

20-Year Strategy for the Irish Language 2010 - 2030

Progress Report: 2010 - 2015

Department of Finance

Department's Irish Language Scheme

The Department's second Irish Language Scheme, which covers the period 2014-2017, was approved by the Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht and came into effect on 27 October 2014. The new scheme, which builds on the Department's first scheme, sets out the extent to which services are currently available through Irish and identifies areas for future enhancement.

Measures for Irish in the Public Service

Having regard to Government policy for enhanced provision of services in Irish, the current language scheme includes a commitment to identify, by the end of year one of the scheme, the posts for which Irish language competency is an essential requirement and to make every effort to fulfil these requirements by the end of the scheme, having regard to recruitment, promotion and training policies, as appropriate. This will enable the Department to plan and prioritise the incremental improvement of services in Irish in a strategic manner. While no such posts have been identified to date, this process is ongoing.