

IRISH EXEMPTIONS APPEAL FORM (PRIMARY)
Circular 0054/2022

Please complete in **BLOCK CAPITALS**

Name of pupil

Date of birth

Name of school

School address

School roll number

Name of Appellant

Relationship to pupil

Address of Appellant

Email of Appellant

Please indicate (✓) the sub-paragraph in Circular 0054/2022 on which the application to the school was based.

2.2.1(a) The pupil is not less than 12 years of age on the day of their enrolment or re-enrolment whose education was received outside the State (for a minimum period of three consecutive years) where he/she did not have the opportunity to engage in the study of Irish.

2.2.1(b) The pupil's education was received outside the State (for a minimum period of three consecutive years) where he/she did not have opportunity to engage in the study of Irish and who is enrolling following the completion of the full course of primary education recognised by another State.

2.2.2 The pupil has at least reached second class and experiences significant literacy difficulties which are an obstacle to their learning across the curriculum and which are persistent despite having had access to a differentiated approach to language and literacy learning in all subjects/across the curriculum and over time and presents with a standardised score on a discrete test in either Word Reading, Reading Comprehension or Spelling at/below the 10th percentile.

2.2.3 The pupil has at least reached second class and experiences a high level of multiple and persistent needs, that persist despite targeted and individualised Student Support Plans to address those needs (over not less than two years) and which are a significant barrier to the pupil's participation and engagement in their learning and school life and who have been given every reasonable opportunity to participate in the learning of Irish in mainstream classes for as long as possible and the Principal is satisfied that the granting of an exemption is in the overall best interests of the pupil *concerned*.

2.2.4(ii) The pupil has a recommendation and has been deemed eligible for a place in a recognised special school and/or in a special class in a mainstream school.



2.2.5 The pupil's parent(s)/guardian(s) is a/are diplomatic or consular representative(s) of another country to Ireland irrespective of age or educational history.



Date of application to the school for an exemption from the study of Irish:

Date of written confirmation of the school's decision not to grant an exemption:

Please set out the specific grounds on which you are challenging the school's decision not to grant an exemption from the study of Irish.

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(Additional pages may be added for this section)

Signed: _____

Date: _____

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Outcome of Appeal (For Official Use only):

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