**Post-Primary - Pupil Teacher Ratio**

The actual pupil teacher ratio is differentiated from the allocation ratio which is currently 19:1.

The allocation ratio does not make allowance for the significant number of posts provided to areas such as Special Education Needs, Guidance Provision or the numbers of Principals or Deputy Principals in the system. Nor does it take account of concessionary posts such as curricular concessions and provision for English as an Additional Language (EAL).

The actual pupil teacher ratio (12.5:1 for the 2022/23 school year) is therefore considered to be the more accurate and correct guide to provision at second level.

**Table B – History of PTR in Post Primary schools**

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| **Pupil Teacher Ratio (Appointment) at Second Level for Allocation Purposes from 1970** |
| **Year** | **Free Scheme** | **Fee Charging** | **DEIS** |
| 1970 | 15:1 |  |  |
| 1972 | 20:1 |  |  |
| 1977 | 19:1 |  |  |
| 1983 | 20:1 |  |  |
| 1988 | 20:1 |  |  |
| 1991 | 19.5:1 |  |  |
| 1992 | 19.25:1 |  |  |
| 1993 | 19:1 |  |  |
| 2000 | 18:1 |  |  |
| 2006 | 18:1 | 18:1 |  |
| 2009 | 19:1 | 20:1 |  |
| 2011 | 19:1 | 20:1 |  |
| 2012 | 19:1 | 21:1 | 18.25:1 |
| 2013 | 19:1 | 23:1 | 18.25:1 |
| 2016 | 18.7:1 | 23:1 | 17.95:1 |
| 2017 | 19:1 | 23:1 | 19:1 |
| 2023 | 19:1 | 23:1 | 19:1 |