

## FAO: 6th Year 25 – 26 Re Irish/MFL exemption at 3<sup>rd</sup> level

Can you please read the criteria below to see if you qualify for an **Irish and/or MFL exemption at 3rd Level**. If you think you meet one or more of the criteria outlined below, you must make an application via the link provided below. Please note that this is **not a school exemption** and **it is your responsibility to make the application**. If you have any questions, please consult your Guidance Counsellor.

Please make application here: [NUI Matriculation - Application for Exemption](#)

Criteria outlined below:

1. I was born outside the Republic of Ireland (26 counties) but am living in and being educated in the Republic and wish to apply for an exemption from presenting Irish only.
2. I was born outside the Republic of Ireland (26 counties), but intend to present Irish as a Leaving Certificate subject to fulfil the requirement to present a language other than English. E.g., a student born in Northern Ireland or another jurisdiction can apply to NUI to present Irish as a third language for the purposes of matriculation.
3. I wish to apply for an exemption from presenting Irish only, as whilst I was born in the Republic of Ireland, all my primary education was outside Ireland or I have spent 3 continuous years outside the Republic of Ireland education system across primary and post-primary.
4. I wish to apply for an exemption from presenting Irish and/or a third language because of either dyslexia, a Specific Learning Disability or any other condition impacting on your schoolwork. I have previously received a Department of Education/school exemption.
5. I wish to apply for an exemption from presenting Irish and/or a third language because of a Specific Learning Disability. My school has not provided me with a Department of Education exemption but I have a professional diagnosis of a Specific Learning Disability.
6. I wish to apply for an exemption from presenting Irish and/or a third language as I have a hearing impairment or other disability that is affecting my schoolwork. I have a professional diagnosis that highlights that this is impacting on my schoolwork.
7. I have been educated in the UK system and wish to apply for an exemption from the third language requirement on the grounds of a Specific Learning Disability.

8. I was born outside the European Union and will be presenting the Irish Leaving Certificate combined with a non-EU language to satisfy the NUI Third Language requirement for the purpose of Matriculation.

**For students applying to UL - you must apply directly to UL for a language exemption if applicable - please see all information at this link: <https://www.ul.ie/academic-registry/leaving-certificate-students>**

**The same applies to anyone applying to Trinity - you must apply for your language exemption directly to Trinity College -**

<https://www.tcd.ie/study/apply/alternative-paths-to-trinity/application-for-language-exemption/>.

***Again, these applications are the responsibility of you, the student and your parent(s).***