



## **Church Schools Admission - Scholastic Year 2025-2026 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 2025-2026 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 2022;  
for entry in Kindergarten 2, applicants have to be born in the year 2021;  
for entry in Year 1 Primary, applicants have to be born in 2020;  
for entry in Form 1 Secondary, applicants have to be born in the year 2014.

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 30<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

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

|     | <b>School and Level of entry</b>           | <b>Accepts:</b>        | <b>Number of Places</b> |
|-----|--|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 3.1 | <b>Kindergarten 1, Boys born in 2022:</b>  |                        |                         |
|     | St Albert the Great College Fgura          | All religions          | 1                       |
| 3.2 | <b>Kindergarten 1, Girls born in 2022:</b> |                        |                         |
|     | St Albert the Great College Fgura          | All religions          | 1                       |
| 3.3 | <b>Kindergarten 2, Boys born in 2021:</b>  |                        |                         |
|     | St Albert the Great College Fgura          | All religions          | 1                       |
|     | St Aloysius College Primary School Balzan  | All religions          | 1                       |
| 3.4 | <b>Kindergarten 2, Girls born in 2021:</b> |                        |                         |
|     | St Aloysius College Primary School Balzan  | All religions          | 1                       |
|     | St Monica School Gżira                     | All religions          | 1                       |
|     | St Monica School Mosta                     | All religions          | 1                       |
| 3.5 | <b>Year 1 Primary, Boys born in 2020:</b>  |                        |                         |
|     | De La Salle Cospicua                       | All religions          | 2                       |
|     | 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                       |

| <b>3.6 Year 1 Primary, Girls born in 2020:</b> |                        |   |
|--|------------------------|---|
| De La Salle Cospicua                           | All religions          | 1 |
| St Benild School Sliema                        | All religions          | 1 |
| 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 |

| <b>3.7 Form 1 Secondary, Boys born in 2014:</b> |               |   |
|---|---------------|---|
| De La Salle Cospicua                            | All religions | 3 |
| St Albert the Great College Valletta            | All religions | 1 |
| St Aloysius College Secondary Birkirkara        | All religions | 1 |
| St Elias College Santa Venera                   | All religions | 1 |
| St Michael Santa Venera                         | All religions | 1 |
| Stella Maris Gżira                              | All religions | 1 |

| <b>3.8 Form 1 Secondary, Girls born in 2014:</b> |                        |   |
|--|------------------------|---|
| Sacred Heart College St Julian's                 | Catholics & Christians | 1 |
| St Albert the Great College Valletta             | All religions          | 1 |
| St Aloysius College Secondary Birkirkara         | 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](http://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 Thursday 13th March to Tuesday 15th April 2025, 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 with the DROP-IN SERVICE at <https://migrants.mt/book/> or call on +356 2203 9400. Email: [info@migrants.mt](mailto: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 Thursday 13th March to Tuesday 15th April 2025. Booking an appointment can be made by visiting our office, calling the office phone on 2144 2751, send a message to JRS WhatsApp number, 9921 4445 or emailing [cecilia@jrsmalta.org](mailto:cecilia@jrsmalta.org).  
The opening hours for drop-ins are as follows:
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|-----------|---------------------|
| Monday    | 11:00 am to 4:00 pm |
| Tuesday   | 09:00am to 2:00 pm  |
| Wednesday | 13:00pm to 4:00pm   |
| Thursday  | 09:00am to 2:00pm   |
| Friday    | closed              |
- 6.2 Parents/ guardians who submit an application for Asylum Seekers and do not receive an acknowledgement by Friday, 30 May 2025, are to contact Admissions Office on [admissions@maltadiocese.org](mailto:admissions@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. The Board may also delegate this function to recognised experts in the field to assist it in making informed decisions. 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 June 2025 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.