

Guide for applying to NUI for an exemption from Irish and/or a Third Language



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To apply to the NUI for a language exemption (Irish and/or Third Language), you need to send in this completed Exemption Application Form and other relevant material. Before submitting your application you are advised to read the NUI booklet *Matriculation Regulations: Minimum Academic Entry and Registration Requirements*, which you can download from www.nui.ie/college/entry-requirements.asp. Hard 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 this Exemption Application Form.
- All applicants are required to complete Section A and one other section of the form.
- See below to find out which of the four sections is relevant to you.

Your application should be accompanied by a copy of your birth certificate.

Section B --- for exemption from Irish only

For candidates born outside the Republic of Ireland (but who are living in the Republic of Ireland).

Section C --- for exemption from Irish only

For candidates 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
- who, in the course of their primary and post-primary education combined, spent at least three continuous years outside the Republic of Ireland (26 counties).

Section C should be signed by the Principal of your school.

Section D --- for exemption from Irish and/or Third Language

For 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 warranting exemption). In accordance with Department of Education and Skills (DES) Revision of Rule 'Rules and Programmes for Secondary School' in relation to exemption from Irish (*Circular letter M10/94 – 1(c)(i)*).

Application made under this regulation should be accompanied by:

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

Section D should be signed by the Principal of your current school.

Section E --- for exemption from Irish and/or Third Language

For 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).

Application made under this regulation should be accompanied by:

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

Section E should be signed by the Principal of your school.

Application for Matriculation Registration Exemption (School Record Form)



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All applicants must complete Section A.

Please write in block capitals.

**If CAO number is unknown, please state year of CAO application.*

Section A --- Personal details

Surname _____

First name(s) _____

Address _____

Date of birth _____

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CAO number* _____

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Year of CAO application _____

Y	Y	Y	Y
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Phone/Mobile _____

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Email _____

Studying Irish

Number of years, if any, that you studied Irish at post-primary school _____

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Most recent examination you have taken _____ Grade obtained _____

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Did you present Irish at Junior Certificate?

No Yes *Grade obtained*

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Studying a Third Language

Number of years, if any, that you studied a Third Language at post-primary school _____

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Most recent examination you have taken _____ Grade obtained _____

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Did you present a Third Language at Junior Certificate?

No Yes *Grade obtained*

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You must present at least six subjects for NUI Matriculation.

The Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme (LCVP) is not accepted as a subject for Matriculation purposes.

Leaving Certificate subjects

Please list your Leaving Certificate subjects

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

4 _____

5 _____

6 _____

7 _____

8 _____

Section B --- for exemption from Irish only

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.

Exemption under this regulation can be granted only from Irish.

I enclose a copy of my birth certificate.

Section C --- for exemption from Irish only

For candidates 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
- who, in the course of their primary and post-primary education combined, spent at least three continuous years outside the Republic of Ireland (26 counties).

Exemption under this regulation can be granted only from Irish.

Attendance at primary school

Name(s) of primary school(s) attended

Years of attendance

Y	Y	Y	Y	to	Y	Y	Y	Y
Y	Y	Y	Y	to	Y	Y	Y	Y

Attendance at post-primary school

Name(s) of post-primary school(s) attended

Years of attendance

Y	Y	Y	Y	to	Y	Y	Y	Y
Y	Y	Y	Y	to	Y	Y	Y	Y

Number of years, if any, that you studied Irish at primary school

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Please have this declaration signed by the Principal of your school.

Declaration by School Principal

This is to certify that

was educated up to the age of eleven years outside the Republic of Ireland. OR

resided outside the Republic of Ireland (26 counties) during at least three years of his/her post-primary education. OR

received his/her post-primary education for at least three years outside of the Republic of Ireland (26 counties).

School name

School address

School phone

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Signature of School Principal

Date of signature

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Candidates should read carefully section 5 and 6 on the Regulations regarding the Irish requirements and the Third Language Requirement in the booklet 'NUI Matriculation Regulations' before completing this section of the application.

Section D --- for exemption from Irish and/or Third Language

Department of Education and Skills Certificate



Professional Psychologist's Certificate



Candidates submitting a Certificate of Exemption from Irish in accordance with Department of Education and Skills (DES) Revision of Rule 46 'Rules and Programmes for Secondary School' in relation to exemption from Irish (Circular letter M10/94 – 1(c)(i)).

Exemptions(s) for which you wish to apply

Irish and Third Language

Irish only

Third Language only

Attendance at primary school

Name(s) of primary school(s) attended

Years of attendance

Y	Y	Y	Y	to	Y	Y	Y	Y
Y	Y	Y	Y	to	Y	Y	Y	Y

Attendance at post-primary school

Name(s) of post-primary school(s) attended

Years of attendance

Y	Y	Y	Y	to	Y	Y	Y	Y
Y	Y	Y	Y	to	Y	Y	Y	Y

Number of years, if any, that you studied Irish at primary school

Number of years, if any, that you studied Irish at post-primary school

Number of years, if any, that you studied a Third Language at post-primary school

Where the candidate intends the 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 have been granted an exemption from the study of Irish by the Department of Education and Skills.

I enclose:

a copy of the Department of Education and Skills Certificate of Exemption (M10/94), signed by the Principal of the school where the exemption was issued

AND

a copy of a professional psychologist's report

a rationale for presenting another language while seeking exception from Irish (where relevant)

Please have this declaration signed by the Principal of your current school.

Declaration by School Principal

School name

School address

School phone

I confirm that, to the best of my knowledge, the information given in this application is correct.

Signature of School Principal

Date of signature

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Y	Y	Y	Y
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Section E --- for exemption from Irish and/or Third Language

Department of Education and Skills Certificate



Professional Psychologist's Certificate



Candidates who have not received a Department of Education and Skills (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).

Exemptions(s) for which you wish to apply

Irish and Third Language Irish only Third Language only

Attendance at primary school

Name(s) of primary school(s) attended	Years of attendance
_____	Y Y Y Y to Y Y Y Y
_____	Y Y Y Y to Y Y Y Y

Attendance at post-primary school

Name(s) of post-primary school(s) attended	Years of attendance
_____	Y Y Y Y to Y Y Y Y
_____	Y Y Y Y to Y Y Y Y

Number of years, if any, that you studied Irish at primary school | |

Number of years, if any, that you studied Irish at post-primary school | |

Number of years, if any, that you studied a Third Language at post-primary school | |

Where the candidate intends the 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 have been certified as having a Specific Learning Disability affecting language skills.

I enclose:

a copy of a professional psychologist's report AND

a copy of the NUI Certification Form signed by a professional psychologist

a rationale for presenting another language while seeking exception from Irish (where relevant)

Please have this declaration signed by the Principal of your current school.

Declaration by School Principal

School name _____

School address _____

School phone _____

I confirm that, to the best of my knowledge, the information given in this application is correct.

Signature of School Principal

Date of signature

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