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ÉIRIM: THE NATIONAL ASSESSMENT AGENCY LTD

Dear Assessment Professional,

Thank you for your interest in our training courses. Éirm was founded in 2004 by myself and Dr. Kate James. Combined, we have over 20 years in educational psychology. Our company name “Éirim” (pronounced “air-im”) is the Irish word for talent. As leaders in educational testing and assessments, we have spent the last decade unlocking the potential talent of individuals and help guide them on their unique paths toward success.

Leveraging our first-hand knowledge and experience in assessments, we’ve constructed a series of high-quality courses for professionals in need of additional career development and training. We invite you to read through the following course descriptions to find the best option suited toward your distinctive professional needs. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us via phone or email:

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Training Overview

Éirim provides unrivaled training services for professionals seeking additional career development and qualifications. We provide training courses predominantly in various locations throughout the Republic of Ireland, Northern Ireland and England. In addition to our scheduled training courses, we also offer private bespoke group bookings worldwide.

Our training courses will help you:

- ▶ Provide **career opportunities** and enhance your CV
- ▶ Building your **confidence and competence**
- ▶ Increase your educational assessment skills, in order to **plan appropriate interventions** for students
- ▶ Where application, **competent at interpreting test scores** and integrating those results with other information
- ▶ **Write reports** to communicate your understanding to others
- ▶ Understand and confidently **interpret reports** from other professionals
- ▶ Understand how tests are developed and standardised
- ▶ Analyse test manuals to decide if the test is reliable, valid and appropriate for your student

As of 2016, Éirim currently offers the following training courses:

- ▶ Access Arrangements Training (AAT)
- ▶ Access Arrangements Update and Refresher Training
- ▶ Bayley Scales of Infant and Toddler Development, Third Edition® (Bayley-III)
- ▶ Certificate in Educational Testing and Access Arrangements (CETAA)
- ▶ Certificate of Competence in Educational Testing (CCET)
- ▶ DARE information sessions
- ▶ RACE training
- ▶ Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children, Fifth Edition (WISC-V): training in administration, scoring and reporting
- ▶ Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children, Fifth Edition (WISC-V): overview of the new WISC-V

Subsequent sections offer more information regarding course descriptions, duration of course, location, prerequisites and qualifications earned.

Training Course Descriptions

Access Arrangements Training (AAT)

Description: The Access Arrangements Training (AAT) course enables teachers in the UK to meet the JCQ's criteria to practice as a Specialist Assessor writing access arrangements.

Duration: This is offered as a 2-day face-to-face course.

Location: UK only

Appropriate for: This course is most appropriate for teachers or special education needs co-ordinators (SENCo) in the UK that are processing access arrangements.

Prerequisites: A Certificate of Competence in Educational Training (CCET) is the prerequisite to take this course.

Coursework: Coursework and a formal assessment will be required for this training course.

Qualification earned:

- ▶ Upon successful completion of the Access Arrangements Training, course participants will receive a certificate of attendance. Only course participants who are also registered teachers and have completed the CCET will receive the Certificate in Educational Testing and Access Arrangements (CETAA)

“ *This course was very beneficial in helping to understand which test best fits what you are looking to assess. It builds confidence in the ability to write a report after testing a student. The course provided detailed explanations of all aspects connected to testing.* **”**

- Siobhan Hughes, SENCO, Secondary School

Access Arrangements Updates and Refresher Training

Description: The Access Arrangements Updates and Refresher Training walk educators through all of the changes made to the JCQ Access Arrangements for the current year and the changes to Access Arrangements Online (AAO). The course will comprise of discussion, case studies and completion of Forms 8's. There will also allow ample time for question and answers.

Duration: This is offered as a ½-day face-to-face course.

Location: UK only

Appropriate for: This course is most appropriate for teachers or special education needs co-ordinators (SENCo) in the UK that are processing access arrangements.

Prerequisites: There are no prerequisites to take this course.

Coursework: There will be no coursework required for this workshop.

Qualification earned: Course participants will receive a certificate of attendance upon completion of the Access Arrangements Updates and Refresher training.

“ *The course was very beneficial for Early Years services and will enable you to assess younger children to determine strengths and needs in their development at this stage.* ”

Bayley Scales of Infant and Toddler Development Third Edition (Bayley-III)

Description: This workshop will introduce course participants to the administration, scoring and interpretation of the Bayley Scales of Infant and Toddler Development (Third Edition). The Bayley-III identifies infant and toddler strengths and competencies as well as their weaknesses. Children are assessed in the five key developmental domains: cognition, language, social-emotional, motor and adaptive behaviour.

Duration: This is offered as a 2-day face-to-face workshop.

Location: Republic of Ireland and UK

Appropriate for: This workshop is most suitable for Paediatric and Neonatal Consultants and trainees, Community Paediatric trainees, psychologists, physiotherapists and occupational therapists.

Prerequisites: There is no prerequisite required to take this workshop. However, you must hold specific qualifications in order to administer the Bayley-III test.

Coursework: There will be no coursework required for this workshop.

Qualification earned: Course participants will receive a certificate of attendance upon completion of the Bayley-III workshop.

Certificate in Educational Testing and Access Arrangements (CETAA)

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| Description: | This is a combination of both the Certificate of Competence in Educational Testing (CCET) course and the Access Arrangements Training (AAT) course. The Joint Council for Qualification (JCQ) now requires postgraduate qualification in individual specialist assessment at or equivalent to a level 7 standard. Our Certificate in Educational Testing and Access Arrangements (CETAA) is equivalent to a level 7 postgraduate qualification in specialist assessment. |
| Duration: | The total duration of the course is 5 days face-to-face, comprised of the 3-day CCET training program followed by the 2-day AAT course at a later date. |
| Location: | UK only |
| Appropriate for: | Qualified teachers or SENCOs only. More specifically, this meets the JCQ regulations for teachers in Northern Ireland and England. |
| Prerequisites: | You must be a qualified teacher in order to obtain the Certificate in Educational Testing and Access Arrangements (CETAA). |
| Coursework: | Coursework, post-coursework and a formal assessment will be required for this training course. |
| Qualification earned: | Upon successful completion of both CCET and AAT courses, you will earn "Specialist Assessor" status according to the JCQ criteria. |

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Excellent! I have a much greater awareness of test selection and administration. I also have greater confidence in explaining the impact of these. ”

- 2015 Ballymena course attendee

“ *This course is a must! It has given me a thorough insight into the reliability of tests which I have used, will not now use and tests I will now buy.* ”

- Anon, September 2015 Ballymena course attendee

Certificate of Competence in Educational Testing (CCET)

Description: Accredited by the British Psychological Society (BPS), the Certificate of Competence in Educational Testing — Test User is an internationally recognised course, which is rapidly becoming a ‘must-have’ for individuals administering educational tests. This course will provide participants with background around how psychometric tests are created, how to use the assessments as well as interpret the results.

Duration: This is offered as a 4-day face-to-face course.

Location: Republic of Ireland and UK

Appropriate for: This course is relevant to anyone who works in education and/or who wants to understand and interpret tests. It is particularly suited to teachers, SNAs, SENOs, SENCos, learning support and research teachers, college disability officers or anyone working within the educational setting administering or interpreting psychometric or educational tests.

Prerequisites: There is no prerequisite required to take this course.

Coursework: Coursework, post-coursework and a formal assessment will be required for this training course.

Qualification earned: Upon successful completion of this course with Éirim, course participants will be awarded the Certificate of Competence in Educational Testing from the British Psychological Society.

DARE Information Sessions

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| Description: | This workshop addresses the strict regulations for the Disability Access Route to Education (DARE) applications in the Republic of Ireland. Completion of this course will enable teachers to confidently and competently make DARE applications and understand the process required for students. |
| Duration: | This is offered as a ½ -day face-to-face workshop. |
| Location: | Republic of Ireland only |
| Appropriate for: | Aimed at post-primary SEN teachers and/or guidance counsellors. |
| Prerequisites: | There is no prerequisite required to take this course. |
| Coursework: | There will be no coursework required for this workshop. |
| Qualification earned: | Workshop participants will received a certificate of attendance. |

“ *Rebecca did a wonderful job of taking all of us through the process, managing to convey all the relevant information concisely and thoroughly. The presentation acknowledged the relevant expertise of the audience while taking the time to tease out some of the trickier aspects of the new process.* **”**

- L. Dillon, December 2016, Donegal course attendee

RACE Training

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| Description: | This workshop addresses the strict regulations required to apply for Reasonable Accommodations in Certificate Exams (RACE) in the Republic of Ireland. Completion of this course will enable teachers to confidently and competently apply for reasonable accommodations. |
| Duration: | This is offered as a ½ -day face-to-face workshop. |
| Location: | Republic of Ireland only |
| Appropriate for: | Aimed at post-primary SEN teachers and/or guidance counsellors. This workshop is most suited for psychologists and teachers in the Republic of Ireland. |
| Prerequisites: | There is no prerequisite required to take this course. |
| Coursework: | There will be no coursework required for this workshop. |
| Qualification earned: | Workshop participants will receive a certificate of attendance upon completion of the RACE training course. |

Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children, Fifth Edition (WISC-V): training in administration, scoring and reporting

Description: The WISC-V is the newest in the series of the most widely used intelligence test for children (aged between 6-16 years old) in the world. This course introduces participants to the administration, scoring and interpretation of the WISC-V and includes an element of report writing. The course will also cover psychometric concepts such as reliability and validity and apply them to the WISC-V as well as covering theoretical dimensions of the test.

Duration: The total duration of the course is 3 days face-to-face, comprised of an initial 2-day session, with a 1-day in person follow up session.

Location: Republic of Ireland and UK

Appropriate for: Psychologists (of all domains) with postgraduate training.

Prerequisites: You must hold a qualification in psychology recognised by the Psychological Society of Ireland or the British Psychological Society in order to register for this course.

Coursework: Coursework and postcourse will be required for this training course.

Qualification earned: Upon successful completion of the WISC-V course, participants will receive a certificate of attendance.



Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children, Fifth Edition (WISC-V): overview of the new WISC-V

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| Description: | The WISC-V is the newest in the series of the most widely used intelligence test for children (aged between 6-16 years old) in the world. The course will cover: the fundamental changes between the WISC-IV and WISC-V; overview of the new subtests and administration; describe how the changes impact interpretation of results. |
| Duration: | This is offered as 1-day face-to-face training. |
| Location: | Republic of Ireland and UK |
| Appropriate for: | This one day course is suitable for Psychologists (of all domains) who are already experienced with the WISC-IV. |
| Prerequisites: | You must hold a qualification in psychology recognised by the Psychological Society of Ireland or the British Psychological Society in order to register for this course. |
| Coursework: | There will be no coursework required for this workshop. |
| Qualification earned: | Upon successful completion of the WISC-V course, participants will receive a certificate of attendance. |

“ *Extremely Useful, I feel anybody who is going to use the WISC-V should do a course such as this.*

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- Eithne Uí Chonail, Psychologist