

What is Leaving Certificate Applied?

The Leaving Certificate Applied is a **two year Leaving Certificate** available to students who wish to follow a **practical** Leaving Certificate programme with a **vocational focus**.



What is different about Leaving Certificate Applied?

It is a **practical Leaving Certificate programme** which places particular emphasis on **preparation for the world of work and life-long learning**.

Work experience is a significant component of the programme and students get to sample a range of jobs and get first hand experience of the world of work.

The **learning experiences** are **active and practical** where students **apply** their **knowledge, skills and experience** to real life situations in the **school**, in the **workplace** and in the **wider community**.



The programme provides a wealth of opportunities which enhance the **self esteem and confidence** of students.

There is **less emphasis on the final examinations** as coursework is **assessed throughout the two years** and students' gain 'credits' as they go along.

Students' work and skill development is **assessed in different ways** including interviews, written, oral and practical components.

Four times throughout the two years students get a statement of their **results** from the State Examinations Commission. In this way they experience regular feedback on their **success and achievement**.

What are 'credits'?

As students complete and submit their Leaving Certificate Applied coursework they are awarded what are called 'credits'. There are 200 credits available in total which are awarded as follows:

62 credits:	31%	Ongoing attendance, class work and assignments
70 credits:	35%	7 Student Tasks (project work)
68 credits:	34%	7 Final Examinations
TOTAL: 200 Credits	100%	

How is the Leaving Certificate Applied awarded?

The Leaving Certificate Applied is awarded at three levels:

Pass:	120-139 credits (60%-69%)
Merit:	140-169 credits (70%-84%)
Distinction:	170-200 credits (85%-100%)

(Students who accumulate fewer than 120 credits receive a RECORD OF EXPERIENCE)

What courses (subjects) are offered in Leaving Certificate Applied?

All students of Leaving Certificate Applied take the following subjects:

- ❖ Vocational Preparation and Guidance
- ❖ English and Communication
- ❖ Mathematical Applications
- ❖ Information and Communication Technology
- ❖ Arts Education
- ❖ Social Education
- ❖ Gaeilge Chumarsáideach
- ❖ Modern Language
- ❖ Leisure and Recreation
- ❖ Elective Modules

In addition to the above students complete two **specialist vocational courses**. These Vocational Specialisms develop specific skills and knowledge relevant to a range of careers.

Schools/centres choose **two** Vocational Specialism options from the following list:

- ❖ Active Leisure Studies
- ❖ Agriculture/Horticulture
- ❖ Childcare/Community Care
- ❖ Craft and Design
- ❖ Engineering
- ❖ Graphics and Construction Studies
- ❖ Hair and Beauty
- ❖ Hotel Catering and Tourism
- ❖ Information and Communication Technology
- ❖ Office Administration and Customer Care
- ❖ Technology

