



**Rialtas na hÉireann**  
Government of Ireland



**Comhairle Contae  
an Chabháin**  
Cavan  
County Council

# Application Form for a Certificate of Exemption to keep an XL Bully type dog in Ireland

Use this form to apply for a lifetime Certificate of Exemption for an XL Bully type dog.

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## Purpose of Application being submitted

- (a) First Time Application
- (b) Application for Change of Address
- (c) Application for Change of Owner due to Death or Incapacitation of Owner with a Certificate of Exemption for the Dog listed below

If you are applying for a new Certificate of Exemption due to Change of Address or Change of Owner due to Death or Incapacitation of Owner with a Certificate of Exemption for Dog listed below, please enter the existing Certificate of Exemption Reference Number below:

## Your details

Name of Owner

Address

Eircode

Are you resident in the Republic of Ireland?

Yes

No

Date of birth of applicant

Use DD/MM/YYYY format

Phone number

Email address of owner (optional)

## Dog details

<b>Name of Dog</b>	<b>Date of Birth of Dog</b> (Estimate the date if it is not known)	<b>Colour of Dog</b>	<b>Sex of Dog</b> (Male or female)	<b>Is your Dog Neutered</b> (Yes or no)	<b>Microchip Number</b>	<b>Dog Licence Number</b>	<b>Name &amp; Address of your Veterinary Surgeon/Practitioner</b>

## Declaration

I am making this application as the registered owner of an XL Bully type dog.

1. I understand the requirements listed under *the 'Certificate of Exemption requirements'* as set out in *the 'Guidelines for Completing the Application Form for a Certificate of Exemption to keep an XL Bully type dog in Ireland'* must be complied with throughout the lifetime of the dog, or by the date specified in the condition, for the dog to remain exempted.
2. I understand that failure to comply with any of the requirements referred to in 1 above may result in the seizure of the dog by an Authorised Officer (i.e. Dog Warden or member of An Garda Síochána) and that the dog may be destroyed in a humane manner by a registered Veterinary Surgeon/Practitioner.
3. I understand that it is a criminal offence to keep a dog of this type after 31 January 2025, without having made a valid application for a Certificate of Exemption. This may result in the seizure of the dog by an Authorised Officer (i.e. Dog Warden or member of An Garda Síochána) with subsequent arrangements for euthanasia by a Veterinary Surgeon/Practitioner.
4. I undertake to ensure that the dog is accommodated in a premises that is secure, appropriate to its welfare and in such a manner as to prevent the dog's escape.
5. I understand that it is my responsibility as the dog owner to ensure that I am compliant with all other relevant legislation relating to the ownership of the dog.
6. I understand that it is illegal to do any of the following in relation to the dog:
  - i. breed from the dog
  - ii. sell or exchange the dog
  - iii. advertise or expose the dog for sale, give the dog as a gift, or advertise the dog as a gift
  - iv. abandon the dog or allow the dog to stray
  - v. Fail to keep the dog muzzled in a public place
  - vi. Fail to keep the dog on a lead in a public place
  - vii. Fail to keep the dog in appropriate and secure accommodation

I consent that Cavan County Council processing this application for Certificate of Exemption will collect and process a certain amount of my personal data in order to process this application. This data will be handled, stored and processed in accordance with [Data Protection Policy - Cavan](#)



General Privacy  
Statement - Cavan Co

[County Council \(cavancoco.ie\)](http://cavancoco.ie)

I acknowledge that providing false details or failing to comply with the Certificate of Exemption requirements will invalidate the Certificate. In such cases, I may face prosecution, and the dog mentioned in this application may be seized and subsequently destroyed in a humane manner.

**Signature of Applicant**

**Name of Applicant (Block Capitals)**

**Date of signature**

**Check List of Documents attached**

- Copy of valid Dog Licence
- Copy of Microchipping Certificate
- Copy of Confirmation of Neutering Status Form
- Photographic Proof of Identity (Copy of Passport, Drivers Licence, public services card etc.)
- Proof of Address ( Copy of Utility Bill or bank statement within previous 3 months etc.)