



Church Schools Admission - Scholastic Year 2024-2025 Regulations for Asylum Seekers

These Regulations form part of the Regulations for Admission into Church Schools Malta

Admissions Criteria

1. The Regulations for Admission of children into Church Schools in Malta in scholastic year 2024-2025 provide a number of places for Asylum seekers – children who themselves or their parents sought asylum when they came to Malta.
2. Church Schools Entry is linked to the year of birth. For every year of entry, applicants have to be born in the year indicated hereunder:
for entry in Kindergarten 1, applicants have to be born in the year 2021;
for entry in Kindergarten 2, applicants have to be born in the year 2020;
for entry in Year 1 Primary, applicants have to be born in 2019;
for entry in Form 1 Secondary, applicants have to be born in the year 2013.

2.1 The Church Schools Admissions Board will consider requests for age exemption from applicants on presentation of the specific case/s.

2.2 Children who have the assistance of an L.S.E. or similar, or have started or are about to start the statementing process at the Statementing Moderating Panel or at the C.D.A.U., or have or will have certification from an educational psychologist or similar, which can lead to the assistance of an L.S.E. or similar, must apply as a Serious Case “Other Applicants” or as the case may be, according to the Serious Cases Regulations. An update on the available places for applicants with LSE support and Social Cases was published in the Circular dated 26th January 2024.

3. The schools which are accepting asylum seekers and the number of places available are as follows:

	School and Level of entry	Accepts:	Number of Places
3.1	Kindergarten 1, Boys or Girls born in 2021:		
	St Albert the Great College Fgura	All religions	1
3.2	Kindergarten 2, Boys born in 2020:		
	St Aloysius College Primary School Balzan	All religions	1
3.3	Kindergarten 2, Girls born in 2020:		
	St Aloysius College Primary School Balzan	All religions	1
	St Jeanne Antide School Gudja	All religions	2
	St Joseph School Blata l-Bajda	All religions	1
	St Monica School Gżira	All religions	1
	St Monica School Mosta	All religions	1
3.4	Year 1 Primary, Boys born in 2019:		
	De La Salle Cospicua	All religions	1
	St Augustine School Pieta'	Catholics & Christians	1
	St Benild School Sliema	All religions	1
	St Paul's Missionary College Rabat	Catholics	2
	Archbishop Seminary Rabat	Catholics & Christians	1
3.5	Year 1 Primary, Girls born in 2019:		
	Sacred Heart College St Julian's	Catholics & Christians	1
	St Dorothy Sliema	Catholics & Christians	1
	St Jeanne Antide School Gudja	All religions	2
	St Monica School B'Kara	All religions	1
	St Monica School Gżira	All religions	1
3.6	Form 1 Secondary, Boys born in 2013:		

De La Salle Cospicua	All religions	1
St Aloysius College Secondary Birkirkara	All religions	2
St Elias College Santa Venera	All religions	1
St Michael Santa Venera	All religions	1

3.7 Form 1 Secondary, Girls born in 2013:		
Sacred Heart College St Julian's	Catholics & Christians	1
St Albert the Great College Valletta	All religions	1

4. RELIGION:

4.1 The aim of Church Schools is to impart a civic and Christian education to children according to the ideals of the Catholic Church as expressed in the Church Documents on Christian Education. Church Schools offer the teaching of the Catholic Religion, which includes Catholic Ethics. Church Schools will not offer an alternative subject to the teaching of the Catholic Religion.

4.2 St. Paul's Missionary College and St Dominic Savio accept only candidates who present a Baptism Certificate of the Catholic Church or a Certificate stating acceptance in the Catholic Church.

4.3 St. Augustine College, the Seminary, Our Lady Immaculate Hamrun, St Dorothy Żebbuġ and Sliema, Sacred Heart College and St Angela Kindergartens accept applicants who present a Baptism certificate of the Catholic or a Christian Church.

4.4 The other schools accept Catholics, Christians and Others.

5. Documentation Required:

a. A photo of the applicant.

b. Any medical certificates of the applicant if applicable.

c. The Educational Programme Declaration, filled by the Head of School, indicating whether the student is mainstream, has access arrangements or is supported by an LSE or has started the process for statementing.

This Declaration may be downloaded from www.church.mt

Not applicable if applying for Kinder 1.

In certain circumstances the Educational Programme Declaration may be sent later. In this case the applicant needs to indicate whether the student is mainstream, has access arrangements or is supported by an LSE or has started the process for statementing. If there is a discrepancy between the parents' declaration and that of the Head of School, the Admissions Board will consider the indications by the Head of School and chances available according to the parents' indication may be forfeited even if they have already occurred.

The Educational Programme Declaration signed by the Head of School needs to be sent to Admissions Office not later than a week after the School Registration, for the application to be valid. If this is not submitted, then the Registration will be invalid.

d. Latest identification documents for child and parent/parents.

e. Birth certificate of applicant, either Maltese or foreign – If available.

6. **Application forms for asylum seekers will be filled by personnel in charge from Wednesday 13th March to Monday 15th April 2024, between 9:00 am and 12:00 pm at the Migrants Commission, Dar l-Emigrant, Castille Place, Valletta. To receive assistance, an appointment is needed. Please book an appointment directly at <https://migrants.mt/actions/referrals/> or call on +356 2122 2644 / +356 2124 0255 / +356 2123 2545. Email: info@migrants.mt**

6.1 **Application forms for asylum seekers will also be filled by personnel in charge at the Jesuit Refugee Service, Sarria House (next to Sarria Church), Triq Sarria, Floriana from Wednesday 13th March to Monday 15th April 2024. Booking an appointment can be made by visiting our office, calling the office phone on 2144 2751 or emailing cecilia@jrsmalta.org and david@jrsmalta.org between Monday and Friday, 9:30 am to 5:00 pm.**

- 6.2** Parents/ guardians who submit an application for Asylum Seekers and do not receive an acknowledgement by Friday, 31 May 2024, are to contact Admissions Office on cynthia.cassar@maltadiocese.org.
- 7.** On the application form, parents are to indicate their school preference/s. This/these preference/s is/are only taken into account if and when the applicant is being registered in a school. The preference indicated by parents is purely indicative and binds neither the Secretariat for Catholic Education, nor the particular school indicated.
- 8.** The applications and requests of asylum seekers are presented to the Church Schools Admissions Board. The Board will study all the applications and will decide which applicants will be registered in which Church School, taking into account all the circumstances presented in the application form. Decisions of the Church Schools Admissions Board are final.
- 9.** Applicants who will be registered in a Church School will be informed by the Church Schools Admissions Board by email provided on application form.
- 10.** Applications may still be accepted by not later than the end of July 2024 if places have not yet been filled by the School. These will be accepted at The Secretariat for Catholic Education, Admissions Office , 30, Binja Josmar, Idmejda Street, Balzan, Phone: 2203 9360 for an appointment.

Other Matters

- 11.** All information provided to the Church Schools Admissions Board in relation to oneself or ones child which according to the Data Protection Act 2018 is “Personal Data” will only be processed in accordance with the said Act.