

# Range of supports makes Census 2016 fully accessible

## Sunday, 24 April is Census Night

**Friday, 1 April 2016:** Census 2016 is fully accessible. That's the message today from the Central Statistics Office (CSO) as it draws attention to the supports available to people to help them complete their census form.

According to Deirdre Cullen, CSO Senior Statistician, "Census 2016 involves everyone in Ireland and in preparing for the census we have made every reasonable effort to ensure that Census 2016 is accessible to everyone. We want to ensure that everyone can take part, while respecting their right to confidentiality and equal opportunity".

The following arrangements are in place to assist people who, for any reason, experience challenges accessing the Census.

### Sight

A choice of materials developed and compiled with the help of the National Council for the Blind in Ireland (NCBI), are available. You will be able to:

- Download a sample [large print questionnaire](#) in PDF format. The download version will be for guidance only and cannot be used to complete your census return
- Listen to the questionnaire online by downloading an [audio version in MP3 format](#)
- Request a Braille Version of the form from the census helpline or from your enumerator
- Request an audio version of the form on CD from the census helpline or from your enumerator.
- Contact the census helpline LoCall 1850 201604 to request a visit or assistance from your census enumerator

### Hearing

If you have a hearing impairment, and you need assistance to communicate with your census enumerator, please let your enumerator know when they call or contact the census helpdesk.

### Literacy

If you have dyslexia or other literacy issues, you will be able to:

- Read/download a copy of the "Step by Step Guide to filling in the Census Form" which has been developed with the assistance of the National Adult Literacy Association (NALA) and which gives detailed help in how to answer each question.
- Make our web pages easier to read by increasing the type size
- Listen to the questionnaire online by downloading an audio version in MP3 format
- Request an audio version of the form on tape or CD from the census helpline or from your enumerator.
- Read/download a sample [large print questionnaire](#) in PDF format. The download version will be for guidance only and cannot be used to complete your census return.

## Language

The 2016 Census questionnaire will be available in English or Irish and you can complete the census on either of these forms.

If English or Irish is not your first or main language, you can:

- Read general information about the census in 21 different languages on our [Foreign language](#) page
- Download or request a translation of the census form in any of 21 languages. Please note these translations are for information and guidance only and cannot be used to complete your census return. Everyone should complete either an English or Irish version of the census form.
- Download an information leaflet in 21 different languages
- Request a translation of the census form or seek further help and advice through the census helpline or by asking your enumerator
- You can also click here to read/download the “[Step by Step Guide to filling in the Census Form](#)” in English.

## Further information

If you're unsure about or have difficulty completing your census questionnaire, there will be lots of ways you can get help. You can:

- Contact the census helpline at LoCall 1850 201604
- Visit the accessibility page on [census.ie](#)
- Ask your census enumerator for help when they call to deliver or collect your census form.

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