

Reasonable
Accommodations
at State
Examinations

At Clonturk Community
College



The purpose of the RACE scheme is to allow students with Additional Educational Needs (AEN) to receive the appropriate supports. This allows students to demonstrate what they know without compromising the integrity of the examination.

The State Examinations Commission (SEC) provides full guideline booklets for both parents/students and for schools. Last year's guidelines are available here [Student Guide](#)

The same range of accommodations are offered for Junior Cycle and Senior Cycle

Reasonable Accommodations that are granted at Junior Cycle also hold for Senior Cycle

The Student Support Team will apply to have the accommodations reactivated with a reactivation form

Any new students, or emerging needs after Junior Certificate will be submitted as a new application for Leaving Certificate

Four Main Grounds for Accommodations:

1. Learning Difficulty



2. Hearing Difficulty



3. Visual Difficulty



4. Physical Difficulty

1. Learning Difficulty – testing is carried out by the Student Support Team and begins in October

1. Reading:

- Shared Reading Assistance in a small group with one supervisor available to read on request.

OR

- Individual Reading Assistance in a one-to-one setting with a supervisor available to read on request. *(This depends on severity of difficulty, usually only occurs in exceptional circumstances)*

OR

- An exam reading pen

Score 85 or below on an approved word reading test AND a 7% error rate when reading 500 words AND/OR a reading speed of less than 89 wpm

1. Learning Difficulty

2. Spelling and Grammar Waiver:

- Applies to English, Irish and Modern Foreign Language subjects only.
- A standard score of 85 or under on an approved spelling test

AND

- 8% spelling/grammatical errors in 500 words of writing

1. Learning Difficulty

3. Use of Word Processor or Recording Device

Category 1: Quality of Written Work

- Work is indecipherable due to the frequency of spelling, grammar and punctuation errors.
- A standard score of 85 or under on an approved spelling test

AND

- 20% spelling/grammatical errors in 500 words of writing.

1. Learning Difficulty

3. Use of Word Processor or Recording Device

Category 2: Speed of Writing

- A standard score of 85 or under on an approved spelling test
AND
- 8% spelling/grammatical errors in 500 words of writing
AND
- Speed of writing of less than 12 words per minute.

1. Learning Difficulty

4. Access to a Scribe


- Only in the most exceptional circumstances
- Word processor/recording device but not suitable due to physical or speech difficulties or because of subject (e.g. mathematics)

In addition:

Students that have been granted Assistive Technology by the NCSE are not automatically allowed to use it in State Exams.

A separate application needs to be made to the SEC with relevant testing AND outlining how the student has used Assistive Technology to access the curriculum in classwork and inhouse exams.

2. Hearing Difficulty

- SOME OR ALL of the following accommodations can be applied for based on the recommendations from the visiting teacher.
 - Personal CD player in main centre for aural examinations
 - Separate centre for aural examinations
 - Modified aural examination in language subjects
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2. Hearing Difficulty

- Exemption from the aural component of language subjects
- Exemption from the listening component of the music examination.
- Sign language interpreter
- Standard oral for hearing impaired
- Exemption from the oral examination

3. Visual Difficulty

- SOME OR ALL of the following accommodations can be applied for based on the recommendations from the visiting teacher.
- Enlarged examination papers A3
- Braille version of examination papers in UEB or SEB
- Modified version of examination papers (visual elements removed or simplified)
- Reading assistance
- Exam reading pen

3. Visual Difficulty

- Individual reader
- Word Processor (spell check disabled)
- Colour identifier
- Scribe in exceptional circumstances
- Drawing aids
- Low vision aids such as magnifiers, lamps.
- Additional time in written and practical subjects (10 mins for every hour or part thereof)
- Leaving Certificate Pilot scheme 2022/2023 limited to students with VI under the care of the Visiting Teacher – digital papers provided in read only PDF format.

4. Physical Difficulty (includes physical, medical, sensory, emotional and behavioural conditions)

- Physical difficulties such as Dyspraxia or Dysgraphia can be addressed in this section. A copy of the OT report is needed.
- Handwriting speed test – speed of handwriting must be 12wpm or less.
 - Word Processor or Recording Device
 - Scribe – only in exceptional circumstances with evidence of why a Word Processor or Recording Device is not appropriate.
 - Use of Drawing Aids
 - Use of Shared Separate Centre

Shared
Separate
Centre due to
anxiety

Must be recommended
by a consultant
psychologist/psychiatrist

NOT a GP

Non-Irish students

- The Student Support Team will make an application on behalf of these students for a dictionary to use in their state examinations.
- With the following exceptions

Subjects in which the use of dictionaries is not permitted:

- 1. The candidate's first language e.g. a candidate whose first language is French will not be permitted to use the dictionary in the French examination**
- 2. English**
- 3. Irish**
- 4. A language closely related to the candidate's first language. Where a query arises as to the definition of a closely related language, the SEC must be consulted in advance of the examination for advice in this respect**

Dictionary Specification

- Bilingual translation dictionaries between the candidate's first language and English or Irish (i.e. without explanation of terms/definition) are permitted.
- Electronic bilingual dictionaries, translators, wordlists or glossaries, are not permitted.



Last Year's Key Dates

2023 Reasonable Accommodations Key Dates

	AVAILABLE FROM	CLOSING DATE	DECISION TIMEFRAME
Leaving Certificate/Leaving Certificate Applied 2023 – Reactivation Form and New Accommodations Form	Early October 2022	11 November 2022	Mid-February 2023
Leaving Certificate/ Leaving Certificate Applied 2023 Late Application Form	February 2023	7 April 2023	May 2023
Junior Cycle 2023 – Standard Application Form	Mid October 2022	13 January 2023	April 2023
Junior Cycle 2023 – Late Application Form	February 2023	7 April 2023	May 2023
Emergency Application Form - LC and JC	May 2023	June 2023	June 2023

Contact Details:

If you need help with any aspect of the application process, please contact us as follows:
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Deferring the Leaving Certificate and Leaving Certificate Applied

- A link to the conditions relating to deferring the Leaving Certificate or Leaving Certificate Applied can be found [here](#)
- It is not possible to defer the Junior Certificate Examination.



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Questions ?

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