

ENROLMENT SCHEME FAQs

Q. If I **do not live in zone** for the school I would like my child to go to, can I still somehow get in?

A. If the school has spare spaces available, they may decide to hold a ballot for out of zone students. In this instance you will need to get in contact with the school to see if they are holding a ballot.

NB. Secondary/Intermediate School ballots have already been and gone in most cases – check with school.

Q. If I **live in zone**, does a school have to accept my child?

A. Yes, if you genuinely live in zone and are able to provide evidence of this to the school.

Q. If I **live in zone** for a school, do I have to go to that school?

A. No

Q. If I live one street **out of zone**, can I still attend?

A. If it is not in zone, then no you do not have automatic right of enrolment.

Q. My grandchildren/nieces/nephews/whanau are coming to live with me; can they attend my local school?

A. If your local school does not have a zone, then they will be able to attend without any problems. If your local school does have a home zone and you live within that zone, you will need to provide evidence to the school that you have **primary duty of care** for that child and you both do indeed live in zone.

NB. Addresses of convenience are not acceptable. If your address is temporary or false, you may have your enrolment annulled.

Q. My child attends a school with a zone; I now have to move to a new address which is not in zone for that particular school. What should I do?

A. **If you have started at the school**, you will need to inform the school that you have to move, there should not be a problem if the school feels that the enrolment is genuine. If however, the school believes you have used a temporary address to gain access to the school, they may decide to annul the enrolment.

If you have not yet started at the school, you can not attend that school. You will need to enrol at your new local school

Q. How does a ballot work?

A. You will need to check with the school to see if they are holding a ballot, if so, you will need to put you child's name forward. Out of zone students who apply for enrolment at the school must be accepted in the following order of priority:

- (a) students accepted for enrolment in a special programme run by the school;
- (b) brothers and sisters of current students
- (c) brothers and sisters of former students
- (d) children of a former students of the school
- (e) children of board employees and board members children
- (f) all other students.

Still have an unanswered question? Call your local Ministry of Education office. Ph 632 9400