

Arrangements for the Marking of the 2019 Leaving Certificate Appeals and Schedule of Dates

The results of the Leaving Certificate Appeal Results are due for issue in the week ending 20th September, 2019. This much earlier issue date represents a significant improvement for candidates, particularly those awaiting the outcome of their appeal to secure a revised offer through the CAO process.

The purpose of this information note is to provide details to appeal examiners of the revised arrangements for the marking of the Leaving Certificate appeals this year to facilitate the earlier issue of the appeal results. School authorities may also be interested in the schedule of dates for the appeal marking in order to plan around the absence from school of teachers undertaking the role of appeal examiner.

The appeal marking of the various components will commence on the week beginning August 26th. Achieving the earlier appeal results date requires the release of teachers from school to act as appeal examiners. In making these arrangements, the SEC has endeavoured to minimise school absence to the greatest possible degree. We greatly appreciate the cooperation and assistance of school authorities in facilitating the release of teachers to attend appeal conferences and complete appeal marking. In general, appeal examiners will be absent from school for a maximum of two days while more senior members of the examining team (Advisers and Chief Advisers) require a maximum of four days out of school. Some 750 examiners and 150 senior examiners will be involved in marking the Leaving Certificate appeals.

Slightly different arrangements apply in the case of components that are marked in schools such as in the case of project work and Art coursework. However, other than being slightly earlier this year, the duration of marking in these components is unchanged and the marking of this work always took place in school time.

A schedule of dates for the majority of subjects and levels is outlined below. For subjects and levels where the number of appeals is low, arrangements will be finalised in due course. Similarly, the marking arrangements for the Leaving Certificate Applied appeals will be confirmed on a subject by subject basis depending on the number of appeals.

Given that there are a number of different components to be marked during the process including written examinations, practical coursework and oral examinations, there are a number of different approaches to the appeal marking process.

1. Written examinations and written practical coursework

There are two appeal marking models depending on the subject.

Model 1

- The appeal advising team (Chief Advising Examiner, Senior Advising Examiner and Advising Examiners, where appropriate) and appeal examiners will be required to attend a one-day appeal conference (in the week of August 26th).

- On Monday 2nd September the appeal examiners will be required to be released from school to complete their marking and to deliver their marked scripts to a designated post office.
- The advising team will be required to complete the marking process on-site at a designated venue in Athlone on Wednesday September 4th and Thursday September 5th.

Model 2:

The appeal advising team (Chief Advising Examiner, Senior Advising Examiner and Advising Examiners, where appropriate) and appeal examiners will be required to attend a two-day conference and marking session where all appeal marking is completed on-site at a designated venue in Athlone.

Model 1 Schedule of dates:

Written Component	Appeal Conference	Examiners released to complete marking and return scripts	Advising team monitoring (on-site)
German HL	28 th August	2 nd September	4 th & 5 th September
Spanish HL	28 th August	2 nd September	4 th & 5 th September
Geography HL	28 th August	2 nd September	4 th & 5 th September
Chemistry HL	28 th August	2 nd September	4 th & 5 th September
Biology HL	28 th August	2 nd September	4 th & 5 th September
Irish HL	29 th August	2 nd September	4 th & 5 th September
Business HL	29 th August	2 nd September	4 th & 5 th September
Agricultural Science	29 th August	2 nd September	4 th & 5 th September
English HL	30 th August	2 nd September	4 th & 5 th September

Model 2 Schedule of dates:

Component	Appeal Conference and marking
Maths HL and OL	29 th and 30 th August
Politics and Society HL and OL	30 th and 31 st August
French HL	30 th and 31 st August
French OL	30 th August
LCVP Portfolio and written examination	30 th and 31 st August
Art, History and Appreciation HL and OL	31 st August
Economics HL	2 nd and 3 rd September
Applied Maths HL	2 nd and 3 rd September

Physics HL and OL	2 nd and 3 rd September
German OL	3 rd September
Religious Education HL and OL	3 rd September
Agricultural Economics HL and OL	3 rd September
Italian (oral and written) HL and OL	3 rd September
History HL	3 rd and 4 th September
Physics and Chemistry HL	3 rd and/ or 4 th September
Music (all components) HL and OL	3 rd and 4 th September
Accounting HL	3 rd and 4 th September
Home Economics Journal	3 rd September
Home Economics Written HL and OL	4 th and 5 th September
Chemistry OL	4 th and/or 5 th September
Biology OL	4 th and/or 5 th September
Irish OL	4 th and 5 th September
English OL	4 th and 5 th September
Classical Studies HL and OL	4 th and 5 th September
Construction Studies coursework	31 st August
Construction Studies written	6 th and 7 th September
DCG coursework	31 st August
DCG written	6 th and 7 th September
Technology written	6 th and 7 th September
Engineering practical	6 th September
Engineering written	7 th September

2. Oral component appeals:

The appeal advising team (Chief Advising Examiner, Senior Advising Examiner and Advising Examiners, where appropriate) and appeal examiners for the oral component in Irish, French, German and Spanish will attend a one-day appeal conference. The day immediately after the conference, appeal examiners will be released from school in order to facilitate marking. The appeal advising team will then be required to complete the marking process on-site at a designated venue in Athlone on specified dates.

Arrangements for appeals of oral components in Italian, Japanese and Russian will be finalised on a subject basis in due course depending on the number of appeals.

Subject	Appeal Conference	Examiners released for marking	Advising team complete marking (on-site)
Irish	28 th August	29 th August	4 th September
French	28 th August	29 th August	3 rd September
German	29 th August	30 th August	3 rd September
Spanish	29 th August	30 th August	3 rd September

3. Components where appeals are marked in schools:

The appeal advising team (Chief Advising Examiner and Advising Examiners, where appropriate) and appeal examiners will attend an appeal conference and the appeal marking will be completed in schools over a designated schedule of dates.

Component	Appeal Conference	In-school marking
Construction Studies project	28 th August	28 th August – 6 th September
Technology project	28 th August	28 th August – 6 th September
Art coursework	30 th August	2 nd - 6 th September
Engineering project	31 st August	2 nd - 6 th September