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Guidance for Schools on Leaving Certificate Results, Viewing and Appeals 2026



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To the Boards of Management /Authorities of Second Level Schools

a. Leaving Certificate Results, Viewing, and Appeals 2026 - Introduction

The 2026 Leaving Certificate provisional results will be available to candidates from 10 AM Friday 21 August through the Candidate Self Service Portal (CSSP). Schools will also have access to the results through the Schools Portal from 10 AM on Results Day.

The purpose of this circular is to provide you with comprehensive information about the arrangements for the issue of the results and all of the post result services which follow. This is an important document which you should keep safe in order to refer to it over the coming days and weeks.

The State Examinations Commission (SEC) offers its sincere thanks to principals, deputy-principals, teachers, SNAs, school secretaries, caretakers, and all other school staff for their efforts in supporting candidates in taking their 2026 Leaving Certificate examinations. As we near this final stage of the 2026 Leaving Certificate, the SEC is seeking your further assistance to ensure that candidates are supported in receiving and understanding their provisional results and in making decisions about their results in the days ahead.

In relation to the Leaving Certificate appeals, details of which are provided later in this document, we are planning to issue the appeal results on **Friday 25 September**. The SEC is unlikely to be able to deliver the appeal results in this timeframe without support from school management, including allowing teachers who are engaged as appeal examiners to be released from school for this purpose. We appreciate that this places a further burden on schools in relation to the appeals and we are grateful for your support in this regard.

Details will issue from the SEC in due course on the arrangements for the release of **the 2026 Junior Cycle Results although we expect that the results date will be in line with last year.**

b. Key Dates

Service	Schools	Candidate Self Service Portal (CSSP)
Leaving Certificate Results	Schools Portal 10 AM Friday 21 August - Matrix report in PDF - Matrix report in CSV - Printable PDFs of the Statements of Provisional results.	10 AM Friday 21 August
Access to Data – Candidates will see their marks including for each component and the post marking adjustment.		12 Noon Tuesday 25 August
Application to View Scripts		LC Online Application Opens: 5 PM Tuesday 25 August Closes: 8 PM Wednesday 26 August The LCA application to view scripts will be via email. The same timeline will apply.
Viewing of Scripts	Manually Marked Scripts Candidates will be assigned to one of two three-hour sessions on Saturday 29 August; Session 1. 9.30 AM – 12.30PM Session 2. 2PM – 5 PM	Online Marked Scripts * Online access to view over the 24-hour period; 9 AM Saturday 29 August to 9 AM Sunday 30 August.
Application to Appeal		LC Online Application and Payment Opens: 10 AM Sunday 30 August Closes: 5 PM Monday 31 August
Appeals Results	Schools Portal -11AM Friday 25 September	**CSSP – 11AM Friday 25 September.

* There are some exceptions which will be detailed in *Candidate Information Guide 2: A Guide to Results and Appeals*, Section 7 – ‘The viewing of examinations scripts facility’.

**The appeal results issue date is provisional until such time as the number of appeals is known.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON THE KEY DATES TABLE

- The facility to view examination scripts is provided free of charge.
- The fee to appeal a result is €40 per subject for Leaving Certificate and €15.50 per subject for Leaving Certificate applied. The fee is refunded in the case of a successful appeal.
- To provide for the earliest possible issue of the appeal results, the timelines for candidates to apply to view scripts and to lodge their appeal applications are very short. To ensure that the remaining stages of the appeals process can be completed as quickly as possible, the deadlines will be strictly applied.
- Candidates should take note of these dates.
- Schools are also asked to alert candidates to the timeframes in order that candidates do not miss the opportunity to apply to view their scripts or to make an application to appeal.
- The SEC will not accept late applications for viewing or for appeals.**

Part A – Before Results Day

c. Contact with schools in relation to unregistered candidates

Commencing on Wednesday 12 August we will be in contact with any school in which there are candidates who have not yet registered on the Candidate Self Service Portal or who did not fully complete their registration.

d. Arrangements for access to the Schools Portal.

The principal is responsible for accessing the results on the Schools Portal. Access to the results will be gained using the log in credentials provided to the principal. Principal passwords will be reissued via post the week commencing Monday 17 August 2026.

e. Further Information for Candidates

All candidates registered on the Candidate Self Service Portal will receive a copy of the *Candidate Information Guide 2 - Results and Appeals* which will issue by email from the SEC on Wednesday 19 August. It sets out details of the SEC's policies and procedures in relation to all aspects of the Leaving Certificate results and appeals. This Guide will also be published on the SEC's website www.examinations.ie and we will arrange for a link to be emailed to your school.

f. Nominations for the position of Organising Superintendent (Viewing of Scripts)

The SEC issued an email to schools on 24 July requesting nominations for the post of Organising Superintendent for the viewing of manually marked scripts in schools. If you have yet to return your nomination you are asked to do so not later than the closing date to return nominations of Friday 14 August.

Part B – Results Day

g. Arrangements for Access to Results

7.1. Candidate Self Service Portal

All Leaving Certificate candidates will have access to their provisional Leaving Certificate results on the Candidate Self Service Portal from 10 AM on Friday 21 August. Candidates can view their results and will also be able to print a statement of their provisional results.

Leaving Certificate candidates will see an asterisk on the portal against any result where they have been marked absent for a component. This is explained in further detail in the Supplementary Report section at 7.3 below.

This does not apply to Leaving Certificate Applied Candidates. The SEC will continue to provide LCA Supplementary Reports in hard copy by post to the school.

7.2. Schools Portal

The SEC's Schools Portal will open at 10 AM on Friday 21 August to provide schools with their results in electronic format. Schools can access the portal at <https://schools.examinations.ie/>. See section A.4 above regarding arrangements for access to the Portal.

Schools will have access to the following:

- A **tabular report in PDF format** showing examination results for each candidate.
- This **report in CSV format** which we are advised can be imported into the school's content management systems for analysis.
- A digital file of the **individual Statements of Provisional Results** in PDF format for all of the candidates in the school. (Candidates can access their Statement of Provisional Results on an individual basis through the Candidate Self Service Portal). Schools are not obliged to print the statements for candidates noting that many candidates will already have obtained their own copy. Schools can print the Provisional Statements of Results, individually or as a batch, by opening the PDF file to
 - print individually by selecting page
 - print all statements of results in file by selecting the Print all option.

NB: If arrangements are made for printing in the schools, collectively or individually, then extreme care should be taken in maintaining the privacy and security of candidate data.

- The traditional **Supplementary Reports** for individual candidates which used to issue in hard copy by post to schools have been provided digitally since 2024. Details of the supplementary reports on results for all candidates in your school will be presented in report format at the end of PDF tabular report of results. (See 7.3 below)

Schools authorities should note not to expect any postal results mailing for the Leaving Certificate (incl. LCVP) programme this year.

Certain documentation will continue to issue in hard copy in relation to the Leaving Certificate Applied programme (see details below).

7.3. Action Needed on Results - Supplementary Report Indicators

Schools Portal

A Supplementary Report on a result indicates that there is some aspect of the result that was not typical in the processing of the results by the SEC. Traditionally, until and including 2023, we provided these reports to schools in hard copy. However, following feedback received from school authorities, in light of the digital issue of results to candidates and schools, we have arranged to provide this report as part of the PDF Results Report on the Schools Portal. On receipt of the results, school authorities must check the Supplementary Report indicators to ensure all information is correct and accurate. If there are no Supplementary Report indicators on the results for the school, a Nil Report will be presented.

While a Supplementary Report does indicate that the processing of the result was not typical, it does not mean that there is necessarily something wrong with the result or any action required of the school authority. In most cases we will already have been in contact with schools in relation to specific results which will then be the subject of a Supplementary Report indicator when the results issue.

The reasons where these reports might occur are as follows:

- i. Candidate confirmed absent - Candidate has been marked absent for one or more mandatory component in a multi-component subject.
- ii. Assessor's mark used for this component – The examination session was incomplete

and the SEC assessed a result in this component based on other available information.

- iii. Invalid Practical coursework – The coursework has been deemed invalid as could not be authenticated by the school authority.
- iv. Extrapolated mark - In cases where a candidate has an exemption for a subject under the RACE scheme then the marks in the subject will have been extrapolated from the other components -

Action is required by the school authority if the information indicated by the Supplementary Report conflicts with the position known to the school and candidate (e.g., the candidate was present and submitted work where an absence is attributed.) In such cases, the SEC should be contacted immediately by the School Principal or their representative on the Helpline Number (see Section 9 below). The SEC will only take queries from schools and not from individual candidates or parents/guardians. School authorities should also contact the SEC immediately if there is no result for a candidate in a subject in which they expected to see a result (i.e. the candidate sat the examination and the result has not been withheld by the SEC).

7.4 Seeking Rectification outside the Examinations Appeals Process (ROAP)

If you or a candidate are concerned that there is a discrepancy between the mark awarded by the examiner and the grade awarded, taking into account the PMA, you should in the first instance inform the candidate to refer to the *Candidate Information Guide 3 - Understanding Your Examination Results*.

The post-marking adjustment is not included in, or shown on, the Candidate Marks Report or Summary Sheet; it is only visible on the Candidate Self Service Portal. Therefore, this discrepancy should be taken into account by you or the candidate, before seeking the process of Rectification Outside the Appeals Process (ROAP).

If you or the candidate still consider that there is a clear discrepancy between the mark assigned and the grade awarded, taking into account the PMA, they may, in certain limited circumstances, be able to access the process of Rectification Outside the Appeals Process.

The SEC operates this facility, of seeking rectification outside of the appeals process, for the purpose of addressing the instance listed below;

The SEC will allow school authorities to report perceived discrepancies in the results or in the component marks in the following specific circumstances:

- a. a result issuing at a level which was not taken by the candidate

- b.** no mark being assigned for subject or a component which was taken by the candidate/submitted to the SEC.

NB. See section 5, page 7 of Candidate Information Guide 2 Results & Appeals. The SEC will only accept reports of this type of issue from school authorities and not directly from candidates. This issue may need to be reported directly to the SEC. We will then provide a form for school authorities to complete.

If the discrepancy falls onto one of the following categories you may be able to access ROAP to have this reviewed outside of the appeals process;

- c.** in scripts which were manually marked, an error was made in transcribing the overall mark from the front of the answer book to the marking sheet

or

- d.** in scripts which were manually marked, an error was made in keying the mark from the marking sheet onto the examinations database
- e.** you or the candidate believe that material from another candidate has been incorrectly matched to your examination number .

If at the viewing of scripts the candidate believes that one of these circumstances applies in their case, an application to the SEC for consideration for rectification outside of the appeals process can be made.

Candidate Self Service Portal

On Results Day, candidates will see an asterisk on the CSSP against a result in a subject with more than one mandatory component if the grade in that subject is not based on marks from each mandatory component. The asterisk indicates that the SEC has recorded that the candidate was absent for one or more of these components. Candidates have been advised to contact their school if they have any concerns in relation to a result accompanied by an asterisk.

On Tuesday 25 August, when candidates have access to Component marks on the CSSP, they will see more detailed information about their results and will see the indicators provided to schools in Supplementary Reports see page 7. Again, candidates have been asked to contact their school if they have any concerns about their results.

Leaving Certificate Applied Candidates

The Results report, Supplementary reports and Results circular will continue to issue to schools by post in respect of Leaving Certificate Applied (LCA) candidates. LCA candidates will

not see any indicators on their results on the CSSP. Please ensure to check all supplementary report indicators whether they issue to you digitally through the Schools Portal or in hard copy and to report any problems to the SEC.

7.5. Annotations

Where our records indicate that a candidate has been granted access to the scheme of Reasonable Accommodations for the 2026 certificate examinations we will have issued a decision letter as certain access arrangements change the underlying basis of assessment and so can give rise to annotations on the results. Please note at this time that the Statement of Provisional Results, which candidates can print from the candidate self-service portal, does not include these annotations. We can also advise that the SEC does not provide these details to the CAO. Any annotation to be applied may be included on Final Certificates.

8. Understanding the Results

8.1. Leaving Certificate Grading System

The Leaving Certificate grading system is a 1 to 8 numeric system. A reference guide is presented in Appendix A.

8.2. Post Marking Adjustment

Each year from 2022 to 2024, the SEC applied a post-marking adjustment to the results from the Leaving Certificate marking process to ensure that the results each year were no lower on the aggregate than the preceding year.

Beginning with the 2025 Leaving Certificate, the SEC was asked by the Department of Education to implement a gradual return to normal Leaving Certificate outcomes. A commitment was made that this process would minimise the impact on candidates to the greatest possible degree and that there would be no cliff-edge in terms of a return to pre-pandemic outcomes. Ultimately, the Leaving Certificate system will gradually return to results arrived through the examinations marking process only, without the need for any statistical intervention.

As part of this measured approach, the level of post-marking adjustment applied in 2025 was slightly reduced compared to previous years and the overall 2025 results were broadly midway between 2020 and 2021 levels.

For the 2026 Leaving Certificate, the SEC is again applying a post-marking adjustment to the results. After the marks for all examination components are marked and combined, further marks are added on to the total mark before the grade is calculated. This year's adjustment

has been formulated so that the overall Leaving Certificate results in the aggregate are close to 2020 levels. While the level of the post marking adjustment has been reduced compared to 2025 and previous years, the 2026 adjustment has been calibrated to meet the Minister's commitments to a gradual return to normal while minimising the impact on candidates in so far as possible.

Individual candidates will be able to see how many extra marks they got in each subject under this adjustment when component marks and overall marks become available on the Candidate Self Service Portal on Tuesday, 25 August. (Because the total number of marks for the examination is different for different subjects, with some being marked out of 600, others out of 400, and so on, the number of marks added on in the post-marking adjustment will vary across subjects to reflect this).

Further information about the application of the post-marking adjustment to the 2026 Leaving Certificate results will be published by the SEC on Monday 24 August 2026.

9. Helplines

9.1. Schools Helpline

The SEC has established a helpline for schools for the 2026 Leaving Certificate.

The number is available **1800 520 540** and it will operate **9 AM to 5 PM from Friday 21 August to Monday 31 August**.

This line will deal exclusively with post result issue enquiries from school authorities. The line is not linked to the switchboard and should only be used for queries on the Leaving Certificate results. If you call the number for any other reason it will not be possible to transfer your call to any other section within the SEC.

For this service to operate effectively it is essential that the free-phone number is made available only to bona fide representatives of the school for their use on matters related to the issue of the Leaving Certificate results alone.

9.2. Candidate Helpline

A separate SEC Candidate helpline will be available at **1800 111 135** or **1800 111 136** from **9 AM to 5 PM from 21 August to 31 August** including the weekend. Outside of these hours queries may be e-mailed to candidateportal@examinations.ie. Please note this helpline is provided for queries relating to the Candidate Self Service Portal and the services provided through that portal.

Candidates have been advised that they should contact their school if they wish to schedule a visit to meet with members of the Student Support Team such as Guidance Counsellors, Year Heads, Tutors and Chaplains.

10. Supporting candidates receiving results

Schools have always provided an important role in offering guidance and support to Leaving Certificate and Leaving Certificate Applied candidates on results day. It is recognised that for the Leaving Certificate class of 2026 the tradition of coming back to school to celebrate the results with teachers and classmates on the day that the results issue will not be the same as it was in other years.

From mid-morning on Friday 21 August and for the following week, you will have discretion to release Guidance Counsellors and other members of the support team from lessons. This is to allow support to be provided to candidates in person or on the phone. These planned interactions with candidates are intended to support wellbeing and to discuss future education and career options. Guidance Counsellors will play a crucial role in supporting these young people to navigate the next steps in their education and career journey by providing up to date information and reassurance in a calm and positive manner.

The wellbeing of the candidates who receive Leaving Certificate results will be supported through a number of additional measures.

- a) The SEC Candidate helpline will be available at 1800 111 135 or 1800 111 136 from 9 AM to 5 PM from Friday 21 August to Monday 31 August. Outside of these hours queries may be emailed to candidateportal@examinations.ie. Please note this helpline is provided for queries relating to the Candidate Self Service Portal and the services provided through the portal.
- b) The National Parents and Students Leaving Certificate Helpline will be available free of charge from 21 August, offering vital support to Leaving Certificate students and their parents/guardians during the critical period when exam results and CAO offers are released.

Students and parents/guardians can choose to phone or text the helpline. Whichever option is chosen; an experienced guidance counsellor will be on hand to provide live, person-centred support.

Phone: 1800 265 165

Text: 0861800685

The Helpline is funded by the Department of Education and Youth, coordinated by the Institute of Guidance Counsellors, and supported by the National Parents Council and the Irish Second Level Students' Union.

Hours of operation of the Helpline are:

Fri 21 August	10am to 6pm
Sat 22 August	10am to 2pm
Mon 24 August	10am to 5pm
Tues 25 August	10am to 5pm
Weds 26 August	10am to 6pm
Thurs 27 August	10am to 5pm
Fri 28 August	10am to 5pm
Sat 29 August	10am to 2pm

- c) Wellbeing resources developed by the National Educational Psychological Service of the Department of Education and Youth are available [gov - Wellbeing support for Leaving Certificate students, parents and school staff \(www.gov.ie\)](http://gov.ie)
- d) Information available from the Central Applications Office (CAO) is available at www.cao.ie
- e) Mental Health Support Information is provided through the HSE and HSE-funded service providers <https://www2.hse.ie/services/mental-health-supports-and-services/mental-health-supports-and-services.html>

Any questions about supervision or substitution should be directed to Schools Payroll Division, Department of Education on PPPayroll@education.gov.ie

Part C – After Results Day

11 Access to Data

From 12pm on Tuesday 25 August candidates will be able to see their component marks and adjusted marks through the CSSP. Candidates will also be provided with a further *Candidate Information Guide 3 – Guide to Understanding your Results* to guide them through this process. This will be published on Monday 24 August and it will also be distributed to candidates and schools by email.

The purpose of *Candidate Information Guide 3* is to provide candidates with information about their Leaving Certificate grades in the 2026 examinations and to assist them should they choose to view their scripts. The Guide will: clarify details concerning the marking of the 2026 examinations, outline how grades were generated, including how a post-marking adjustment was made to marks before grading, and explain how marks and grades are displayed on examination scripts and how they will be displayed on the Candidate Portal. There is a specific section providing information on Leaving Certificate Applied.

Where the result is not based on all mandatory components, the candidates will see the reason beside the relevant component. This information is provided to the schools as a supplementary report as part of the results PDF Matrix. (As noted earlier, this will be available on the schools portal and hard copies will not issue via post). Please check that information provided is correct. If any issues arise in relation to information provided please contact the SEC helpdesk.

12 Viewing of Scripts

Applications to view Leaving Certificate examination scripts must be made by candidates through the Candidate Self Service Portal between 5 PM on Tuesday 25 August and 8 PM on Wednesday 26 August.

Leaving Certificate Applied viewing applications must be made by email. Candidates will be provided with an LCA Viewing Application Form on the Candidate Self Service Portal which should be emailed to viewlcascript@examinations.ie. The same application timeline applies and all applications must be made before 8 PM on Wednesday 26 August.

There are two different processes this year for viewing of scripts depending on how the script was marked.

1. Viewing online through the Candidate Self Service Portal
2. Viewing in-person in schools

It is important to note that candidates may have to attend school to view some of their scripts and use the portal to access others.

12.1. Viewing online through the Candidate Self Service Portal

With the expansion of online marking to the majority of subjects for the 2026 Leaving Certificate, most script viewing will be online through the Candidate Self Service Portal. The online viewing process is delivered through the Candidate Self Service Portal and involves candidates having timebound access to PDFs of the scripts. Online viewing in these subjects will be available from 9 AM on Saturday 29 August to 9 AM on Sunday 30 August.

12.2. Viewing in schools

There is still a need to provide candidates with in-person script viewing in schools for those subjects, or components of subjects, which were manually marked. Even in subjects which were marked online there are some exceptions which require scripts to be returned to schools for viewing. The following material will be returned to schools for in person viewing;

- Examination scripts in subjects which were manually marked
- Certain components of subjects which one component was marked online (e.g. the LCVP portfolio)
- Examination scripts in the Deferred Examination series will be returned for viewing to the school in which the candidate had been due to sit the main examinations in June. (These examinations were not marked online)
- Scripts in online marked subjects that were in atypical format such as Brailled, Enlarged or Modified scripts or scripts in audio format
- LCA scripts where viewing request received.

Please refer to the table of manually marked subjects and components at Appendix B.

Viewing in Schools will take place on Saturday 29 August and candidates will be assigned to one of two viewing sessions as follows;

1. Session 1. **9.30 AM – 12.30 PM**

2. Session 2. **2 PM – 5 PM**

To facilitate the in-person viewing process, school authorities have already received documentation from the SEC asking them to nominate one person from each school to act as

Organising Superintendent. The role of the Organising Superintendent will be to arrange the viewing sessions for candidates from the school who apply to view their scripts; oversee the viewing process; and collate and return the appeal scripts to the SEC.

Applications for the role of Organising Superintendent should be returned to the SEC on or **before Friday 14th August**. Details of the arrangements to be made by the Organising Superintendent for the viewing of scripts in schools will issue shortly.

13. Publication of Marking Schemes

The marking schemes in all examination subjects will be published prior to the Viewing of Scripts on the State Examinations Commission's website.

14. Appealing Results

Candidates can apply to appeal through the Candidate Self Service Portal.

From: **10 AM on Sunday 30 August 2026**

To: **5 PM on Monday 31 August 2026.**

A valid application will comprise both the application to appeal and the payment of the appeal fee. The fee to appeal a result is €40 per subject for Leaving Certificate and €15.50 per subject for Leaving Certificate applied. The fee is refunded in the case of a successful appeal.

In order that the SEC can process the appeals as quickly as possible, the appeal application deadline will be strictly applied. Late applications will not be accepted under any circumstances.

The process for the appeal of an examination is a process whereby the script is sent to an appeal examiner who was not involved in the original marking. The appeal examiner will review the marking of every part of every question and will consider whether the mark awarded by the original examiner is correct and reasonable, in line with the marking scheme. If it is, the appeal examiner will award the same mark again. If it is not, the appeal examiner will award what they consider to be the correct mark. In some subjects involving practical/project work it may be necessary for an appeal examiner to visit the school to re-mark work stored by the school.

NOTE: The Leaving Certificate Appeals process applies to the marking of the examinations only. The Post Marking Adjustment is not open to appeal.

It is essential that school authorities do not dispose of, or return to candidates, any practical or coursework pieces until the appeal process has fully concluded, even in instances where a candidate has not appealed a result in that subject, as the SEC may need access to the material during the appeals and related quality assurance processes. For that reason, the integrity of the examinations system requires that the material continues to be securely stored by the school.

Please note that the review of results procedure is an individual candidate led process. **There is no provision for a school or group/class-based appeal.** Any requests from schools for a review of the results of a group of candidates will be responded to on the basis that any candidate who has a concern in relation to his/her result can make an application to appeal their result. Candidates who sat examinations can also view scripts.

The appeal process also includes recourse to Independent Appeals Scrutineers whose role is to check to ensure the correct procedures were followed throughout the appeals processes. Once all internal processes have been exhausted, decisions of the SEC are open to review by the Office of the Ombudsman, or in the case of candidates under 18 years of age, by the Ombudsman for Children.

15. Data Privacy, General Data Protection and Data Breaches

As you are aware the General Data Protection Regulation and related Data Protection Act 2018 are in force. Examination scripts, Schools Results Matrix and Supplementary Reports containing candidates' personal data should be treated with absolute regard to confidentiality and security. Extreme care should be taken when accessing candidates' personal information when accessing the school portal and or the printed copy of the School Matrix.

There is now a requirement for organisations to report personal data breaches to the relevant supervisory authority, where the breach presents a risk to the affected individuals. Where applicable the SEC will notify the Data Protection Commissioner (DPC) within 72 hours of Data breaches that are advised to the SEC.

If in the course of accessing candidates' Provisional results, you think there might be a possible Data Breach, please immediately contact the SEC Data Protection Officer by sending an e-mail to dpo@examinations.ie

16. Enquiries

Any enquiries on this circular should be directed to Entries section at entries@examinations.ie or by phone to 090 6442702.

Again, we are very grateful to school authorities for your continued support and assistance with the 2026 examination process.

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Appendices

Appendix A: Explanation of Leaving Certificate Grades

GRADES:	
Percentage	Grade
≥ 90 to 100	1
≥ 80 and < 90	2
≥ 70 and < 80	3
≥ 60 and < 70	4
≥ 50 and < 60	5
≥ 40 and < 50	6
≥ 30 and < 40	7
≥ 0 and < 30	8

Statements/Certificates School Matrix

Higher/Ard H

Ordinary/Gnath O

Foundation/Bonn F

All grades will be awarded in accordance with the published grading system and no tolerance can be applied. Note that the use of percentages is used to facilitate understanding of the Grading system. In the examination marking and resulting processes, grades are derived from marks not percentages. So, for example while a mark of 539 out of 600 in an examination is worth 89.83% when expressed as a percentage, the grade is based on the marks which equate to a Grade 2. Therefore, rounding up to the next grade band does not arise.

Information for candidates on the CAO points system is available on www.cao.ie or www.transitions.ie

Leaving Certificate Applied Grading

Students who successfully complete the Leaving Certificate Applied programme will be awarded a certificate from the State Examinations Commission. The Leaving Certificate Applied is awarded at 3 levels.

Pass 114 credits (60%-69%)

Merit 133 credits (70%- 84%)

Distinction 162 credits (85%-100%)

Appendix B: Leaving Certificate & Leaving Certificate Applied Online Marked Subjects

Subject	Levels	Component
Irish	Higher, Ord., Foundation	Written (paper 1 & paper 2)
English	Higher & Ordinary	Written (paper 1 & paper 2)
Mathematics	Higher, Ord., Foundation	Written
History	Higher & Ordinary	Written & Coursework
Geography	Higher & Ordinary	Written & Coursework
French	Higher & Ordinary	Written & Aural
Classical Studies	Higher & Ordinary	Written & Coursework
German	Higher & Ordinary	Written & Aural
Spanish	Higher & Ordinary	Written & Aural
Art	Higher & Ordinary	Written
Applied Mathematics	Higher & Ordinary	Written & Coursework
Physics	Higher & Ordinary	Written
Chemistry	Higher & Ordinary	Written
Agricultural Science	Higher & Ordinary	Written & Coursework
Biology	Higher & Ordinary	Written
Engineering	Higher & Ordinary	Written
Accounting	Higher & Ordinary	Written
Business	Higher & Ordinary	Written
Economics	Higher & Ordinary	Written & Coursework

Technology	Higher & Ordinary	Written
Music	Higher & Ordinary	Composing & Listening [Core] papers only
Home Economics	Higher & Ordinary	Written & Coursework
Religious Education	Higher & Ordinary	Written & Coursework
Physical Education	Higher & Ordinary	Written paper only
LCVP (Link Modules)	Common	Written paper only
Politics and Society	Higher & Ordinary	Written & Coursework
Polish	Higher & Ordinary	Written Paper & Aural
Czech	Higher	Written Paper
Latvian	Higher	Written Paper
Lithuanian	Higher & Ordinary	Written Paper & Aural
Hungarian	Higher	Written Paper
Estonian	Higher	Written Paper
Romanian	Higher	Written Paper
Slovakian	Higher	Written Paper
Maltese	Higher	Written Paper
Slovenian	Higher	Written Paper
Bulgarian	Higher	Written Paper
Croatian	Higher	Written Paper
Danish	Higher	Written Paper
Dutch	Higher	Written Paper
Swedish	Higher	Written Paper
Finnish	Higher	Written Paper
Modern Greek	Higher	Written Paper
Ukrainian	Higher	Written Paper

**** Polish**** - New for 2026 – Written paper & Aural Now marked online

LCA Subjects Marked online 2026 *** NEW 2026 ****

Subject	Levels	Component
English & Communication	Common	Written (paper 1)
Mathematical Applications	Common	Written (paper 1)
Hotel Catering & Tourism	Common	Written (paper 1)
Engineering	Common	Written (paper 1)
Graphics & Construction	Common	Written (paper 1)
I.C.T	Common	Written (paper 1)
Personal Reflection Task (PRT)	Common	Written (paper 8)

Appendix C: Leaving Certificate & Leaving Certificate Applied Manually Marked Subjects

Leaving Certificate:

Subject	Levels	Component
Latin	Higher & Ordinary	Written Paper
Ancient Greek	Higher & Ordinary	Written Paper
Hebrew Studies	Higher & Ordinary	Written Paper
Italian	Higher & Ordinary	Written Paper & Aural
Portuguese	Higher & Ordinary	Written Paper & Aural
Physics & Chemistry	Higher & Ordinary	Written Paper
Construction Studies	Higher & Ordinary	Written Paper
Japanese	Higher & Ordinary	Written Paper & Aural
Arabic	Higher & Ordinary	Written Paper
Computer Science	Higher & Ordinary	Written Paper
Russian	Higher & Ordinary	Written Paper & Aural
LCVP (Link Modules)	Common	Portfolio
Design & Communication Graphics	Higher & Ordinary	Written Paper & Project
Mandarin Chinese	Higher & Ordinary	Written Paper & Aural

Leaving Certificate Applied:

Subject	Levels	Component
French	Common	Written (paper 1) Oral (paper 3)
German	Common	Written (paper 1) Oral (paper 3)
Spanish	Common	Written (paper 1) Oral (paper 3)
Italian	Common	Written (paper 1) Oral (paper 3)
Irish	Common	Written (paper 1) Oral (paper 3)
Social Education	Common	Written (paper 1)
Ag/Hort	Common	Written (paper 1) Practical (paper 3)
Craft & Design	Common	Written (paper 1) Practical (paper 3)
Engineering	Common	Written (paper 1) Practical (paper 3)
Technology	Common	Written (paper 1) Practical (paper 3)
Childcare	Common	Written (paper 1) Practical (paper 3)
Office Admin	Common	Written (paper 1) Practical (paper 3)
Active Leisure	Common	Written (paper 1) Practical (paper 3)
Hair & Beauty	Common	Written (paper 1) Practical (paper 3)