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Leaving Certificate Applied 2024-2025 Programme Overview



LCA

Leaving Certificate Applied
Ardteistiméireacht Fheidhmeach



What is Leaving Certificate Applied?

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





Who should consider LCA?



Someone who **prefers learning by doing**.

Someone who would be motivated by **continuous assessment**.

Someone who wants to get **work experience** to help them with their career choice.

Someone who wants to **develop skills** which will help them in their future career.



Why LCA? What is different about LCA?

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

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.**

While there are final examinations in some subjects, there is less emphasis on the final examinations, and more emphasis on **continuous assessment.**

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Assessment



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Course work 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.**

They experience **regular feedback** on their success and achievement.

Assessment will consist of **ongoing attendance, classwork and assignments, 7 student tasks (project work) and 7 final examinations.**

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Attendance

A minimum of 90% attendance is a basic requirement of the Leaving Certificate Applied Programme.



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Work Experience



Work experience is a significant component of the programme and students get to sample a range of occupations and get first-hand experience of the world of work. Students will engage in work experience **one day each week/block release.**

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Further Education/Training and Higher Education



LCA is accepted for a wide range of **Post Leaving Certificate (PLC)** courses at FETAC Level 5.

Doing a PLC course can offer **opportunities to progress** onto university or college.

LCA is acceptable for direct entry to **apprenticeships and other vocational training awards.**

LCA holders with a merit or distinction are eligible to apply to **An Garda Síochána** directly.

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Summary of the LCA Programme



Two-year Leaving Certificate

Available to students who wish to follow a **practical or vocationally orientated programme**

Prepares Leaving Certificate participants for **transition** from the world of school to that of adult and working life

Focuses on **the talents** of each individual student

Provides opportunities for developing **personal responsibility, self-esteem and self-knowledge**

Helps students apply what they learn in the **real world**

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