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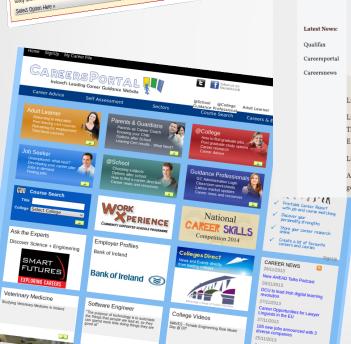
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List of courses accepting Foundation level Maths here. (September 2020)

List of country-wide careers events for Senior Cycle students here. The Leaving Cert Results Are Out - What Now? (2020 Edition) Here. Elegibility Reckoner for Maintenance Grants here.

List of Nationwide events for interested Senior Cycle students here.

A reminder to 6th Years that the 'CAO App' is available on itunes and google play.

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Apply on-line before 20th January for a reduced fee of €25.



frequently asked questions

Application to become more familiar with the application process.

Important Dates: Demo Application

Apply online by this date to avail of the discounted fee of €25

Normal closing date for applications (17:15)

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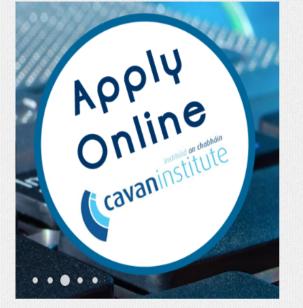
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Senior Cycle Subject Choice:

Teaching Council Requirements (for those who wish to register as a Secondary School Teacher after 2017 Version)

Teaching Council Requirements (for those who wish to register as a Secondary School Teacherafter 2023 Version)

LCVP Powerpoint Presentation here.

For a copy of the 2023 Presentation on Subject Choice for Senior Cycle click here.

For the official outline of the Leaving Certificate Subjects available please click here.

For a brief overview of Leaving Certificate Subjects please click here.



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For information on Project Maths click here.

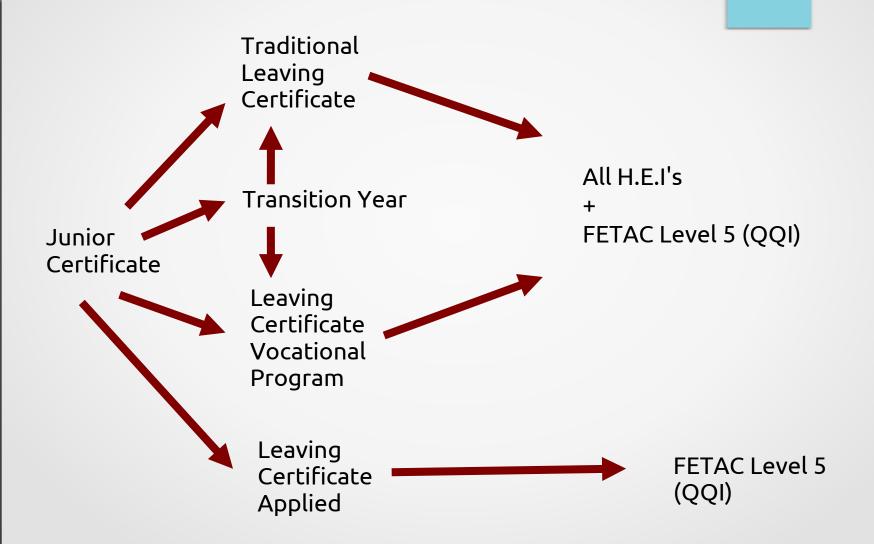
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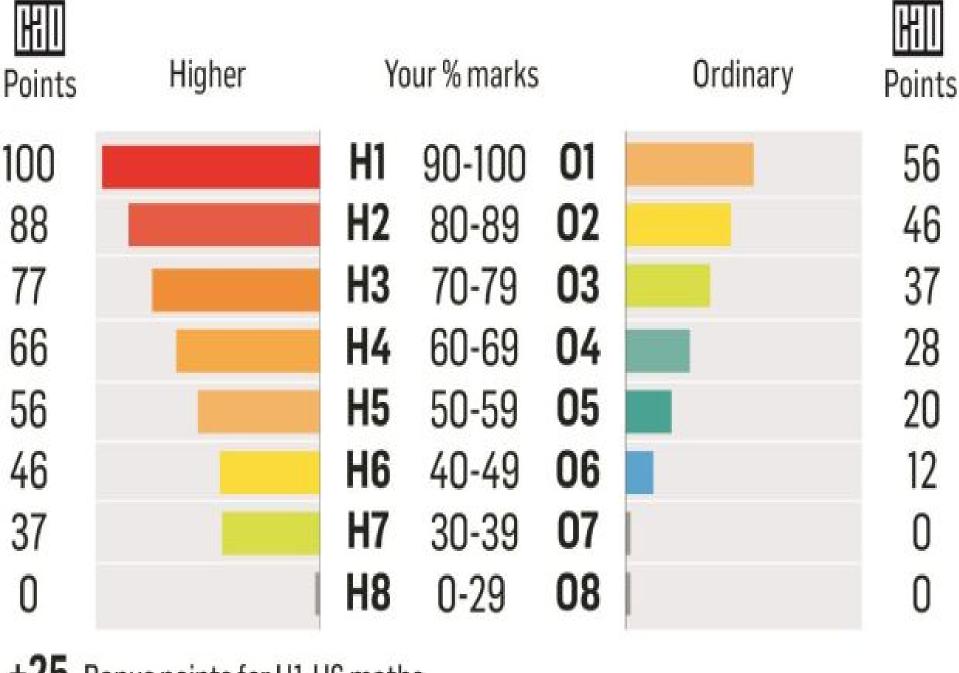
Senior Cycle Subject Choice Cheat Sheet here.

Narrow your choices worksheets here.

Points System 2023 here.

Further Study Options





+25 Bonus points for H1-H6 maths

LCVP Recognition

INSTITUTES OF TECHNOLOGY / TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITIES / UNIVERSITIES

Distinction (80-100%) 66 points

Merit (65-79%) 46 points

Pass (50 - 64%) 28 points

Foundation Level Maths Recognition

F1	20	90 – 100%
F2	12	80 - 89%

Ensure it is recognised by the HEI you are applying to.

Sample Calculation

Subject	Level	Grade	Score
Irish	Honours	H1	100
English	Ordinary	O1	56
Maths	Honours	H3	77+25= 102
Physics	Honours	H2	88
Biology	Honours	H5	56
D.C.G.	Ordinary	O2	46
German	Honours	H5	56
Add the 6 best scores shown in RED			Points = 458

Accompanying Conditions:

- The six best results in one Leaving Certificate Examination will be counted for points computation.
- One sitting only of the Leaving Certificate Examination will be counted for points purposes.
- In the case of Foundation Level Mathematics, or Foundation Level Irish, some HEIs may not award the points shown. If in any doubt, check with the Admissions Office of the appropriate HEIs.
- Matriculation for Medicine must be completed in the year of application.

Getting into college – 3 Doors

General Requirements Specific Course Requirements

Points

6 Subjects
2 H5s
English, Irish & A Language

None

338 Points

1300 + Places

ARTS – Maynooth University

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Welcome to Qualifax

Qualifax is Ireland's National Learners' Database. It is the "one stop shop" for learners. We provide the most comprehensive information on further and higher education and training courses. Qualifax has developed services to ensure that you have all the information you need to make informed choices about your education, training and career paths.

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Is your son or daughter considering continuing their studies? Is an adult in your house thinking of returning to education?

There are lots of questions to consider when someone in your family is thinking of continuing or restarting their education or training. It may be your son or daughter who is making choices about what courses or programmes interest them. An adult in your house might want to return to education, be looking for ways to improve their skills or simply wishes to learn more about a hobby or leisure interest.

Regardless of who it is, Qualifax aims to help you support that person to make informed choices. Use the menu on the left hand side to find out more.





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Not sure how the education and training system has changed in recent years?

Do we qualify for a grant?

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There are a number of useful tools

The Points Calculator is particularly relevant to students who have not yet taken their Leaving Certificate. You can enter your expected results to see how they compare to the points required by applicants in recent years.

The Interest Assessment is suitable for everyone to give an indication of areas or types of work that would match your interests.

Minimum Subject requirements provides an easy way to see the effect of taking / not taking particular subjects at Junior or Leaving Certificate.

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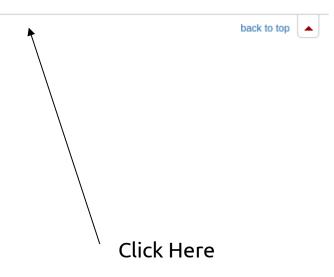
Course Search - Subject Requirements Module

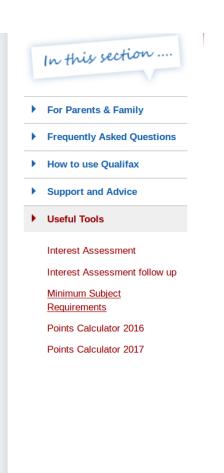
All courses referred to in this section are Third Level CAO entry. The Course Data in this section is for the CAO entry in 2022.

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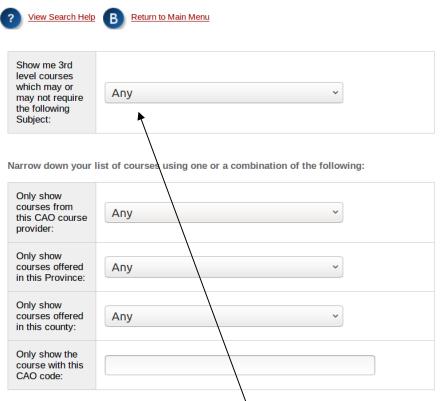
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Leaving Certificate Subjects





Subject Requirements Module



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Select Courses To View

There is a total of 171 courses that match your search requirements. Please select one of the options below to view your results.

Show me the courses that:

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May require: Any Third Language - Total of 12 courses

Opoes not require Any Third Language - Total of 1410 courses

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- Podcasts
- Newsletter

Search Courses Results

New Search

Click on the Course to get details about that course. Click on the Course Provider to get details about that course provider.

1 <u>2</u> <u>3</u> <u>4</u>

Search Criteria: Any Third Language (Definitely need subject).

Showing 1 to 50 of 159 results

Code	Course	Course Provider
CK202	Accounting	<u>University College Cork</u>
RC006	Advanced Therapeutic Technologies	Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland
DN100	<u>Architecture</u>	University College Dublin
CK101	Arts	University College Cork
MH101	Arts - Accounting	Maynooth University
MH101	Arts - Anthropology	Maynooth University
DN520	Arts - Archaeology	University College Dublin
DN520	Arts - Art History	University College Dublin
MH101	Arts - Business - International	Maynooth University
MH101	Arts - Business - Management	Maynooth University
MH101	Arts - Business - Marketing	Maynooth University

You are now presented with a list of courses that require a Third Language

You can pick one of these courses if you would like to explore the subject requirements further.

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- Podcasts
- Coronavirus / Covid-19
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Course Details - Entry Requirements

University College Cork

Accounting



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Now you have

the specific

▼ Course Details

Subjects or

Requirements

Course

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General Entry

Requirements

Course Name Accounting of an individual Course Provider University College Cork individual Course Code CK202

Minimum Subjects 2 H5 & 4 O6/H7

Specific Minimum grade H5 in two subjects and minimum grade O6/H7 in four other subjects.

IRISH LEAVING CERTIFICATE SCHOOL LEAVERS

recognised for entry purposes

If you present the Irish Leaving Certificate you need to present six recognised subjects, selected according to course requirements, you must obtain a minimum grade H5 in two subjects and minimum grade O6/ H7 in the remaining four subjects, in order to meet matriculation requirements. For all courses in UCC this must include Irish (unless exempt) and English. To compete for a place on a programme, you must meet the minimum entry requirements as well as any specific/additional requirements, and then compete based on results obtained, e.g. points. You can combine results achieved in different sittings for the purpose of meeting the minimum entry requirements for programmes (except for Medicine, CK701). However, results achieved in separate years may not be combined for the purpose of scoring points. You will compete based on a points scheme.

Subjects must include Irish, English, Mathematics, another language and two other subjects

New Search

What Influences Subject Choice

- Perception of 'easy' or 'hard' subjects
- Like/dislike the **teacher**, or the teacher they think will be teaching them
- Friends/parents/significant others such as siblings
- Needing the subject for course/career choice after the Leaving Cert
- Being good at the subject attainment in JC
- Likes/dislikes the subject enthusiasm & interest

Essential Subjects (or non-essential!)

- You don't need Design and Communication Graphics to become an Architect
- You don't need Engineering to be an Engineer
- You don't need Biology to be a Nurse
- You don't need Accountancy to become an Accountant
- You don't need Business to take a Management Degree
- You don't need a Modern Language for Primary School Teaching
- You don't even need Italian to study Italian in Trinity!

Watch for Subjects with a 'practical element'

62% practical	38% final exam
50% practical	50% final exam
50% practical	50% final exam
40% practical	60% final exam
20% project	80% final exam
20% project	80% final exam
20% fieldtrip	80% final exam
20% project	80% final exam
20% project	80% final exam
	50% practical 50% practical 40% practical 20% project 20% project 20% fieldtrip 20% project

Obligatory Subjects

English

2 levels: → Ordinary

Irish*

Maths

Higher
3 levels: Ordinary
Foundation

* May have an exemption

Optional Subjects: Five Areas

19 subjects to choose from

- Languages
- Sciences
- Business
- Social Studies
- Applied Sciences



Language Options

- **Irish**
- English
- French
- German
- Latvian / Lithuanian / Polish / Russian / Croatian / Romanian

Irish

A requirement for UCD, Maynooth, Galway, Shannon College of Hotel Management, Royal College of Surgeons, St. Angela's College of Education (TUS), the Institute of Public Administration and UC Cork.

For entry to the Garda Siochana you must have a proven proficiency in two languages; one of which must be Irish or English. (Foundation Level Irish is not acceptable.)

In Ireland you need a H4 or better in Honours Irish to become a primary school teacher.

Satisfies the requirement of a modern language for entry to Trinity College, and as a language, other than English, for entry to the University of Limerick (UL) and Dublin City University (DCU).

Remember - there are still no points for Foundation Level Irish.

English

Check with teachers about movement from honours to ordinary level.

Most Universities, colleges and employers require English at pass level, other colleges will take Irish or English.

Don't Fail Honours English.

Higher English is required for a handful of courses in areas such as Journalism, Multimedia, Communications, Media Studies, Legal Studies and Speech Therapy. (Psychology in UK Courses.)

Languages

An increase in courses such as business that have a modern language as part of the course.

You may need it as a matriculation requirement for some courses for the NUI Colleges (Ordinary Level only).

You also need it if you are interested in the Cadets.

Language is obviously an important requirement for courses such as European Studies, Tourism, Languages and Marketing.

A Modern European Language is <u>not</u> required for Nursing, Primary School Teaching, Science, Ag. Science or Engineering even at University level. (Nor for Business & Law in NUI Maynooth.)

The best advice would be not to take a language if you have struggled with it up to now.

French and German are available. Students may also sign up for the Leaving Certificate Polish exam among others.

Science Area

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Mathematics
- Agricultural Science
- Applied Mathematics

Biology / Chemistry / Physics

Courses that require a science subject include engineering and medical courses, paramedical courses such as biomedical science, dentistry, occupational therapy, pharmacy, physiotherapy, radiography and human nutrition.

You may pursue a course in, science, technology, engineering or maths at an Institute of Technology or Technical University without a science subject, but ask if it might be a disadvantage.

If a career in medicine or nursing is high on your list you should think in terms of Chemistry and Biology (preferably both).

Two science subjects are required for Medicine and Dentistry in Trinity College, Dublin.

Interested in engineering then Physics and Chemistry should both be considered.

Biology is desirable but not necessary for those who wish to study Nursing. Students who opt for the Biology Elective for Home Economics Training in St. Angela's must pass Biology. (Note: even P.E. with Biology in DCU will accept Physics or Chemistry).

Appliance of Science

			Leaving C	Leaving Certificate Science Subjects		
COLLEGE SUBJECTS		in order of importance to college subject				
			1	2	3	
BIOLOGIC	CAL SCIENCES		Biology	Chemistry	Mathematics	
Biology	Horticulture					
Agriculture	Marine Biology					
CHEMICA	AL SCIENCES		Chemistry	Mathematics	Physics	
Chemistry	Biochemistry					
Chem. Engineering	Medicinal Chem.					
PHYSICA	AL SCIENCES		Physics	Mathematics	Chemistry	
Physics	Astronomy					
⊟ectronics	Computing					
ENGI	NEERING		Mathematics	Physics	Chemistry	
Civil	Mechanical					
Aeronautical	⊟ectrical					
MEDICA	L SCIENCES		Chemistry	Biology	Physics	
Pharmacy	Nursing					
Opthalmic Optics	Nutrition					
MEDICINE	/ DENTISTRY		Chemistry	Physics	Biology	
Medicine	Dentistry					
Vet. Medicine			British Association for the Advancement of Science			

Leaving Certificate Science Subjects

Maths / Applied Maths

Mathematics is a requirement for a great number of jobs and courses.

A grade O3 or better in Ordinary Level Maths is required for many Science or Commerce courses at University. This reflects the level of Mathematics that has to be studied as part of the course.

Maths is required by relatively few courses (72), the majority of which are Honours Engineering Degrees.

Foundation Maths is acceptable for many Careers. Some Colleges will allow it where no Maths is involved in the course, but may not award any points for it. Some employers will accept it for apprenticeships. Most PLC courses will also accept it, an exception being Accounting Technician and some Pre-University courses. Not acceptable for the Gardai.

Foundation Maths is acceptable for places on Arts, Music, Social Science and Law Degrees in the N.U.I. Colleges, as well as small number of courses in DCU.

Honours Applied Maths fulfills the Honours Maths requirement for Engineering & Computing courses in DCU.

Business Area

- Accounting*
- Business
- Economics

Not compulsory for any Business, Management or Commerce course at third level

^{*} One exception: Commerce & Accounting in N.U.I. Galway requires Accounting as a subject.

Social Studies

- History
- Geography
- Art
- Music

History / Geography

HISTORY

Even though history is not essential for entry to any third-level course, nonetheless, the study of history contributes enormously to an all-round education.

Very helpful for the study of Law, Politics or Journalism.

GEOGRAPHY:

Although Geography is not essential for entry to third-level courses, in Trinity College it is accepted as one of the H5 grades for entry to both Science and Pharmacy. While in UCD Geography may be used as a laboratory science subject for entry to Science / Archaeology & Geology programmes.

Art / Music

ART (including Crafts):

Although art is not specified as an entry requirement for **all** Colleges of Art, a portfolio of work is an essential element for application.

Many students take a year out to complete a portfolio preparation course in order to try and enhance their chances of getting a place in Art College.

National College of Art and Design require a pass in Art or a language.

MUSIC

At the moment Music can only be taken as a subject outside of school.

If you intend to study music at third level you need to check to see which courses specify a grade in music.

Expect to be asked to attend a special music test or audition if applying for courses in Music.

Watch for Performing Arts - Irish Traditional Music / Irish Traditional Dance / Contemporary Dance / Voice / World Music in UL. (Musical Auditions)

Applied Science

- Engineering
- Design & Communication Graphics
- Construction Studies
- Home Economics (Scientific & Social)

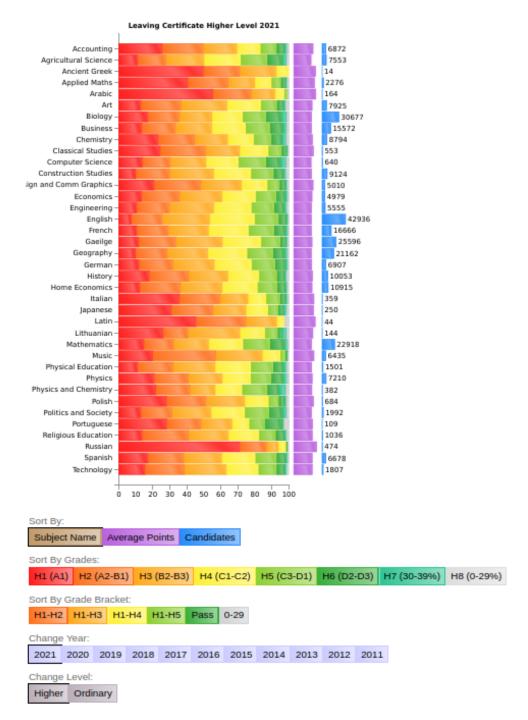
Home Economics

Code	Course	Course Provider
TU944	<u>Culinary Science - Grangegorman</u>	TU Dublin - City
MI015	Education Home Economics & Business Studies - Thurles - Second Level Teaching	Mary Immaculate College
AU987	Education Home Economics & Irish with concurrent Teacher Education - St. Angela's	ATU - Sligo St. Angela's
AU986	Education Home Economics & Religious Education with concurrent Teacher Education - St Angela's	ATU - Sligo St. Angela's
TU881	Food Innovation - Grangegorman	TU Dublin - City
TU645	Food Science & Management - Grangegorman	TU Dublin - City
MT930	Home Economics & Business - Cork Campus	MTU - Cork Campuses
TU761	Ophthalmic Dispensing - Grangegorman	TU Dublin - City

The most popular Higher Level Subjects 2022:

English	43,757
Biology	28, 671
Irish	24, 441
Maths	21, 265
Geography	18, 496
French	15, 454
Business	16, 328
Home Economics	10,065
History	9, 432
Construction Studies	8,792

Subject Grades Explorer



Real World Example



CAO Code	Title	2022 Course Entry Requirements and notes	Current Points 2022	Final points 2021	Approx Places 2022	DARE	HEAR	Graduate Entry	Mature	Progression	QQI- FET
DN100	Architecture	O6/H7 in Irish, English, another language, Mathematics and 2 other recognised subjects Fees apply for the Master's portion of this course	555*	553	57	1	1		/	1	
DN120	Landscape Architecture	O6/H7 in Irish, English, Mathematics and 3 other recognised subjects	440	430	27	1	✓		/		/
DN130	City Planning and Environmental Policy	O6/H7 in Irish, English, Mathematics and 3 other recognised subjects	455	420	31	/	/		1		
DN150	Engineering	H4 in Mathematics and H6 in a Laboratory Science subject and O6/H7 in Irish, English and 2 other recognised subjects	566	556*	265	/	/		/	1	
DN200	Science	O2/H6 in Mathematics and a Laboratory Science subject (OR Geography OR Applied Mathematics OR Computer Science) and O6/H7 in Irish, English, and 2 other recognised subjects For details of options available please see prospectus	556	566	420	N	1ult	iple A	cces	ss Poir	its

Present Shortages



electricians, welders, mechanics



ENGINEERS

chemical, electrical, civil, mechanical



MANAGEMENT

low, middle & top level management



DRIVERS

truck, delivery, construction, mass transit



9 HEALTHCARE

doctors, nurses and other non-nursing health professionals



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4 TEACHERS



6 PROFESSIONALS

project managers, lawyers, researchers



8 OFFICE SUPPORT

administrative assistants, PAs, receptionists



10 TECHNICIANS

quality controllers, technical staff





More Advice

Talk to students studying subjects at the moment

Talk to teachers of the subject

Look at a copy of the textbook

Look at a copy of the Leaving Cert Exam Papers for the subject in question

And Finally...

Any Questions?

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