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## STATE EXAMINATIONS COMMISSION

### PRESS RELEASE

## LEAVING CERTIFICATE APPEALS 2012

**10th October 2012**

The State Examinations Commission (SEC) has released the appeal results for the 2012 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 Certificate examination results available on [www.examinations.ie](http://www.examinations.ie) will be updated to reflect the appeal outcomes. The appeal results have also been transmitted electronically to the Central Applications Office.

In 2012, the Leaving Certificate examinations culminated in the issue of some 360,000 grades to 55,815 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 5,141 candidates made applications for appeals against 8,782 grades leading to 1,672 upgrades, which is 0.46% of all grades awarded in the 2012 Leaving Certificate examination. A total of 3 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 15<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 16<sup>th</sup> October 2012. The viewing will be held in the Athlone office of the SEC on Saturday 20<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 to candidates with their appeal results.

The appeals process is also used as a further quality assurance check on the original results processing. In 2012 this quality assurance process has culminated in 52 upgrades for candidates who had not appealed.

## NUMBER AND OUTCOME OF APPEALS 2012

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	Level	Grades	Appeals	Upgrades	As a % of Overall Grades
ACCOUNTING	A	3889	131	34	0.9%
AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE	A	5587	360	116	2.1%
APPLIED MATHEMATICS	A	1344	30	3	0.2%
ART	A	7857	246	43	0.5%
BIOLOGY	A	22740	1035	273	1.2%
BIOLOGY	G	7796	14	1	0.0%
BUSINESS	A	11838	526	53	0.4%
CHEMISTRY	A	6705	432	66	1.0%
CLASSICAL STUDIES	A	628	76	12	1.9%
CONSTRUCTION STUDIES	A	6575	61	5	0.1%
DESIGN & COMMUNICATION	A	3804	96	13	0.3%
ECONOMICS	A	3748	235	30	0.8%
ENGINEERING	A	3819	27	4	0.1%
ENGLISH	A	32965	1339	184	0.6%
ENGLISH	G	17552	41	15	0.1%
FRENCH	A	13720	479	93	0.7%
FRENCH	G	12257	47	10	0.1%
GEOGRAPHY	A	20142	507	84	0.4%
GERMAN	A	4368	140	28	0.6%
HISTORY	A	7765	374	78	1.0%
HOME ECONOMICS	A	8606	230	41	0.5%
IRISH	A	15937	579	122	0.8%
IRISH	G	22875	36	7	0.0%
ITALIAN	A	278	15	7	2.5%
LATIN	A	130	13	1	0.8%
LINKS MODULES	C	15847	230	54	0.3%
MATHEMATICS	A	11131	559	131	1.2%
MATHEMATICS	G	33916	284	79	0.2%
MUSIC	A	5644	184	18	0.3%
PHYSICS	A	4753	235	16	0.3%
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	A	982	36	5	0.5%
SPANISH	A	2523	118	35	1.4%
TECHNOLOGY	A	770	13	2	0.3%
Others		41,444	54	9	0.0%
		<b>359935</b>	<b>8782</b>	<b>1672</b>	<b>0.46%</b>

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

***Other Subjects*** \* (where less than 10 candidates appealed their result)

**Higher Level:** Agricultural Economics, Ancient Greek, Arabic, Physics & Chemistry, Polish.

**Ordinary Level:** Accounting, Agricultural Science, Applied Maths, Art, Business, Chemistry, Classical Studies, Economics, Engineering, Geography, History, Home Economics, Physics and Spanish.

**Foundation Level:** Irish, Mathematics.

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

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