



Professional Master of Education (Primary Teaching) Entry Requirements and Procedure for 2023 (Revised on 3rd January 2023)

1. This is a postgraduate teacher education programme for primary teaching (2023–2025) for persons who possess an honours Bachelor Degree at Level 8 or those who expect to have received successful results of final examinations before Friday, 14 July 2023.

This is a full-time programme, commencing in September 2023 and concluding in summer 2025 and will be delivered in the following higher education institutions:

- DCU Institute of Education, DCU St Patrick's Campus, Drumcondra, Dublin 9. (ioe@dcu.ie). Website: <https://www.dcu.ie/>
- Mary Immaculate College, South Circular Road, Limerick. (admissions@mic.ul.ie). Telephone: 061 204348/061 204929. Website: <https://www.mic.ul.ie/>
- Froebel Department of Primary and Early Childhood Education, Maynooth University, Maynooth, Co Kildare. froebel.department@mu.ie: Website: <https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/froebel-department-primary-and-early-childhood-education>. Telephone: (01) 4747400.
- Marino Institute of Education, Griffith Avenue, Dublin 9. (admissions@mie.ie). Website: <https://www.mie.ie/en/>. Telephone: (01) 8057742.

A limited number of places will be available on these programmes and successful applicants will be selected by way of competition. Applicants are advised that shortlisting may apply.

Persons who successfully complete this programme are eligible to be registered by the Teaching Council under Route 1: Primary and will thereby be eligible for appointment in primary schools.

2. Eligibility Criteria

There are two key stages in the application process as set out here.

Applicants will be required to provide documentary evidence to their chosen higher education institution of meeting the requirements at (a), (b) and (c) below, as follows.

(a) Oral Irish Examination

All prospective applicants must have **completed** the oral component of **one** of the **TEG oral examinations** listed at i) and ii) below and achieved the relevant grade **prior** to the **closing date for applications (3rd April 2023)** to satisfy the entry requirements.

- i. Applicants must achieve **65% or higher on the oral component** of the Teastas Eorpach na Gaeilge (TEG) Meánleibhéal 1 (**B1**) Irish examination, prior to the closing date for applications to satisfy the entry requirements, **or**
- ii. **Currently hold** a valid certificate in the **oral component** of either Teastas Eorpach na Gaeilge (TEG) Meánleibhéal 2 (**B2**) or Teastas Eorpach na Gaeilge (TEG) Ardleibhéal (**C1**) Irish examination having achieved a **pass grade or higher**. The oral component of the TEG B2/C1 must be obtained prior to the closing date for applications to satisfy the entry requirements.

A successful result in one of the above TEG examinations will be valid for two years before the test needs to be retaken.

General Information in relation to the TEG (B1) Oral Examination.

Candidates who do not currently meet the oral Irish requirement must apply separately to do the TEG (B1) oral Irish examination, which is administered by the Centre for Irish Language Research, Teaching and Testing in Maynooth University.

Registration is now open for the TEG (B1) Oral examination and the closing date for submitting TEG online applications is **Friday, 6th January 2023**. You can register for this examination at [Application Form for Colleges of Education \(teg.ie\)](http://www.teg.ie)

The Oral Irish Examination will comprise:-

- conversation on everyday topics, giving information and expressing opinions;
- role play on a given scenario, asking for information, giving information and expressing opinions;
- telling a simple story, describing what is happening in a series of pictures.

Applicants should note that a high standard of fluency is required in the Oral Irish Examination and should prepare for the examination accordingly.

See http://www.teg.ie/fileupload/guides/B1_treoir_PME_EN.pdf for further information.

AND

(b) Minimum Entry Requirements in Irish, English and Math.

One of the following sets of second level qualifications:

(i) in the Leaving Certificate Examination

Subject	Irish	Mathematics	English
Minimum Grade	H4	H7 or O4	H7 or O4
% Mark	60%< 70%	30%<40% or 60%<70%	30%<40% or 60%<70%

H – Higher Level

O – Ordinary Level

The grades and % marks in the 1992-2016 grading scheme and the new 2017 scheme are set out at Appendix 1

(ii) in the Northern Ireland GCSE and GCE A Level Examinations: a Grade C at GCE A Level Irish; a Grade C at GCSE Level in both English and English Literature or Grade B at GCSE Level in either; and a Grade D at GCSE Level in Additional Mathematics or a Grade C at GCSE Level in Mathematics.

Alternatives to a second-level qualification in Irish, English or Maths

A Pass in a University *First Arts* Examination in Irish, English or Mathematics as deemed appropriate by the Higher Education Institution(s) will be accepted in lieu of the Leaving Certificate Examination or GCE/GCSE requirement for the relevant subject.

Alternatives to a second-level qualification in Irish

- Grade C obtained in the Matriculation Examination (which existed up to 1992)
- Diplóma sa Ghaeilge, Level C1, NUIG
- Diplóma sa Ghaeilge, Level B2, NUIG
- Diplóma sa Ghaeilge, Maynooth University
- Teastas Eorpach na Gaeilge (TEG) at Level B2 or Level C1, Maynooth University
- Diploma in Arts (Applied Irish), University College Cork
- Diplóma sa Ghaeilge Fheidhmeach, UCD
- Diplóma sa Ghaeilge (An Ghaeilge sa Saol Comhaimseartha), University of Limerick
- Diploma in Irish at the University of Ulster

Please note that the TEG Oral Irish Examination referred to in **2(a) above** is a **separate** requirement to the approved alternative examinations listed in this section and must be obtained prior to the **closing date for applications (3rd April 2023)**.

Alternatives to a second-level qualification in Mathematics

- A Pass grade obtained in Mathematics in the Matriculation Examination (which existed up to 1992).
- A merit grade (65-79%) or distinction grade (80-100%) obtained in QQI Level 5 Mathematics Course (5N 1833).

Candidates must provide documentary evidence (transcript of results), to their chosen Higher Education Institution(s), to show they meet the minimum entry requirements in **(2b)** above or an approved alternative, prior to **14th July 2023**.

AND ALSO

(c) Academic Qualification

Applicants must possess:

Minimum H2.2 Honours Bachelor Degree (Major Award at Level 8 or higher on the National Framework of Qualifications) which has an ECTS credit weighting of at least 180 credits

Applicants must provide documentary evidence to their chosen Higher Education Institution **prior to 14th July 2023** that their degree is placed as a major award at the appropriate level on the National Framework of Qualifications.

3. Application and selection process

The **closing date** for receipt of completed applications to the four institutions named above is **5p.m. on Monday 3rd April 2023**.

Please refer to your chosen Higher Education Institution's website for details of the application and selection process.

Important: The onus is on each candidate to ensure that they meet the eligibility requirements for the programme.

Summary of Important dates in relation to your PME Application.

- The minimum required level must be obtained in the **Oral** component of the relevant TEG Examination as outlined on Page 2, prior to the closing date for applications. The closing date to apply for the TEG B1 Oral Irish exam is **Friday, 6th January 2023**.
- The **closing date** for receipt of completed applications to the four institutions named above is 5pm on **Monday 3rd April 2023**.
- The minimum entry requirements in Irish, English and Maths or an approved alternative as listed above must be met prior to **14th July 2023**
- The **academic qualification** of a H2.2 Honours Bachelor Degree (Major Award at Level 8 or higher on the National Framework of Qualifications must be met prior to **14th July 2023**.

Appendix 1

Leaving Cert Grading Schemes (1992-2016 Scheme and New Scheme 2017)

1992 – 2016 Scheme	% Awarded	New Scheme 2017 onwards	% Awarded
A1	90-100	H1 / O1	90-100
A2	85<90	H2 / O2	80<90
B1	80<85		
B2	75<80	H3 / O3	70<80
B3	70<75		
C1	65<70	H4 / O4	60<70
C2	60<65		
C3	55<60	H5 / O5	50<60
D1	50<55		
D2	45<50	H6 / O6	40<50
D3	40<45		
E	25<40	H7/O7	30<40
F	10<25	H8/O8	0<30