecting basic language skills in the mother tongue (viz. a dyslexic condition warranting exemption).

(Candidates should read carefully sections 5 and 6 on the Regulations regarding the Irish Requirement and the Third Language Requirement in the booklet *NUI Matriculation Regulations* before completing this section of the application form).

Please indicate the exemption(s) for which you wish to apply:

Irish and Third Language ☐

Irish only ☐

Third Language only ☐

ATTENDANCE AT PRIMARY SCHOOL

Name(s) of School(s) Attended:

Years of Attendance:

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ATTENDANCE AT POST-PRIMARY SCHOOL

Name(s) of School(s) Attended:

Years of Attendance:

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| | From: | To: |
| | From: | To: |

Number of years, if any, applicant studied Irish at Primary School:

Number of years, if any, applicant studied Irish at Post-Primary School:

Number of years, if any, applicant studied Third Language at Post-Primary School:

I have been certified as having a Specific Learning Disability affecting language skills. I enclose:

(i) a copy of a professional psychologist's report ☐

(ii) a copy of the NUI Certification Form signed by a professional psychologist ☐

NB: Where the candidate intends to present another language (apart from English) as a Leaving Certificate subject, the rationale for presenting the other language, while seeking exemption from Irish on the basis of a learning disability affecting language skills, must be set out clearly and accompany the application for exemption

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I confirm that, to the best of my knowledge, the information given above is correct

SIGNATURE of PRINCIPAL (CURRENT SCHOOL):

NAME and ADDRESS of SCHOOL:

DATE:

SCHOOL TELEPHONE NUMBER:.....