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Is there a limit to how often I can attempt the Irish Language Requirement by this method?	It should be noted that the award of Conditional Registration is timebound. However, a candidate may continue undertaking the SCG examination until successful.	The maximum period allowed for an Adaptation Period is three years from date of Registration.
Standard required:	The candidate will be required to demonstrate competence at a level commensurate with graduates of the Bachelor of Education or Graduate Diploma in Education (Primary Teaching) awarded within the State.	The candidate will be required to demonstrate competence at a level commensurate with graduates of the Bachelor of Education or Graduate Diploma in Education (Primary Teaching) awarded within the State.
Closing date for application:	The closing date for the receipt of applications in the Irish Language Requirement Office will be 31 October. Candidates must ensure they complete the S.C.G. Application form at www.ilrweb.ie .	The closing date for the receipt of applications in the Irish Language Requirement Office will be 31 October. Candidates must ensure they complete the O.C.G. Application form at www.ilrweb.ie .
Number of Modules to be achieved:	Four Examination Modules	Four Assessment Modules
Modular:	Yes. Candidates may take all modules or any combination of modules.	Yes. Candidates may take all modules or any combination of modules.
Gaeltacht Requirement:	Yes. 3 week attendance at a recognised Gaeltacht Course. Candidates should undertake the Gaeltacht course attendance before presenting for the Oral Examination. Gaeltacht course list on www.ilrweb.ie . It should be noted that the candidate is required to be resident in the Gaeltacht for three weeks (i.e. 21 days) and to attend an authorized SCG Gaeltacht course.	Yes. 3 week attendance at a recognised Gaeltacht Course. Candidates should undertake the Gaeltacht course attendance before presenting for the Oral Assessment. Gaeltacht course list on www.ilrweb.ie . It should be noted that the candidate is required to be resident in the Gaeltacht for three weeks (i.e. 21 days) and to attend an authorized OCG Gaeltacht course.
Gaeltacht Course Requirement. Modular?	Yes. Candidates can undertake the three weeks in one block or can undertake them in any combination of weeks.	Yes. Candidates can undertake the three weeks in one block or can undertake them in any combination of weeks.
Format:	Four independent modules. 40% is the pass mark in each module. 1. Paper 1 (General Language examination includes practical element of Teaching of Irish in the Classroom)	Four independent modules. 40% is the pass mark in each module. 1. Written Assessment. (General Language Assessment) 2. Aural Assessment.

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	<p>2. Paper 2 (Examination of selected Prose and Poetry includes practical element of Language & Culture project)</p> <p>3. Aural Examination</p> <p>4. Oral Examination</p> <p>Candidates must also fulfill the 3 week Gaeltacht course requirement.</p> <p>Candidate must arrange access to a mainstream class in order to undertake the practical elements of Paper 1 and Paper 2 in a mainstream classroom setting.</p> <p>(Further layout details available at www.ilrweb.ie)</p>	<p>3. Oral Irish Assessment.</p> <p>4. Assessment of the Teaching of Irish (in a classroom)</p> <p>Candidates must also fulfill the 3 week Gaeltacht course requirement.</p> <p>Candidates must be working in a mainstream class teacher capacity and teaching Irish on a regular and ongoing basis consistent with the requirements of the revised Primary Curriculum in order to undertake the School based Assessment. To meet the requirements of the Adaptation Period a candidate will be expected to be in continuous employment for the duration of the Adaptation Period. (Further details available at www.ilrweb.ie)</p>
Classroom requirements:	<p>Candidates require access to a mainstream class in order to undertake the Practical Elements which form part of the examination of Paper 1 and Paper 2. Permission to be obtained from Principal Teacher/Board of Management.</p> <p>It is at the discretion of the candidate how much time s/he wishes to spend with the class prior to the visit. If the class is not their own, candidates should ensure they spend enough time to become familiar with the class and enough time to ensure the requirements as outlined in C�oir Ghaoithe are complied with fully.</p> <p>A class are entitled to competent Irish language instruction.</p> <p>Further details on www.ilrweb.ie</p>	<p>Candidates must be working in a mainstream class teacher capacity and teaching Irish on a regular and ongoing basis consistent with the requirements of the revised Primary Curriculum in order to undertake the School based Assessment. To meet the requirements of the Adaptation Period a candidate will be expected to be in continuous employment for the duration of the Adaptation Period.</p> <p>Permission to be obtained from Principal Teacher/Board of Management.</p> <p>A candidate must satisfy a Specific Adaptation Period Practice Requirement of a minimum of 120 school days of practice in the teaching of Irish during the adaptation period. Practice undertaken must be regular, ongoing and consistent with the requirements of the Primary Curriculum for Gaeilge.</p> <p>A class are entitled to competent Irish language instruction.</p> <p>Further details on www.ilrweb.ie</p>
School Visit(s):	<p>Candidates will receive one school visit in the Jan – Mar. period.</p> <p>Candidate & Principal Teacher will receive a minimum of 3 weeks notice of date and time of the visit. The candidate’s practical element(s) mark is/are added to their mark(s) in the written examination of Paper 1 and/or Paper 2 in order to achieve a total mark for the module.</p>	<p>Candidates will receive two school visits from the same supervisor in the Jan – Mar. period.</p> <p>Candidate & Principal Teacher will receive a min. of 3 weeks notice of date and time of the visits.</p> <p>Candidates must achieve an average of 40% or above between both visits in order to achieve a pass in the module</p>

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		Assessment of the Teaching of Irish in the Classroom.
Repeat School visits:	<p>One repeat visit will take place in June for candidates who did not achieve 40% or above in Paper 1 and/or Paper 2.</p> <p>Candidates who achieved a pass in the practical element will have the option of carrying the practical mark forward, or repeating the practical element, within the same academic year. Practical mark may not be carried to a subsequent academic year.</p>	One repeat visit will take place in June for candidates who did not achieve an average of 40% in the 2 visits of the Assessment of the Teaching of Irish in the Classroom Module.
Examination/Assessment dates:	Examinations are held on Tue., Wed. & Thurs. after Easter Monday bank holiday. S.C.G. Calendar available on www.ilrweb.ie	Assessments are held on Tue., Wed. & Thurs. after Easter Monday bank holiday. O.C.G. Calendar available on www.ilrweb.ie
Examination/Assessment Venues:	Marino Institute of Education, Griffith Ave., Dublin 9.	Marino Institute of Education, Griffith Ave., Dublin 9.
Notification of Examination/Assessment results:	Results will issue approximately 6 weeks after the Examination S.C.G. Calendar available on www.ilrweb.ie	Results will issue approximately 6 weeks after the Assessment. O.C.G. Calendar available on www.ilrweb.ie
Appeal & Viewing Procedure:	After the issue of results to candidates a viewing of examination scripts session is held in the Marino Institute of Education, Dublin. The candidate & one guest may view examination scripts and may listen to Oral audio tape. Candidates may decide after viewing to appeal a result or may appeal without viewing an examination script.	After the issue of results to candidates a viewing of assessment scripts session is held in the Marino Institute of Education, Dublin. The candidate & one guest may view assessment scripts and may listen to Oral audio tape. Candidates may decide after viewing to appeal a result or may appeal without viewing an assessment script.
Repeat Examination & Assessment dates:	Repeat Examinations are held on a Thurs & Friday in late August. S.C.G. (Repeat Practical Elements visit will take place in June) Calendar available on www.ilrweb.ie	Repeat Assessments are held on a Thurs & Friday in late August. O.C.G. Repeat Classroom Assessments visit will take place in June) Calendar available on www.ilrweb.ie
Repeat Examination/Assessment Venue:	Marino Institute of Education, Griffith Ave., Dublin 9.	Marino Institute of Education, Griffith Ave., Dublin 9.
Examination/Assessment pass mark:	Candidates must achieve a total mark of 40% or above in order to achieve a pass in that module.	Candidates must achieve a total mark of 40% or above in order to achieve a pass in that module.
Examination/Assessment pass rate:	Past Examination statistics available at www.ilrweb.ie	Past Assessment statistics available at www.ilrweb.ie

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Resources available:	Yes. Full listing at www.ilrweb.ie	Yes. Support material listing at www.ilrweb.ie
Exemption:	Candidates who have Irish as a major subject in their degree may apply for exemption from parts of the S.C.G. A candidate who is granted an exemption will have to undertake both practical elements, i.e. for Paper 1 (teaching of Irish in the classroom) and for Paper 2 (language and culture project) and also must undertake the theory question (Teaching of Irish) in the Paper 1 examination. Candidates may apply for exemption on the SCG Application Form.	Candidates who have Irish as a major subject in their degree may apply for exemption from parts of the O.C.G. A candidate who is granted an exemption will have to undertake the Assessment of the Teaching of Irish in the Classroom module. Candidates may apply for exemption on the OCG Application Form.
Examination/Assessment Fees:	The fee structure is the same for both S.C.G. and O.C.G. Fees are advised on the current Fee Payment Schedule available at www.ilrweb.ie	The fee structure is the same for both S.C.G. and O.C.G. Fees are advised on the current Fee Payment Schedule available at www.ilrweb.ie
Repeat Examination/Assessment Fees:	Repeat examination fees are available on the website. Please refer to Fee Payment Schedule on www.ilrweb.ie	Repeat examination fees are available on the website. Please refer to Fee Payment Schedule on www.ilrweb.ie
Where to apply for Exemption:	Candidates may apply for exemption on the SCG Application Form. www.ilrweb.ie	Candidates may apply for exemption on the OCG Application Form. www.ilrweb.ie
Contact for queries in relation to Teacher Registration:	The Teaching Council, Block A, Maynooth Business Campus, Maynooth, Co. Kildare. Locall 1890224224; Tel: +35316517900; Fax +35316517901 info@teachingcouncil.ie www.teachingcouncil.ie	The Teaching Council, Block A, Maynooth Business Campus, Maynooth, Co. Kildare. Locall 1890224224; Tel: +35316517900; Fax +35316517901 info@teachingcouncil.ie www.teachingcouncil.ie
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