

# Leaving Certificate Applied

## 2025- 2026



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This is a summary advice note for school management and teachers of LCA 2025/26.  
It sets out the key curriculum and assessment arrangements for  
LCA Year 1 and Year 2 students for the academic year 2025/26.

### Arrangements for the satisfactory completion of Modules

#### For both Year 1 and Year 2 LCA Student in the academic year 2025/26

- Students should complete all Key Assignments to achieve the credits available for each module and maintain a minimum of 90% attendance.
- The learning outcomes for each module should be completed.
- Credits for the satisfactory completion of modules are submitted to the State Examinations Commission (SEC) through the LCA portal, following normal arrangements.

### Arrangements for the completion of Tasks

#### LCA Year 2 for the academic year 2025/26

- **Session 3:** Students should complete the Practical Achievement Task **AND either** the Vocational Education Task **or** the Contemporary Issues Task. This means that LCA Year 2 students have one less task to complete.
- **Session 4:** As normal, students should complete the Personal Reflection (Part Two).

#### LCA Year 1 for the academic year 2025/26

- There is no change to the schedule for the completion of Student Tasks for LCA Year 1 students

#### For both Year 1 and Year 2 LCA Students

- The State Examinations Commission will make the necessary arrangements for the examination of tasks including the interviews.

### Additional Supports

- A range of LCA supports are available for new coordinators and teachers.
- Oide provides supports including national seminars, webinars and collaboratives with further information to be found on [www.oide.ie](http://www.oide.ie)

# Arrangements for the completion of Final Examinations

## Written examinations:

- There will be no adjustment to the final examination papers.
- A scaling, by a factor of 1.15 will be applied to the mark awarded to the written examination component.

## Additional components (practical coursework, practical performance tests and oral examinations):

- **Practical coursework** in the LCA vocational specialisms of Graphics/Construction, Engineering, Technology, Childcare/Community Care and Craft & Design-all briefs that do not issue at the start of the year will be issued earlier than normal.
- **Practical performance tests** will proceed as normal and will be conducted under examination conditions.
- **Oral examinations/tests** will be conducted in line with State Examinations Commission guidelines.

## Curriculum updates

**Programme Statement:** The LCA Programme Statement has been updated in December 2024, to reflect the changes to the Social Education for students entering LCA Year 1 in September 2025.

**Circular Letter 0012/2025:** Amendments to the Social Education Leaving Certificate Applied (LCA) Module Descriptor provides further details about the changes to Social Education from September 2025, students entering year one of the LCA programme. The circular letter can be accessed [here](#).

**Module Descriptor:** As of September 2025, students entering year one of the LCA programme will be required to study the new Senior Cycle Social, Personal and Health Education (SPHE) curriculum specification. The new specification for Senior Cycle SPHE **will replace** Social Education modules 1 and 4. Access to Social Education Module Descriptor for students entering LCA year 1 in September 2025 can be accessed [here](#).

**Revised credit allocation for Social Education:** The Social Education examination will be **discontinued** for students beginning LCA Year 1, from September 2025.

- Four credits will be allocated for the completion of key assignments in Senior Cycle SPHE. Two credits in year one and two credits in year two.
- Credit allocation for the Contemporary Issues Task will increase from 10 credits to 14 credits.
- For the remaining Social Education modules, credits will be allocated in line with non-examinable modules as per the LCA Programme Statement.

## Planning for work experience for the academic year 2025/26

- The school week comprises a minimum 28 hours instruction time, inclusive of work experience. During the two-year programme, LCA students must complete a minimum of two mandatory modules in work experience.
- It is expected that students will complete work experience in a workplace environment.