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STATE EXAMINATIONS COMMISSION

**PRESS RELEASE**

JUNIOR CERTIFICATE RESULTS 2005

56,750 students to receive Junior Certificate Results

**14<sup>th</sup> September 2005**

Statements of provisional Junior Certificate examination results for 56,792 candidates will be in all post-primary schools today, Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> September 2005. Over half a million individual grades in 25 different subjects are being delivered to the 28,036 female and 28,756 male candidates in this year's examination. Students can also access their results through the on-line examination results service on [www.examinations.ie](http://www.examinations.ie) from 4 PM today.

The Chairman of the State Examinations Commission (SEC), Mr. Jimmy Farrelly, sent his congratulations to all of the students receiving results today and to their parents and teachers. However, he was also mindful of the students and families who experienced trauma and loss at examination time adding **“I am aware that for some families the release of these results is a sad reminder of a difficult time in their lives.”** Mr. Farrelly sent special congratulations to the 1,369 re-entrants to education who entered for this year's Junior Certificate examination through various education schemes including the Vocational Training Opportunities Scheme and the Back to Education Initiative.

The Chairman commended the staff of the SEC, examination superintendents, examiners, school managements, teachers, school staff and all others involved in the examination process on their hard work and commitment in the conduct of the 2005 examinations.

The overall numbers sitting the examination are down by 0.5% on last year however the proportion of candidates who are re-entrants to education has remained the same at 2.4% of the total cohort.

## **Appeals**

Applications for review of Junior Certificate examination results, which must be made through the candidate's school, should be made so as to arrive in the State Examinations Commission no later than 5 PM on Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> September 2005. The fee for this service is €30.00 per subject which will be refunded in the event that a result is upgraded. The closing date will be strictly observed. Applications will be accepted only from a school authority. It is planned to post the results of the appeals in the week ending 11<sup>th</sup> November 2005.

## **Marking Schemes**

The official marking schemes in all subjects will be published on the website, [www.examinations.ie](http://www.examinations.ie), in the coming days.

## **Chief Examiners' Reports**

Chief Examiners' Reports provide a review of the performance of candidates in the examinations and contain detailed analysis of all aspects of the examining process. They also contain recommendations for teachers and students and generally include examples of candidates' answers. Reports are published in a selected number of subjects and programmes each year. Following the 2005 examinations Chief Examiners' Reports will be published in the following subjects: Civic, Social and Political Education(CSPE); French; German; Italian; History and Environmental and Social Studies(ESS).

## **On-Line Results Service.**

Candidates will be able to access their results on the Internet from 4 PM today, Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2005. Access to the service, which requires the use of an examination number and a unique candidate Personal Identification Number, is through [www.examinations.ie](http://www.examinations.ie). This service is not intended to replace the valuable results service and advice provided to students by schools at results issue time. The PIN and Examinations numbers required to access the service have already been issued.

## **ENDS**

Notes for Editors

### **Note on Statistics**

All statistics provided in this press release and in the accompanying documentation are provisional for 2005 and as such are subject to enquiry and appeal.

The accompanying statistical documentation provides details of the results of the 2005 Junior Certificate examinations for all subject levels with more than 10 candidates and the results in 2003 and 2004. For reasons of candidate confidentiality,

we only make public the details of subject levels with results for more than 10 candidates. Results are also being issued to candidates in Ordinary Level Ancient Greek and Higher Level Hebrew Studies.

**Number of Candidates Sitting the Junior Certificate 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2005**

	<b>School Candidates</b>	<b>Re-entrants to Education*</b>	<b>Total Candidates</b>
<b>2002</b>	59,188	1,251	60,439
<b>2003</b>	58,175	1,458	59,633
<b>2004</b>	55,683	1,391	57,074
<b>2005</b>	55,423	1,369	56,792

*Table 1. Numbers of Junior Certificate Candidates*

\*Re-entrants to Education: Candidates in this classification are those that entered for the examination through education schemes such as the Vocational Training Opportunities Scheme and Back to Education Initiative.

Of the 2005 total, 28,036 of the candidates were female and 28,756 were male.

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