Charities Regulator Requirements for Schools

(This guideline supersedes guideline P08 2023/2024 Charities Regulator Requirements for Schools)

1. Introduction

The Charities Act 2009 requires all boards of management to register their schools with the Charities Regulator and comply with certain reporting requirements annually.

2. Annual requirements

2.1 Review and Submit Annual Report

All charitable organisations are obliged to report on their financial activities to the Charities Regulator. To facilitate schools, the FSSU shares the required financial information with the Charities Regulator. This information is prepopulated in the Charities Regulator report form for your school. Schools must review the information to ensure it is correct by the 30th of June each year.

This is a legal requirement under the Charities Act 2009 and failure to file an Annual Report on time is an offence under the Act for the charity and its charity trustees.

For further information see the FSSU website here.

2.2 Updating board of management members details

When a new board of management commences their term of office or there have been changes to the board membership, these changes must be updated with the Charities Regulator to ensure the Register of Charities is up-to-date and accurate.

The following are the steps to update board of management member details:

- Log into the school's account on the Charities Regulator's website
- Scroll to the bottom of the page and click 'New Filing' in the 'My Charities' section
- Select the school and click 'Start'
- Select 'Maintain Trustees, Connections and External Advisors'
- Click 'Start' and 'Continue'
- Fill in details of new board members
- Delete the resigned board members
- Complete and submit your form to update your board members

The board should appoint an authorised filer to login to the schools Charities Regulator account via the online portal and submit reports and forms to the Charities Regulator to keep the Register of Charities up-to-date. This step by step guide directs you how to do this.

All members of the board of management must not be disqualified, under Section 55 of the Charities Act 2009 from being a trustee (board of management member) of a charitable organisation. This includes:

- is adjudicated bankrupt
- makes a composition or arrangement with creditors
- is convicted on indictment of an offence
- is sentenced to a term of imprisonment by a court of competent jurisdiction
- is the subject of an order under section 160 of the Companies Act 1990 or is prohibited, removed or suspended from being a trustee of a scheme under the Pensions Acts 1990 to 2008
- has been removed from the position of charity trustee of a charitable organisation by an order of the High Court under section 74

2.3 Verify your school details

It is very important that the Charities Regulator has the most up-to-date contact details for the school. The Charities Regulator has a Charity Details Verification form which the school can use, as a one stop solution for updating school details. The form pre-populates the contact details currently on record for a school. The details can be amended on the form if they are incorrect and it will update the CRA records automatically. This can be done as follows:

- Log into the school’s account on the Charities Regulator’s website
- Scroll to the bottom of the page and click ‘New Filing’ in the ‘My Charities’ section
- On the right-hand side, click ‘Existing Charity’ at the top
- Select the school and click ‘Start’
- Select ‘Charity Details Verification’
- Click ‘Start’ and ‘Continue’
- Amend incorrect details
- Complete and submit the form

2.4 Communication from the Charities Regulator

Please note that all correspondence to and from the Charities Regulator in relation to the school must be conducted through the ‘Messages’ option in MyAccount. Therefore, schools are required to log in regularly to check for messages and updates.

3. New schools that have not yet registered with the Charities Regulator

If there has been an amalgamation, the board of each individual school must de-register. The webpage Updating the Register directs you how to do this.

Schools that have not registered with the Charities Regulator should register without further delay. Click on Create a New User Account on the 'MyAccount' sign in page to create a customer account.

Click here for the Registration User Guide.

You must be logged into MyAccount to submit your school's Registration Application.

On receipt of the Registered Charity Number (RCN), the board should ensure that this number is shown on the school website, any fundraising material and is also included on the headed paper of the school.

If the board avails of the Charitable Donations Scheme, the RCN will be required by Revenue.

Further information or clarification on any of the issues raised in this Guideline can be obtained from the FSSU.

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Riachtanais an Rialálaí Carthanas do Scoileanna

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1. Réamhrá

Éilíonn an tAcht Charthanas 2009 ar gach bord bainistíochta a scoileanna a chlárú leis an Rialálaí Carthanas agus ceanglais tuairiscithe áirithe a chomhlíonadh gach bliain.

2. Ceanglais bhliantúla

2.1 Tuarascáil Bhliantúil a Athbhreithniú agus a Chur Isteach

Tá dualgas ar gach eagraíocht charthanachta tuairisc a thabhairt ar a gníomhaíochtaí airgeadais don Rialálaí Carthanas. Roinneann an FSSU an fhaisnéis airgeadais riachtanach leis an Rialálaí Carthanas, lena éascú do scoileanna an tuairisciú sin a dhéanamh. Cuirtear an fhaisnéis sin i bhfoirm an Rialálaí Charthanais don tuarascáil bhliantúil le haghaidh do scoile. Ní mór do scoileanna athbhreithniú a dhéanamh ar an bhfaisnéis sin chun a chinntiú go bhfuil sí ceart faoin 30 Meitheamh gach bliain.

Is ceanglas dlíthiúil é seo faoin Acht Carthanas 2009, agus is cion é don charthanas agus dá hiontaobhaithe carthanais gan Tuarascáil Bhliantúil a chomhdú in am faoin Acht sin.

Chun tuilleadh eolais a fháil féach suíomh gréasáin FSSU anseo.

2.2 Sonraí Chomhaltaí an Bhoird Bainistíochta a nuashonrú

Nuair a thosaíonn bord bainistíochta nua a théarma oifige nó sa chás go ndearnadh athruithe ar chomhaltacht an bhoird, ní mór na hathruithe sin a nuashonrú leis an Rialálaí Carthanas chun a chinntiú go bhfuil Clár na gCarthanas cothrom le dáta agus cruinn.
Seo a leanas na céimeanna a theastaíonn chun sonraí chomhaltaí an bhoird bainistíochta a nuashonrú:

- Logáil isteach i gcuntas na scoile ar shuíomh gréasáin an Rialálaí Carthanas
- Scrolláil go bun an leathanaigh agus cliceáil ar ‘Comhdú Nua’ sa rannán ‘Mo Charthanais’
- Ar thaobh na láimhe deise, cliceáil ar ‘Carthanas Reatha’ ag an mbarr
- Roghnaigh an scoil agus cliceáil ‘Tosaigh’
- Roghnaigh ‘Iontaobhaithe, Naisc agus Comhairleoirí Seachtracha a Choimeád’

- Cliceáil 'Tosaigh' agus 'Lean ar aghaidh'
- Líon isteach sonraí Comhaltaí Boird nua
- Scrios sonraí na gComhaltaí Boird a d'éirigh as
- Déan d'fhoirm a chomhlánú agus a chur isteach chun nuashonrú a dhéanamh ar do chomhaltaí boird

Ba cheart don bhord comhdaitheoir údaraithe a cheapadh chun logáil isteach i gcuntas an Rialálaí Carthanas scoile tríd an tairseach ar líne agus tuairiscí agus foirmeacha a chur faoi bhráid an Rialálaí Carthanas chun Clár na gCarthanas a choinneáil cothrom le dáta. Treoraíonn an treoir céim ar chéim seo duit conas é seo a dhéanamh.

I gcás chomhaltaí uile an Bhoird Bhainistíochta, ní cóir go mbeidís dícháilithe, faoi Alt 55 den Acht Carthanas 2009, ó bheith ina n-iontaobhaithe (Comhalta Boird Bainistíochta) de chumann carthanachta. Áirítear leis sin:

- go mbreithneofar ina fhéimheach nó ina féimheach é nó í
- go ndéanfaidh sé nó sí imshocraíocht nó comhshocraíocht le creidiúnaithe
- go gciontófar é nó í ar díotáil i gcion
- go gcuirfidh cúirt dlínse inniúla téarma príosúnachta air nó uirthi
- go ndéanfar ordú ina thaobh nó ina taobh faoi alt 160 d'Acht na gCuideachtaí 1990 nó go dtoirmiscfear, go mbrisfear nó go bhfionrófar é nó í ó bheith ina iontaobhaí nó ina hiontaobhaí ar scéim faoi na hAchtanna Pinsean 1990 go 2008
- go mbeifear tar éis é nó í a bhriseadh as post iontaobhaí carthanais de chuid eagraíochta carthanúla le hordú ón Ard-Chúirt faoi alt 74

2.3 Sonraí do scoile a fhíorú

Tá sé an-tábhachtach go mbeadh na sonraí teagmhála is déanaí ag an Rialálaí Carthanas don scoil. Tá foirm um Fhíorú Sonraí na gCarthanas ag an Rialálaí Carthanas ar féidir leis an scoil í a úsáid, mar réiteach ilfhreastail chun sonraí scoile a nuashonrú. Réamhlíonann an fhoirm na sonraí teagmhála reatha atá ar taifead ag scoil. Is féidir na sonraí a leasú ar an bhfoirm má tá siad mícheart agus déanfaidh sé na taifid URC a nuashonrú go huathoibríoch. Is féidir é seo a dhéanamh mar seo a leanas:

Logáil isteach i gcuntas na scoile ar shuíomh gréasáin an Rialálaí Carthanas.

- Scrolláil go bun an leathanaigh agus cliceáil ar 'Comhdú Nua' sa rannán 'Mo Charthanais'
- Ar thaobh na láimhe deise, cliceáil ar 'Carthanas Reatha' ag an mbarr
- Roghnaigh an scoil agus cliceáil 'Tosaigh'
- Roghnaigh 'Fíorú Sonraí Carthanais'
- Cliceáil 'Tosaigh' agus 'Lean ar aghaidh'
- Déan aon sonraí míchearta a leasú.
- Déan an fhoirm a chomhlánú agus í a chur isteach

2.4 Cumarsáid ón Rialálaí Carthanas

Tabhair faoi deara nach mór gach comhfhreagras leis an Rialálaí Carthanas maidir leis an scoil a dhéanamh tríd an rogha 'Teachtaireachtaí' i MoChuntas. Dá bhrí sin, tá ar scoileanna logáil isteach go rialta le seiceáil le haghaidh teachtaireachtaí agus faisnéis nuashonraithe.

3. Scoileanna nua nó scoileanna nach bhfuil cláraithe fós leis an Rialálaí Carthanas

Má bhíonn cónascadh ann, ní mór do bhord gach scoile aonair díchlárú. Treoraíonn an leathanach Gréasáin Uasdátú an Chláir conas é seo a dhéanamh.

Ba cheart do scoileanna nach bhfuil tar éis clárú leis an Rialálaí Carthanas é a dhéanamh gan a thuilleadh moille. Cliceáil ar Cruthaigh Cuntas Úsáideora Nua ar an leathanach iontrála 'MoChuntas', chun cuntas custaiméara a chruthú.

Cliceáil anseo don Treoir d'Úsáideoirí maidir le Clárúchán.

Ní mór duit a bheith logáilte isteach i MoChuntas chun d'Iarratas ar Chlárúchán le haghaidh do scoile a chur isteach.

Ar an Uimhir Charthanais Chláraithe (RCN) a fháil, ba cheart don bhord a chinntiú go dtaispeántar an uimhir seo ar shuíomh gréasáin na scoile, ar aon ábhar tiomsú airgid agus ar pháipéar ceannteidil na scoile.

Má bhaineann an bord leas as Scéim um Thabhartais Carthanúla, beidh an RCN ag teastáil ó na Coimisinéirí Ioncaim.

Is féidir tuilleadh eolais nó soiléiriú a fháil ar aon cheann de na saincheisteanna sa Treoirlíne seo trí theagmháil a dhéanamh leis an FSSU.

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