

Application for Exemption from study of Irish-only in "exceptional" circumstances

Before Application

Use Circular 52/2019, Guidelines for Primary Schools, FAQs on DES website, Guidance on the Selection of Discrete tests, NEPS-Effective Interventions for Struggling Readers.

- Is it an English Medium school?
- Is it a special school?
- Is pupil in 2nd class or older?

Eligibility for Application

- 2a. Is pupil 12yrs or older and was educated abroad?
- 2b. Is pupil 12 years being enrolled after spending 3 or more years abroad?
- 2c. Is pupil in: (i) Second class? (ii) Significant learning difficulties and Below 10th percentile in Word reading, Spellings or Comprehension
- 2d. Is pupil child of diplomat or consular official?

Must be a "discrete" test.

Processing Application

- See page 4 of Circular
- See Guidelines for Forms, checklists and timelines-Flow Chart -page 11 of Guidelines

Decision on Application

- Grant application and write out Cert
- Deny application and advise of Appeal procedures

No Understanding of English when enrolled?

EAL Teaching

Special School or Unit?

- No need for Cert-automatic
- If leave school or go to mainstream

Letter from principal-once exempt always exempt.