

### 3 - Educational system

3.1 - Are there any legal provisions for language learning in your country? (Yes/No)

No

3.1.1 - If "Yes" please specify:

3.2 - At which age does compulsory language learning start in your country?

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3.3 - At which age does compulsory language learning end in your country?

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3.4 - Does your legislation specify the number of hours language(s) should be taught by educational level? (Yes/No)

3.4.1 - If "Yes" please specify number of hours at (*indicate unit of measurement, for example statutory hours per year or by week*).

3.4.1.1 - ISCED level 1:

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3.4.1.2 - ISCED level 2:

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3.4.1.3 - ISCED level 3 general orientation:

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3.4.1.4 - ISCED level 3 pre-vocational and vocational orientation:

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3.5 - Does your legislation specify which languages to be taught? (Yes/No)

3.5.1 - If "Yes" please specify which languages at (*if there is a choice between more languages then please indicate these*).

3.5.1.1 - ISCED level 1:

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3.5.1.2 - ISCED level 2:

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3.5.1.3 - ISCED level 3 general orientation:

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3.5.1.4 - ISCED level 3 pre-vocational and vocational orientation:

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3.6 - Please add any additional comments you have in the box below

*All pupils at primary level (ISCED 0 and 1 - ages 4.5 -11.5 typically) are taught the first official language, Irish. The great majority of students at ISCED 2 and 3 also study Irish. Irish is a second language to the vast majority of pupils but is not considered a foreign language. At lower and upper secondary (ISCED 2 and 3), a modern language is not a compulsory element of either the required curriculum or of the State examinations. It is however, a matriculation requirement of some third level institutions and, de facto, students choose to study modern languages to satisfy such requirements. The Modern Languages in Primary Schools Initiative (MLPSI), was withdrawn with effect at the end of the academic year 2011/2012. Data on the number of pupils who pursued the initiative from 2011/2012 onwards is not available. While data if not available it is possible that some primary schools are still teaching modern languages. This would typically apply to students in the final two years of primary education, age group 10 - 12.*