

RIGHT OF REPLY

Where a person is of the opinion that his or her reputation has been impugned by an assertion of incorrect facts or information, s/he is entitled to seek a right of reply.

Section 49 of the *Broadcasting Act 2009* provides for a right of reply in specific circumstances. A person who wishes to exercise this right should contact Radio Maria Ireland's Co-ordinator, by letter or email, at:

Co-ordinator
Unit 8
St Anthony's Business Park
Ballymount Road
Dublin 22

Email: info@radiomaria.ie

Making a right-of-reply request

- The right-of-reply request must be made within 21 days of the broadcast.
- The request should contain sufficient information to enable the identification of the broadcast where the incorrect facts or information are alleged to have occurred.
- Radio Maria Ireland must, within ten days, decide whether to grant the request or refuse it. If the decision is to grant the right of reply, an agreement must be reached with the requester in regard to the form of the right of reply.
- If Radio Maria Ireland's decision is to refuse the request for a right of reply, or if there is disagreement about the form of the right of reply, there is an appeal mechanism available to the requester.

The appeal should be made to the Broadcasting Authority of Ireland by letter or email, to:

Compliance Committee,
Broadcasting Authority of Ireland
2-5, Warrington Place,
Dublin 2

Email: complaints@bai.ie

The appeal should be made within 21 days of receipt of the refusal to grant a right of reply. If the BAI decides that a right of reply should be broadcast, it has the power to order Radio Maria Ireland to broadcast it. The BAI also has the power to determine the form a right of reply should take.