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Reasonable Accommodation in the Certificate Exams 2022 (RACE)

Application for Reasonable Accommodation in the Leaving Certificate 2022 deadline is 5th November 2021. Forms are currently being prepared in school to meet this deadline.

Accommodations/facilities that are available include:

- Reading pen/ Reading assistant/ Reader
- Shared special Centre/individual special centre
- Spelling, grammar and punctuation waiver
- Use of assistive technology eg use of word processor or other specialist equipment
- Scribe
- Medical breaks
- Modified papers
- Additional time

Accommodations are provided to those who meet the eligibility criteria thus demonstrating a need for the support. **It is not an advantage but an opportunity for the student to engage in the examination process.**

For students with a Learning Difficulty, the accommodations available are

- Use of a reader
- Use of a tape recorder
- Use of a word processor
- Waiver of spelling, grammar and punctuation elements of the examination. Any marks allocated to spelling and grammar in the language subjects are removed and the student is marked out of 100% on the remainder of the work.

To qualify for the accommodation students must have been assessed as meeting the following criteria:

For Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation waiver

- Spelling Attainments at/below SS*85
and
- An error rate of 8% or more

For a Reader:

- Word Reading Accuracy at/below SS 85
and
- Reading Accuracy error % > 7%

Other- Reading Speed <89 Words per minute

For use of a Tape Recorder/Word Processor

- Spelling Attainments at /below SS 85
and
- Illegible Writing/20% or more errors/handwriting speed at or below 12 words per minute

*SS= Standard Score

There are also accommodations made on the grounds of Medical and Physical needs. If you feel that you may be eligible for RACE look up the RACE section of the examinations.ie website for further information and explanation.

Then please contact Ms O'Melia in room 88 as soon as possible if you would like to make an application.

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Additional Educational Needs (AEN) Coordinator