



**Coimisiún na Scrúduithe Stáit**  
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## **To: Management Authorities of Second Level Schools**

### **Leaving Certificate Geography 2006 Examination Information**

1. A revised syllabus for Leaving Certificate Geography was introduced in schools from September, 2004. The revised syllabus will be examined for the first time in the Leaving Certificate examination of 2006.
2. Assessment will feature **two** components at both Ordinary and Higher levels:
  - (i) Practical coursework and
  - (ii) A Final, Written Examination

At both levels, the practical coursework will carry a weighting of 20% of total marks.

3. Both components will be assessed externally, by examiners appointed by the State Examinations Commission.
4. The List of Prescribed Topics for the Practical Coursework – i.e. the Geographical Investigation, 2006 - accompanies this circular.
5. Guidelines for undertaking a geographical investigation are included in “Geography Leaving Certificate, Higher and Ordinary Level, Guidelines for Teachers”, published by the Department of Education and Science and NCCA.
6. The practical coursework must be submitted in the Geographical Investigation Reporting Booklet, which will be issued in sample form by the Commission in March, 2005.
7. Sample papers for the final, written examination component will be issued in September, 2005.
8. Please bring this circular and the List of Prescribed Topics for the Geographical Investigation to the attention of all teachers of Leaving Certificate Geography in your school.
9. Please provide a copy of this circular to the appropriate representatives of parents and teachers, for transmission to individual parents and teachers.

Kathleen Kiveney  
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