



Leaving Certificate Examination, 2017 – Construction Studies

Instructions to candidates in the ethical preparation and presentation of authentic coursework for assessment.

1. The coursework you submit for assessment must be **your own individual work**.
2. It is **your** responsibility, as the candidate, to comply with these instructions. If you fail to comply with these instructions, your teacher will not be able to validate and sign off on your coursework.
3. The completed coursework submitted for assessment must consist of **two** items:
 - an **artefact** and
 - a **design folio / report**.
4. To enable the teacher to validate your coursework and to ensure that similar constraints apply to all candidates, the artefact **in its entirety** must be executed **in school under the supervision of your teacher**.
5. Your artefact must not be removed from the school **under any circumstances** as doing so will result in the coursework being considered invalid and no marks will be awarded.
6. You must submit your own separate, distinct coursework. Group coursework is not accepted for assessment.
7. If you are a repeat candidate, you must undertake new coursework in accordance with these instructions. You are not allowed to present the same folio or artefact for assessment a second time.
8. The coursework must meet the requirements for coursework as specified in the syllabus for Construction Studies. In order to comply with instruction 4 above, you **must** select coursework that can be completed within the supervised time available in the school and using **only** the equipment and materials available in the school. You must agree the coursework with your teacher.
9. Components produced using CAD/CAM technologies are accepted where such components are used to complement the manipulative skills demonstrated by you in the artefact.
10. Your design folio must include a record of **individual** experimental / laboratory work that you completed during the course. Evidence that you completed this work should be included. It is recommended that your experimental work be related to your coursework and that you undertake and record **three** experiments.
11. You should engage in a wide range of research activities. When using research sources, including the internet, you must acknowledge your sources. Research material copied directly from the internet or from other sources and presented as your own work will not receive any marks.
12. Your folio should include a record of the complete manufacturing sequence. This should include photographs and/or sketches as appropriate.
13. Where there are clear similarities between your coursework and that of another candidate, whether in the artefact or in the design folio, you will not receive any marks for such coursework.
14. Your examination number must be clearly shown on **both** the artefact and the design folio.
15. All coursework must be completed by **Friday, 28 April 2017**, at the latest.
16. Both your Construction Studies teacher and the school principal will later have to sign a document that states that you have followed these instructions. This validates your coursework. They must inform the State Examinations Commission if you have not followed all of the instructions. If you submit coursework that they cannot validate, you will not receive any marks for the coursework component.

Note:

- *The circumstances in which the Minister for education and Skills may withhold marks from candidates are set out in the “Rules and Programme for Secondary Schools”.*
- *Anyone who helps a candidate to break examination rules can be prosecuted under the Education Act 1998.*