



Comhairle Contae Chiarraí
Kerry County Council

Signage Policy

Kerry Local Authorities Signage Policy regarding the Irish Language

The following Road Signage Policy is being implemented by Kerry County Council's since 1st February 2009.

All new Council Road Signage shall be bi-lingual including...

1. Directional Signage
2. Temporary Road Signage indicating Road Works unless symbols only used.
3. Public Tourist and all welcome Signs erected by Kerry County Council.
4. Gaeltacht Signage, excluding Placenames which will be in accordance with the 2004 Gaeltacht Placenames Order
5. Non-compliant Road Signage in English only to be corrected to bilingual format

1. Directional Signage

In line with the Gaeltacht Placenames Order 2004 and the Traffic Signs Manual, place-names on information signs will be in both Irish and English, **except on Gaeltacht signage, where Placenames will be shown in Irish only**, and where the spelling of a place-name is similar in both languages, the Irish form of the name should only be shown.

2. Temporary Road Signage (including Warning Signs & Road Works Signs)

- In line with the Traffic Signs Manual it is the Council's policy to use 'Symbol without Text' on all Temporary Road Signage.
- Companies carrying out work on behalf of Kerry County Council will be instructed at the point of contract to comply with the Council's signage policy.



- Where 'Symbol Only' signs are not possible, i.e. where there is a danger that the impact of the message would be diluted by including both official languages on a sign, separate signs may be used but only in conjunction with each other, as stated in the Traffic Signs Manual.

3. Public Tourist and all welcome Signs erected by Kerry County Council.



4. Gaeltacht Signage

In line with our County Development Plan and New Scéim Gaeilge, Irish will be the dominant wording on Gaeltacht Signage... i.e. that upper case lettering be used for IRISH, and upper and lower case in italics for *English*, on all new bi-lingual advisory signage within the Gaeltacht.

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In cases where only one Placename is in use on Gaeltacht signage, upper case lettering will be used on all new signage.

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There is no change in the policy for Temporary Road Signage (see Policy Point 2 above).

5. Incorrect Road Signage

In accordance with the Traffic Signs Manual, the Official Languages Act 2003 and our Scéim Gaeilge, Kerry County Council will correct any non-compliant Irish Signage within a 6 month period from when the Local Area Engineer is notified by a member of the public, An Coimisinéir Teangan or Oifig na Gaeilge.

In accordance with New Regulations which came into being on the 1st March 2009 under the Official Languages Act 2003 all non-compliant Road Signage in English only will be corrected to bilingual format by 1st March 2013.