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**The Teaching Council**

## **Subject Specification Form (SSF)**

# **Gaeilge**

**For the submission of programmes  
for review and professional  
accreditation by the Teaching  
Council (concurrent post-primary  
programmes only)**

**A Subject Specification Form must be submitted for  
each post-primary curricular subject included in the  
accreditation application.**

# Gaeilge

In order to meet the registration requirements set down in the Teaching Council [Registration] Regulations in respect of the curricular subject of Gaeilge, **all** of the following criteria must be met:

- 1**
  - (a) Gaeilge must be studied in the degree up to and including third-year level or higher (or modular equivalent).
  - (b) The qualifying degree must be equivalent to at least Level 8 on the National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ) and with a minimum pass result in all examinations pertinent to the subject of Gaeilge.
  - (c) The qualifying degree must carry at least 180 ECTS (European Credit Transfer System) credits (or equivalent) with the specific study of Gaeilge comprising at least 60 ECTS credits (or equivalent).

- 2** The study of Gaeilge/Irish during the qualification must show that the holder has acquired sufficient knowledge, skills and understanding to teach the Gaeilge syllabus/specification to the highest level in post-primary education (see [www.curriculumonline.ie](http://www.curriculumonline.ie)).  
The degree must also include the study of the following:
  - a) Language skills<sup>1</sup>
  - b) The study of texts<sup>2</sup>

- 3** Prior to completion of their teacher education studies, graduates should provide verifiable evidence of an immersive educational experience in Gaeilge of a minimum of four weeks duration.  
This may be accessed in two blocks, each of which must be at least two weeks. At least one of these blocks must be in a Gaeltacht setting with the option of one block in an Irish medium setting.  
The immersive educational experience(s) must be one of the following:
  - a) attending an Irish language course
  - b) working as a staff member in an educational setting in the Gaeltacht
  - c) conducting an action research project which is of relevance to their teaching studies
  - d) engaging in School Placement.

- 4** Evidence of linguistic competence
  - a) All graduates must provide evidence of linguistic competence in the language. This can be demonstrated by providing evidence of achieving a minimum level of B2.2 on the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (or equivalent) from the higher education institution where the qualification was completed.
  - b) Alternatively, graduates can provide certification of achieving level B2.2 standard of an independent language competency test.
  - c) Graduates for whom the language is their first language.

1 Reading, spoken production, spoken interaction, listening and writing

2 Texts refer to all products of language use including aural, oral, written and digital texts

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Please answer the questions below and insert module code(s), module title(s) and ECTS credit values as required.

<b>1</b> Is the degree equivalent to a least a Level 8 on the Irish National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ) with Gaeilge studied up to and including third-year level or higher (or modular equivalent)?	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>2</b> Does the degree carry a minimum of 180 ECTS credits (or equivalent)?	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>3</b> Does the study of Gaeilge carry a minimum of 60 ECTS credits (or equivalent)?	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>4</b> Does the study of Gaeilge/Irish include the study of the following? (a) language skills (reading, spoken production, spoken interaction, listening and writing)? (b) the study of texts (aural, oral, written and digital texts)	<b>Yes</b> <b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b> <b>No</b>
<b>5</b> Does the programme provide for an immersive educational experience in the curricular language of a minimum of four weeks duration?	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>6</b> Upon completion of this programme, will the graduates of the programme have attained a minimum level of B2.2 on the CEFR in Gaeilge?	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>

In relation to the questions above, please list below the module code(s), title(s) and ECTS credit values for each module studied.

## Essential Areas of Study

**Area of Study:**

**Language Skills:** *(Reading, Spoken Production, Spoken Interaction, Listening and Writing)*

Module Code	Module Title	ECTS Credit Value

**Area of Study:**

**The Study of Texts:** *(All products of Language Use including Aural, Oral, Written and Digital Texts)*

Module Code	Module Title	ECTS Credit Value

Area of Study:  
**Other**

Module Code	Module Title	ECTS Credit Value

<b>Total ECTS Credits in Gaeilge</b>	
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