National Disability Authority

Consultation on the Irish Sign Language Act 2017

The National Disability Authority (NDA) is preparing a report for the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality about how the Irish Sign Language (ISL) Act 2017 is working. This is the second report - the first Report on the Operation of the ISL Act was prepared by the NDA and published in 2023.

The Minister has requested that this report focus on progress “made since the previous report with regards the implementation of the ISL Act”. The NDA will use the findings from the 2021 report as the baseline in determining progress.

To understand and report on progress on the operation of the ISL Act since the previous report, the NDA wants to know your views and experiences of using public services through Irish Sign Language in the last five years.

This document is for written submissions. However, there are other ways to contribute to the consultations including through online public meetings, an online survey or though submitting an ISL video. Information on all the ways of becoming involved are available at isl@nda.ie.

Submissions can be sent to the NDA by post or by email, by 10 October 2025. The fastest and most efficient method of making written submissions is by way of email to the NDA at isl@nda.ie.

Alternatively, responses can be posted to the following address:

ISL Public Consultation

National Disability Authority

25 Clyde Road,

Ballsbridge, Dublin 4

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## Information about you

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| Are you an ISL user? If so, in what capacity? * For example, is it your primary language, are you representing an organisation, are you an interpreter, and so on.
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## Questions to consider

To make the process of analysing submissions as efficient as possible, we recommend you structure your submissions by responding to some or all of the following questions.

Suggested word count limit for responses is **400 words**

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| **Key questions** |
| 1. What are your views and experiences of the operation of the ISL Act over the past five years?
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| 1. Do you think any amendments to the scope and contents of the ISL Act are needed?
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| 1. Do you think any additional provision need to be made in relation to supports for a child within the school system whose primary language is ISL?
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**Organisation details**

If you are putting forward a submission on behalf of an organisation please include contact details for that organisation.

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| **Name (optional)**  |  |
| Name of Organisation |  |
| Organisation Type |  |
| Address |  |
| Phone number |  |
| Email address |  |

**Next steps after the consultation period**

Once the period for receipt of submissions has elapsed, the NDA will review, analyse and summarise the responses received. The main themes arising from this analysis will be included in the report.

**Confidentiality and Data Protection**

The information collected from the submissions made through this consultation process will be subject to the provisions of the Data Protection Act, 2018.

Please do not provide any personal information that could identify you or another person in this survey, such as names or addresses.

If you have any questions about data protection please contact the NDA Data Protection Officer at dataprotection@nda.ie.

**Thank you**