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## STATE EXAMINATIONS COMMISSION

### PRESS RELEASE

#### LEAVING CERTIFICATE APPEALS 2004

**12<sup>th</sup> October 2004**

The State Examinations Commission have released the appeal results for the 2004 Leaving Certificate examination. Candidates will receive the results of their appeals today. The results have been issued to post-primary schools and are also available on-line on the State Examinations Commission's website, [www.examinations.ie](http://www.examinations.ie), from 12 midday.

In 2004, the Leaving Certificate (established) examination culminated in the issue of almost 380,000 grades to some 55,000 candidates. Appeal applications were made against 10,305 grades in 32 subjects leading to 2,082 upgrades and 7 downgrades.

In the processing of appeals, the work of each candidate is fully re-marked question by question. A fundamental feature of the appeal process is that the re-marking is performed by a different examiner to the one who originally marked the work.

The appeals process is also used as a further quality assurance check on the original marking. This year this quality assurance process has culminated in 16 upgrades for candidates who had not appealed.

#### **NUMBER AND OUTCOME OF APPEALS 2004**

Details, of the number and outcome of appeals, are shown below for subjects where more than 10 appeals were made.

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>Candidature</b>	<b>Appeals</b>	<b>Upgrades</b>
ACCOUNTING	H	4,859	251	50
AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE	H	2,270	62	29
APPLIED MATHEMATICS	H	1,358	62	8
ART	H	7,240	360	51
BIOLOGY	H	16,015	560	170
BIOLOGY	O	8,012	12	1
BUSINESS	H	15,034	562	107
CHEMISTRY	H	6,207	403	59
CLASSICAL STUDIES	H	685	71	6
CONSTRUCTION STUDIES	H	6,551	53	9
ECONOMIC HISTORY	H	284	15	6
ECONOMICS	H	3,811	406	36
ENGINEERING	H	3,501	20	2

ENGLISH	H	32,471	1,998	309
ENGLISH	O	20,311	60	27

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FRENCH	H	15,165	536	139
FRENCH	O	16,268	38	7
GEOGRAPHY	H	21,746	951	250
GERMAN	H	4,982	163	43
HISTORY	H	6,683	451	155
HOME ECONOMICS - S+ S	H	10,524	256	83
IRISH	H	14,878	767	190
IRISH	O	28,718	85	18
LATIN	H	116	14	0
LINKS MODULES(LCVP)	C	13,565	203	42
MATHEMATICS	H	9,429	732	84
MATHEMATICS	O	37,796	388	63
MUSIC	H	3,871	154	13
PHYSICS	H	5,840	414	74
PHYSICS & CHEMISTRY	H	604	23	6
SPANISH	H	1,012	53	9
TECHNICAL DRAWING	H	3,153	108	18

***H = Higher, O = Ordinary, C = Common.***

Appeals were also made in Ordinary Level Agricultural Science, Business, Chemistry, Classical Studies, Economics, Geography, German, History, Home Economics, Music, Physics, Physics & Chemistry, Spanish and Technical Drawing; Higher Level Agricultural Economics, Ancient Greek, Arabic, Italian and Japanese; and Foundation Level Mathematics.

These figures do not include a small number of appeals, which have yet to be finalised.

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