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## STATE EXAMINATIONS COMMISSION

### PRESS RELEASE

## LEAVING CERTIFICATE APPEALS 2009

**7th October 2009**

The State Examinations Commission (SEC) has released the appeal results for the 2009 Leaving Certificate examination. Candidates will receive the results of their appeals today either through their school or through the on-line examination results service on [www.examinations.ie](http://www.examinations.ie). At 12 midday today the Leaving Cert examination results available on [www.examinations.ie](http://www.examinations.ie) will be updated to reflect the appeal outcomes. The appeal results are also being transmitted electronically to the Central Applications Office.

In 2009, the Leaving Certificate (Established and Vocational) examinations culminated in the issue of some 371,874 grades to 54,196 candidates. A total of 6,127 candidates made applications for appeals against 10,398 grades leading to 2,076 upgrades. Small numbers of appeals were also processed in subjects in the Leaving Certificate Applied Programme.

In the processing of appeals, the work of each candidate is fully re-marked question by question using the original marking scheme. The re-marking is performed by a different examiner to the one who originally marked the work.

Candidates may opt to view their re-marked examination scripts. Candidates are required to complete the application form that accompanies the appeal results and to return it through the school that entered them for examination by Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October. Externally entered candidates should return the form directly to the SEC. All such applications must be with the SEC by 5 PM on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2008. The viewing will be held in the Athlone office of the SEC on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October between 10.00 am and 4.00 pm.

Candidates who are dissatisfied with the outcome of their appeal have recourse to the Independent Appeals Scrutineers. The Scrutineers' role is to ensure that due process has been followed in the case of each appeal and that all of the appeal procedures were properly carried out. The Scrutineers are independent of the State Examinations Commission and they have the power to request from the SEC all documentation relating to an appeal in conducting their investigations. Application forms for an appeal review by the Independent Appeal Scrutineers have been provided with the appeal results.

## **NUMBER AND OUTCOME OF APPEALS 2009**

A total of 10,398 individual subject appeals were processed resulting in 2,076 upgrades. Details of the number and outcome of appeals are shown below for subjects in which more than 10 appeals were made.

### **Leaving Certificate Appeals 2009**

<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>LEVEL</b>	<b>CANDIDATES</b>	<b>APPEALS</b>	<b>UPGRADES</b>
ENGLISH	H	32,863	2,031	244
BIOLOGY	H	20,101	942	289
GEOGRAPHY	H	19,024	827	225
IRISH	H	14,796	802	165
BUSINESS	H	12,410	602	109
FRENCH	H	13,676	779	147
MATHEMATICS	H	8,420	459	86
MATHEMATICS	O	37,272	497	82
HISTORY	H	7,850	292	78
CHEMISTRY	H	6,037	442	60
PHYSICS	H	4,693	204	26
ART	H	8,077	275	56
LINKS MODULES(LCVP)	C	15,084	288	57
HOME ECONOMICS - S+ S	H	9,008	253	46
ACCOUNTING	H	4,837	187	49
ECONOMICS	H	3,523	207	29
GERMAN	H	4,356	128	28
ENGINEERING	H	3,602	26	4
MUSIC	H	5,002	153	31
AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE	H	4,164	220	110
BUSINESS	O	6,015	16	9
IRISH	O	26,009	81	19
CONSTRUCTION STUDIES	H	7,213	76	5
FRENCH	O	13,999	83	4
SPANISH	H	1,858	94	24
ENGLISH	O	18,169	63	31
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	H	851	40	5
DESIGN & COMMUNICATION GRAPHICS	H	4,110	92	14
APPLIED MATHEMATICS	H	1,333	39	3
CLASSICAL STUDIES	H	700	78	9

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

Appeals were also made in Higher Level; Agricultural Economics, Arabic, Japanese, Ancient Greek, Italian, Latin, Lithuanian, Polish, Physics & Chemistry and Technology, and in Ordinary Level Accounting, Agricultural Science, Applied Mathematics, Art, Biology, Chemistry, Construction Studies, Design & Communication Graphics, Music, Economics, Engineering, Geography, German, History, Home Economics, Physics, Spanish and in Foundation Level Irish and Mathematics.

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

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