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STATE EXAMINATIONS COMMISSION

PRESS RELEASE

LEAVING CERTIFICATE APPEALS 2010

13th October 2010

The State Examinations Commission (SEC) has released the appeal results for the 2010 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. At 12 midday today the Leaving Certificate examination results available on 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 2010, the Leaving Certificate (Established and Vocational) examinations culminated in the issue of some 363,583 grades to 54,481 candidates. These candidates were afforded an opportunity to view their scripts in their schools in early September before making a decision as to whether or not they wished to appeal the results of one or more subjects. In making this decision candidates had access to copies of the marking schemes for those subjects and could be accompanied to the viewing of their scripts by a parent or teacher. A total of 5,929 candidates made applications for appeals against 10,333 grades leading to 2,110 upgrades, which is 0.6% of all grades awarded. A total of 8 results were downgraded in the appeal process.

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 Monday 18th 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 19th October 2010. The viewing will be held in the Athlone office of the SEC on Saturday 23rd 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 2010

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	Level	Grades	Appeals	Upgrades
ACCOUNTING	A	4,543	209	64
AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE	A	4,675	241	101
APPLIED MATHEMATICS	A	1,213	82	6
ART	A	8,178	223	37
BIOLOGY	A	20,971	1,100	278
BUSINESS	A	12,695	488	80
CHEMISTRY	A	6,298	333	76
CLASSICAL STUDIES	A	738	115	16
CONSTRUCTION STUDIES	A	7,234	53	6
DESIGN & COMMUNICATION	A	4,232	126	14
ECONOMICS	A	3,846	220	46
ENGINEERING	A	3,860	32	5
ENGLISH	A	33,007	1,603	201
ENGLISH	G	18,492	62	21
FRENCH	A	14,359	557	141
FRENCH	G	13,215	48	6
GEOGRAPHY	A	20,184	972	264
GERMAN	A	4,396	151	39
HISTORY	A	7,722	381	90
HOME ECONOMICS	A	8,982	209	47
IRISH	A	14,650	927	216
IRISH	G	25,906	78	15
ITALIAN	A	197	17	0
LINKS MODULES	C	15,596	295	43
MATHEMATICS	A	8,390	722	112
MATHEMATICS	G	37,903	370	89
MUSIC	A	5,261	215	21
PHYSICS	A	4,877	266	23
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	A	799	35	1
SPANISH	A	2,059	116	36
OTHER SUBJECTS *		49,105	87	7
		363,583	10,333	2,110

A = Ard (Higher), G = Gnath (Ordinary), B = Bonn (Foundation) C = Common.

Other Subjects *

Higher Level: Physics & Chemistry, Technology, Arabic, Latin, Ancient Greek, Japanese, Hebrew Studies, Romanian and Slovakian.

Ordinary Level: Applied Maths, Biology, German, Physics, Spanish, Accounting, Economics, Geography, Business Studies, Construction Studies, Design and Communication Graphics, Chemistry, History, Art, and Foundation Level Mathematics.

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

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