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### Leaving Certificate Irish 2012 Higher Level, Ordinary Level and Foundation Level

#### To the Authorities of Second Level Schools

Dear Principal,

Circular Letter S90/10 sets out changes in the proportion of marks for certain aspects of the Leaving Certificate examination in Irish (Higher Level, Ordinary Level and Foundation Level) which will take place from 2012 onwards. As a consequence of the re-evaluation of certain aspects of the examination, there will be a revised layout of certain parts of the examination paper.

#### Arrangements for the Aural Test

From 2012 onwards the Aural test (Higher, Ordinary and Foundation levels) will form an integral part of the written examination. As the CD for Higher and Ordinary level Irish Paper 1 on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June is common to both levels these candidates can be accommodated in the same centre (where possible). The CD for Foundation level on the same day differs from that of Higher and Ordinary level and these candidates must be accommodated in a separate centre. Candidates should remain in the centre where they sit the aural for the duration of the test as the aural is not now a separate session. When deciding on the accommodation to use for the Foundation Level candidates it should be borne in mind that Higher or Ordinary level candidates may opt to change their preference to Foundation Level on the day of the examination. It will be necessary for the school authorities to appoint an individual superintendent in respect of Foundation Level Irish candidates for Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June. These superintendents should be paid the session rate of €6.02 in respect of this examination. In order to obtain the optimum arrangement for the conduct of the Aural part of the test it may be necessary to set up break-out centres. Candidates should remain in this centre until the completion of this entire session.

#### Grading of the Oral Test

Candidates should also be made aware that, in instances where they have attended for the oral and are absent for one or more parts of the written examination, the subject Irish will be resulted and graded on their provisional results and certificates.

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