

STATE EXAMINATIONS COMMISSION

PRESS STATEMENT

2012 STATE EXAMINATIONS

LEAVING CERTIFICATE GAEILGE PAPER 1

It has come to our attention that during the packing of supplementary CDs for some additional centres for candidates with special educational needs, a limited number of CDs for the Aural component of Leaving Certificate Gaeilge (Higher and Ordinary levels) were issued in error in place of Junior Certificate Gaeilge (Higher and Ordinary levels) CDs. This Leaving Certificate examination is scheduled to take place next Monday, **11th June at 2pm**. The error came to light on Thursday, June 7th during the course of the Junior Certificate Gaeilge examinations.

The integrity of the examinations is of paramount concern to the State Examinations Commission (SEC). In this case the SEC believes that the content of these CDs may have been compromised.

The SEC deems it prudent in the interests of inter candidate equity that contingency arrangements be implemented. These will provide for a replacement Leaving Certificate Gaeilge Paper I (Higher and Ordinary Levels), and CD to be in place in examination centres on Monday morning, for use at the scheduled time in Monday afternoon's examination.

The Foundation Level examination is unaffected, as it uses a separate CD independent of the content of that used at Higher and Ordinary Levels.

The SEC is satisfied that all arrangements are in place to conduct Monday afternoon's Leaving Certificate Gaeilge examinations at all levels without disruption to candidates. The SEC would like to assure candidates that contingency papers are produced to the same standard as the 'original' papers and in accordance with our published principles and protocols. Candidates should continue with their normal preparation for this examination.

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