

# Career Guidance in

**LCVP**




# LCVP programme

Throughout the programme students are encouraged to

- be innovative and enterprising
- take responsibility for their own learning
- adapt to changing circumstances
- evaluate data and devise solutions to problems
- communicate their thoughts and ideas effectively
- work with others as part of a team
- investigate and plan career options
- use information and communications technologies
- investigate local business and community enterprises
- learn from their experiences.

*These skills and qualities are equally relevant to the needs of those preparing for further education, seeking employment or planning to start their own business.*

# ***Career Investigation***



This unit introduces the skills of career research and planning. Students should be encouraged and facilitated to actively investigate careers related to their aptitudes, interests and choice of Leaving Certificate subjects, with particular reference to their selected vocational subjects.

# Specific Learning Outcomes

The student should be able to:

- identify personal aptitudes and interests
- investigate a range of careers appropriate to personal aptitude and interests
- identify and analyse the aptitude and skills required to pursue a specific career
- describe relevant qualifications and training required for entry to the selected career
- identify available opportunities to pursue a selected career locally, nationally, and where possible, at international level
- plan and set up an opportunity to interview and/or work shadow a person in a selected career
- integrate information from a variety of sources to prepare a final report on a career investigation
- reflect on and evaluate the experience of undertaking a career investigation
- link the activities in this unit to learning in relevant Leaving Certificate subjects.

# Outline for Career Investigation

***Name of Career:***

***Investigated by:***

***Date:***

***Description of the Career: 3 different statements***

***Relevant Skills and Qualities: 3 and 3***

***Qualification and Training Required:***

Pathway 1

Pathway 2

College Name and Location

Points/entry requirements

Course Title

Outline of course...detail

Length

End qualification

***(ensure pathways are different or to alternative careers)***

# Outline for Career Investigation

***Evaluation of Career in light of Personal Aptitudes:***

***Personal Interests:***

***Choice of Leaving Certificate Subjects:***

***Insights I gained about the career:***

***Out of Class Learning Experience:***

refer to interaction with an adult other than teachers in a relevant out of class learning experience e.g. work shadowing, visit to an enterprise, interview with a person in the career area, college open day, careers exhibition or other event organised as part of the school guidance programme. Be specific here. Give date of interview, name and position of interviewee and outcomes of interview

***Evaluation of Career Investigation:***

The skills developed and insights gained from the experience of undertaking the career investigation

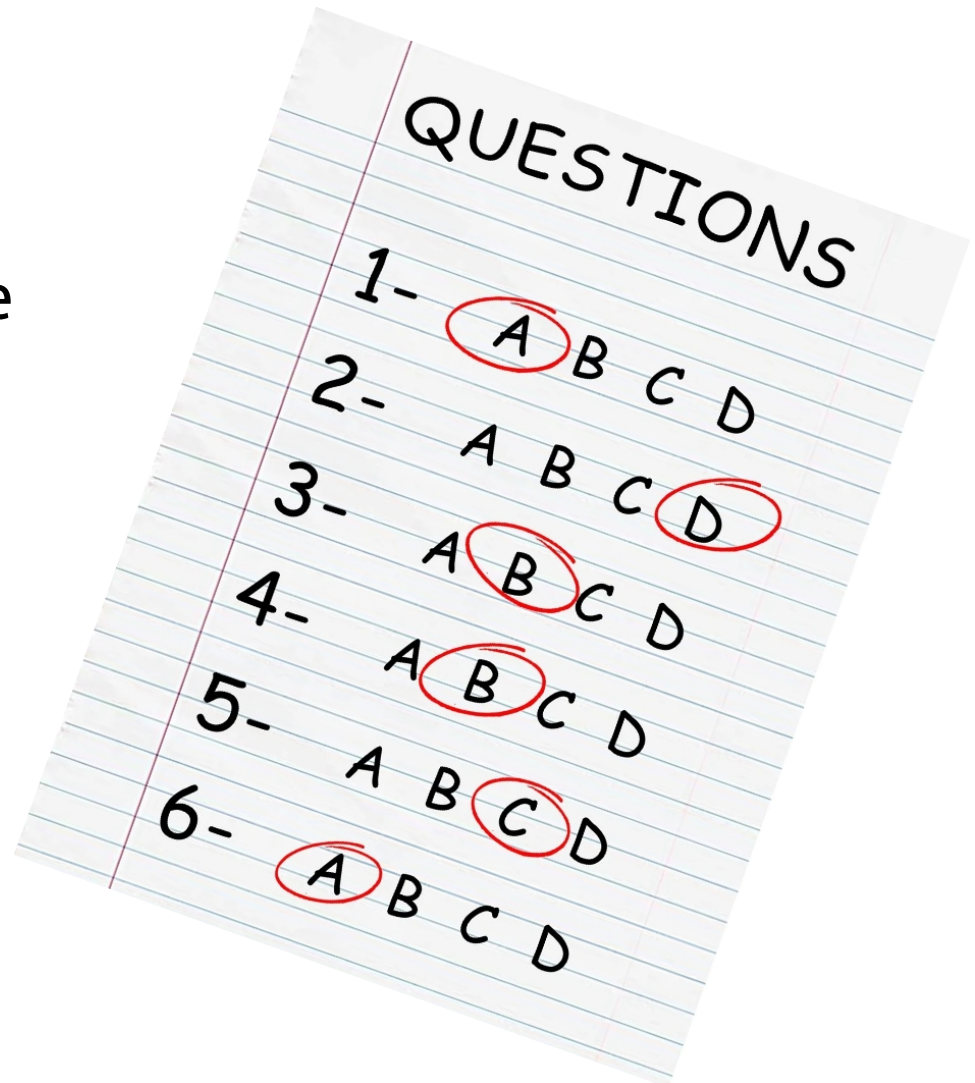
***Sources of Information:***

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- generate a document with a clear and consistent layout
- describe a specific career concisely and accurately
- identify and categorise skills, qualities, qualifications and training relevant to the selected career
- describe two pathways to the selected career
- evaluate the selected career in the light of personal aptitude, interests and choice of Leaving Certificate subjects
- present clear evidence of interaction with adults other than teachers in a relevant out of class learning experience
- evaluate the experience of undertaking a career investigation.

# Interest Tests

[www.qualifax.ie](http://www.qualifax.ie)  
[www.careersportal.ie](http://www.careersportal.ie)





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## **Useful Sites**

**[www.solas.ie](http://www.solas.ie)**

**[www.cao.ie](http://www.cao.ie)**

**[www.qualifax.ie](http://www.qualifax.ie)**

**[www.gradireland.com](http://www.gradireland.com)**

**[www.careesportal.ie](http://www.careesportal.ie)**

# Outline for Video Interview

Tell me a bit about yourself

- Name
- Age
- Family
- School
- Leaving Certificate
- What subjects are you taking for the Leaving Certificate?
- List subjects, levels and mention link Modules
- What are you hoping to do after you finish your exams?
- College course
- Points required
- Subjects required
- Alternative pathway if that pathway isn't possible
- Career investigation, talking to person in that career

# Outline for Video Interview

You are doing the Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme, as part of the programme you did some work experience, can you tell me about that.

- Where you did it
- What duties you carried out
- Whether you will follow a career in that area, and if so what the work experience taught you about the job
- If not why, has the work experience taught you something that puts you off that career path.
- You were involved in an enterprise activity can you tell me about that:
  - The team
  - The product
  - The research
  - The problems
  - The final outcome
  - Skills learnt

# Outline for Video Interview

You visited an enterprise, can you tell me about the visit

- Company
- Products
- Management set up
- Hygiene
- The production processes
- Research and development
- Marketing
- Markets
- Possible jobs/careers
- Can you see yourself working in a place like that? Why



# Outline for Video Interview

Can you tell me what you gained from the Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme?

- Teamwork skills, communication skills, research skills, interpersonal skills, organisational skills, computer skills,
- The world of work, CV, letters, interview skills
- Your Aptitudes
- What it is like to run an enterprise
- What career you will pursue
- What the real world is like in the workplace
- The differences between school and work

Finally can you tell me about your main interests and hobbies outside school.