Mature Student Supplementary Application Form (B.Ed Competitions)

Applying as a Mature Student

Making an Application

A mature student is someone who is 23 years of age or older on the 1st January in the calendar year of proposed entry to an undergraduate programme. All mature applicants must apply through the Central Applications Office (CAO) by the **1st February at 17:15.** Applications may be made online at www.cao.ie For any prospective **B.Ed students** making an application through CAO on the grounds of mature years, and who wish to be considered for Interview/Oral Irish Examination, the following additional information should be emailed directly to admissions@mic.ul.ie The closing date for receipt of completed supplementary forms for 2026 entry will be **Sunday 29th March 2026 at 5pm**.

Please ensure you include the following with your application:-

- A completed Mature Student Supplementary Application Form (this form) INCLUDING PASSPORT PHOTO
- A Personal Statement for each programme of study to which you are applying (see back page)
- Supporting documents evidencing qualifications or exam results
- A **certified copy** of your Leaving Certificate results showing Irish, English and Maths grades
- A **certified copy** of your Birth Certificate, as proof of age

Completing this Form Please note the following:-

- Complete all sections of the Form and return directly to the Admissions Office of Mary Immaculate College Limerick by email.
- If you decide to apply for more than one course then you only need to complete one Supplementary Application Form, but please remember that you must submit a separate Personal Statement for each programme for example MI005 and MI008.
- Where you apply to the CAO online, you will be given a CAO application number at the end of the application process. Please write your CAO application number at the top of the Mature Student Supplementary Application Form where indicated.

Assessment of Application

All mature applicants who make an application through CAO for MI004/MI005/MI006 B.Ed and/or MI008 B.Ed in Education & Psychology on the grounds of mature years, are meeting the eligibility criteria and complete the supplementary form, will be invited to attend for an Interview and an Oral Irish Examination. Candidates are awarded a mark for their performance at the Interview and an additional mark for the Oral Irish Examination. The combined score determines the candidate's place on the order of merit list. Applicants who get a 'fail' mark in either the Interview or Oral Irish Examination will be eliminated from the Competition. Applicants who failed the interview on two previous occasions are not eligible to re-apply. In circumstances where a mature applicant is repeating a subject or subject(s) in the Leaving Certificate in the year of application, they must clearly state this on their application to CAO, and also on the Mature Supplementary Application Form.

Mature applicants for all courses who are successful at Interview/Oral Irish Examination, and are eligible, will be offered places by the CAO in early July. Applicants who are repeating subjects in the Leaving Cert for B.Ed programmes and are eligible, will be offered places in mid-August.

Contact Details:

For all enquiries regarding the process of applying to Mary Immaculate College, please Email the Admissions Office:

Email: admissions@mic.ul.ie
Tel: 061 204348/204929
www.mic.ul.ie

Central Applications Office
Tower House
Eglinton Street
Galway

Tel: 091 509800

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PLEASE SAVE THE FORM TO YOUR LOCAL DRIVE AND COMPLETE THE SAVED FORM AND ADD A PHOTO INTO THE BOX PROVIDED

MATURE STUDENT SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION FORM

Date Applied to CAO: _____ **CAO Number:** _____

1.Personal Details

Customary Name: (to be used on all official records)		
Name as on Birth Certificate:		
Address:		
Date of Birth:		Please forward certified copy of Birth Certificate as proof of age
Mobile No:		Home Number:
Email Address:		

2. If you are invited for Interview, please indicate whether you would prefer to be interviewed mainly through English or Irish

Irish ☐ English ☐

Please note that all candidates have to attend the Oral Irish examination, which is conducted separately from the main interview.

3. Have you previously applied for a place on the B.Ed programme on the basis of mature years to MIC

Yes ☐ No ☐

4. Second Level Education

Please attach <u>certified copies</u> of any Leaving Certificate Exams taken to date. Please do not post in original copies as they will not be returned.

Name and Address of School	Examination Taken

5. If you are sitting the Leaving Certificate/GCE/GCSE Examinations to meet entry requirements this year, please state your examination number, subjects and level of exam.

6. Further Education

List current and previous qualifications in order of most recent

Name & Address of Institution Attended	Years of Study from	to	Courses Taken	Qualification Obtained	Class of Qualification

7. Employment Experience

Most recent employment first:

Name & Address of Employer	from	to	Nature of Duties

7. Name, Address and Telephone No. of two Referees:

Mary Immaculate College will assume permission to contact Referees, unless an applicant has stated otherwise.
Please give details of 2 persons not related to you

Name:	Name:
Address:	Address:
Tel No:	Tel No:

Checklist

1. **Have you completed all sections of this form?**
2. **Have you included a certified copy of your Birth Certificate?**
3. **Have you included a separate personal statement for <u>each</u> of the programmes of study to which you are applying?**
4. **Have you included supporting documents evidencing qualifications?**
5. **Have you signed and dated the Applicant Declaration?**

Applicant Declaration

Consent to verify qualifications/work experience

I hereby give my consent to Mary Immaculate College to make enquiries to all referenced institutions/bodies to satisfy itself that the information I have supplied is true and correct.

Personal information collected by MIC is treated with the highest standards of security and confidentiality in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR). Data collected will be retained in line with MIC's Records Retention Schedule. By completing this form, you are requesting that your information is processed in line with college procedures for the purpose of the Mature Student Supplementary Information Form. Your privacy is important to us. For further information and full data privacy notice please click here.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please Note the following:

Certified Copies of official transcripts for all qualifications, including second level qualifications, as listed must be included with this application. Originals should not be forwarded as the copies are retained by MIC.

Certified Copy: A copy of the original transcript of results signed, certified and stamped officially as a true copy by a Minister of Religion, Priest, Teacher, Garda, Commissioner for Oaths or a registered Medical Practitioner.

If final examinations have not been completed, please indicate the date when results are expected to be available.

General Entry Requirements for B.Ed Programmes:

Grade H5/HD1/HC on a Higher-Level Paper in not less than three subjects

Grade O6/OD3/OD or H7/HE/HE in three other subjects, in accordance with the Rules and Programme for Secondary Schools.

Subject	**Irish**	**Mathematics**	**English**
Minimum Grade 2017 scheme	H4	O4 or H7	O4 or H7
Minimum Grade 1992-2016 scheme	HC2	OC2 or HE	OC2 or HE
Minimum Grade 1985-1991 scheme	HC	OC or HE	OC or HE

Additional requirements for the Gaeltacht Entry Route to B.Ed programme:

Please note that applicants wishing to apply for the Gaeltacht Entry Route to the B.Ed must meet the two criteria listed below, as outlined in Circular 34/2021 from the DES.

a. Be resident in a Gaeltacht Language Planning area **and**
b. Must obtain at least a H3 in Leaving Cert Irish.

Apart from the requirement to meet both of the two criteria listed above, applicants must also meet all the other requirements for entry to the B.Ed.

Guidelines for Personal Statements:

Please prepare a typed personal statement of less than 800 words for each programme of study to which you are applying. Specific guidelines for each programme are given below. Your personal statement should be completed on the attached sheet clearly indicating the relevant programme of study, e.g. *M1005 B.Ed.* Please note that the table will expand as you type. Please remember to print your name and CAO number clearly at the top of each personal statement.

Personal Statement for MI004/MI005/006 (B.Ed Applicants):

Please prepare a typed personal statement under the following headings:

- Why do you wish to apply for this course?
- Have you any work or other experience which might prove advantageous in pursuing the course?
- What attributes or characteristics do you feel you have which make you particularly suitable for the course?
- Other information deemed relevant to the application (include recreational or special interests)

Personal Statement for MI008 (B.Ed in Education & Psychology Applicants):

Please prepare a typed personal statement addressing the following key areas:

- **Motivation**
  - Reasons/Motivation for wishing to undertake the B.Ed in Education and Psychology Programme
  - Interest in and knowledge of both primary teaching and psychology and the relevance of these for your career aspirations

- **Relevant Experience**
  - Work or other experience, relevant within education and/or psychology, which might prove advantageous in pursuing the course

- **Personal Strengths and Qualities**
  - What attributes or characteristics do you feel you have which make you particularly suitable for the course?
  - Other information deemed relevant to the application (include recreational or special interests)

- **Academic Skills**
  - Educational Development and Academic Skills (IT skills, writing skills, numeracy skills, scientific interest/skills, study skills)

Personal Statement

Programme of Study to which you are applying: MI