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## **Geography at Leaving Certificate in 2006 and Thereafter**

**To: Management Authorities of Second Level Schools**

The following changes will apply to the Leaving Certificate Geography examination in 2006 and thereafter:

1. The duration of the written examination – at both higher and ordinary levels – will be reduced from **three** hours to **two-and-a-half** hours. However, the additional 20 minutes introduced in recent years for a number of subjects including Geography will continue to apply. Accordingly, the duration of the Geography written papers at both Higher Level and Ordinary Level will now show as 2 hours and 50 minutes.
2. The format of the paper at both levels will be that of a **returnable booklet**.

Sample papers, illustrating the above changes, accompany this circular.

You are requested, please, to bring this circular to the notice of all teachers concerned. Please also provide a copy of this circular to the appropriate representatives of parents and teachers for transmission to individual parents and teachers.

A memorandum giving information on approaches to marking is being prepared and will issue in January.

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