

*"Temporary Arrangements for Students During the Summer Period 2024*

*How to Apply for a Student Fast-Track Application for Temporary Permission to Practice:*

*A student seeking temporary permission to practice in an Early Learning and Care setting during the period up to 1st of September 2024 should complete a Student Fast-Track Application Form for Temporary Permission to Practice, and have it signed and stamped by their Institution/Department/School.*

*The student should then email a scanned copy of the signed and stamped form to the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth at [eyqualifications@equality.gov.ie](mailto:eyqualifications@equality.gov.ie), along with their contact details (name, address and email address), where it will be assessed. If approved, a Letter of Temporary Permission to Practice will be issued to the student.*

*Please note: The standard application process remains in place for individuals – including students – to obtain a general (not time-limited) Letter of Eligibility to Practice, on the basis of equivalence of their qualification profile with a major award in Early Childhood Care and Education at Level 5 on the National Framework of Qualifications. It is possible to submit both a fast-track application and a standard application at the same time.*

*It remains the case that any student who already has a full Level 5 award or a Letter of Eligibility to Practice from DCEDIY is already qualified to be employed to work directly with children in an ELC service, and does not need to complete any additional application for permission to practice.*

*For general information of Recognition of Qualifications, Temporary Student Recruitment in Early Learning and Care, and Application Process Requirements, please see <https://www.gov.ie/en/service/000073-recognition-of-an-early-years-qualification/>"*