

D/05/2024

Decision of The Certification Officer for Northern Ireland

In the matter of an application pursuant to Article 5 of The Industrial Relations (Northern Ireland) Order 1992 ('the 1992 Order')

Date of Decision:

17 October 2024

DECISION

Mr Dan O'Donoghue (the Applicant) requested that the Representation for Teachers (Temporary) Union, (RTTU), be entered in the list of trade unions under Article 5 of the 1992 Order.

This application is dismissed upon withdrawal by the Applicant.

REASONS

1. On 5 April 2024, the Applicant applied to have the RTTU entered in the list of trade unions pursuant to Article 5 (4) of the 1992 Order.
2. Following an exchange of correspondence, I met with the Applicant on 25 July 2024 to seek further clarification on the RTTU's operations and to provide him with an understanding of the definition and status of a trade union as set out in Article 3 (1) of the 1992 Order.
3. I commend the Applicant for his candour and good humour throughout the meeting even though at the outset of the meeting I had indicated that there would appear to be no basis for me to accede to his request to have RTTU entered in the list of trade unions.

4. In closing the meeting, I agreed to provide relevant case law that would have underpinned my decision if the Applicant had insisted on the case being determined.

Tom Evans OBE

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T Evans', with a stylized flourish above the 'E'.

Certification Officer for Northern Ireland