



Can I Join?

Age

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Character

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Nationality

You must, **by the closing date for application to this competition** be:

- A. A national of a European Union Member State; or
- B. A national of a European Economic Area State, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland or the Swiss Confederation; or
- C. Under the International Protection Act, 2015 and in compliance with the Admissions and Appointments Regulations 2013, as amended, be:

- i. A refugee or a family member of such a person in relation to whom a refugee declaration is in force and continues to be in force for the entire duration of the Garda Recruit selection and admissions process; or
- ii. A person granted subsidiary protection or a family member of such a person in relation to whom a subsidiary protection declaration is in force and continues to be in force for the entire duration of the Garda Recruit selection and admissions process; or
- iii. By the closing date for application to this competition, have had a period of one year's continuous residence in the State, and during the eight years immediately preceding that period, have had a total residence in the State amounting to four years.

Education

You must have obtained the following, **by the closing date for application to this competition:**

1. An Irish Leaving Certificate with a grade **D3 or O6 minimum in five subjects** at Ordinary Level*; or
2. A minimum of a Level 5 Major award (**120 Credits**) on the National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ); or
3. A recognised qualification (**at Level 5 or greater**), deemed comparable to the above in terms of both level and volume of learning as determines by Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI).

AND

4. A proven proficiency in **either or both** of the following:
 - i. The Irish language
 - ii. The English language

Please note:

- Successful applicants are required to study **and pass** Irish as part of a module in the Garda College.

- Subjects taken at Foundation Level Leaving Certificate are **not** considered equivalent for entry to this competition. In certain cases, a Pass in the Applied Leaving Certificate may be deemed equivalent to an Ordinary Leaving Certificate. A H7 grade is also deemed equivalent to an O6 grade.

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Employment Status

You must have relinquished all previous employment prior to entry to the Garda College and may not be on a career break from any such employment upon entry.

Medical Standards

You must be certified by a Registered Medical Practitioner (nominated by the Commissioner after consultation with the Minister) to be in good health, of sound constitution and suited physically and mentally to performing the duties of a member of the service.

Physical Competence Test

You must have passed a Physical Competence Test before entering the Garda College to start training.

Substance Misuse Assessment

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