

# **State Examinations Commission**

## **Examinations 2006**

### **Information**

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## **Introduction**

For the 2006 examination 52,050 candidates are entered for the Leaving Certificate examination, 3,282 candidates for the final year examinations in the Leaving Certificate Applied and 58,212 candidates for the Junior Certificate examination.

The Corporate Affairs Division of the State Examinations Commission has compiled this information pack. We hope that you will find it useful during this year's examinations.

The information pack includes a copy of our 2005 Annual Report. The report provides a review of the organisation's performance in 2005 and of other issues that arose during the year, general information on the administration of the examinations, as well as detailed statistics on the 2005 examination outcomes.

This booklet provides information and statistics relevant to the 2006 examinations. It is important to note that the statistical information provided on the 2006 exams are the predicted entry figures and are subject to change.

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## Useful Dates 2006

### Key Dates

Date	Event
Wednesday, June 7 <sup>th</sup>	Start of written examinations
Thursday, June 15 <sup>th</sup>	End of Leaving Certificate Applied written examinations
Thursday, June 22 <sup>nd</sup>	End of Junior Certificate written examinations
Friday, June 23 <sup>rd</sup>	End of Leaving Certificate written examinations
Wednesday, August 16 <sup>th</sup>	Leaving Certificate results in all schools. On <a href="http://www.examinations.ie">www.examinations.ie</a> from 12 noon.
Tuesday, August 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Leaving Certificate candidates must return completed application forms to view scripts to school by this date
Friday & Saturday, Sept 1 <sup>st</sup> - Sept 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Viewing of scripts in schools
Wednesday, September 6 <sup>th</sup>	Closing date for receipt of Leaving Certificate appeal applications
Mid-September	Release of Junior Certificate results
Mid-October	Release of results of Leaving Certificate appeals

### Results Dates

Results of the 2006 Leaving Certificate Examination will be in schools on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2006. They will also be available on [www.examinations.ie](http://www.examinations.ie) at 12 noon on that date.

Junior Certificate results will be in schools in mid-September. The Junior Certificate results will be available on [www.examinations.ie](http://www.examinations.ie) at 4 PM on the date of release.

For information, please note that the 2005 Junior Certificate results were released on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2005.

### Start Dates 1996-2007

Year	Date	Year	Date
1996	5 <sup>th</sup> June	2002	5 <sup>th</sup> June
1997	11 <sup>th</sup> June	2003	4 <sup>th</sup> June
1998	10 <sup>th</sup> June	2004	9 <sup>th</sup> June
1999	9 <sup>th</sup> June	2005	8 <sup>th</sup> June
2000	7 <sup>th</sup> June	2006	7 <sup>th</sup> June
2001	6 <sup>th</sup> June	2007	6 <sup>th</sup> June

## **2006 Timetables and Schedules**

Five documents giving the dates of the certificate examinations are at **Appendix A:**

- The timetable for the Leaving Certificate and Leaving Certificate Applied written examinations in June 2006.
- An additional Leaving Certificate timetable giving the dates for Russian, Japanese and the non-curricular EU languages
- The timetable for the Junior Certificate written examinations in June 2006.
- A schedule of examination dates for the non-written examinations at the Leaving Certificate, Leaving Certificate Applied and Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme.
- A schedule of examination dates for non-written examinations at Junior Certificate.

### **Non-written examinations**

Oral tests in language subjects were conducted in the two week period between Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March and Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2006. Any late orals were being held in the week commencing the 22<sup>nd</sup> May.

Practical examinations were conducted over a two-week period in May. Although set dates are laid down for these examinations, they are indicative only and schools have the flexibility to use this two-week period to organise the practical examinations in such a way as to minimise any disruption in the school.

The LCVP Link Modules written examination was held on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2006.

The question papers for the Junior Certificate Art, Craft and Design and the Leaving Certificate Life Sketching, are given to candidates one week in advance of the scheduled date for the examinations.

## Key Logistics

Established in 2003, the State Examinations Commission assumed responsibility from the Department of Education and Science for the operation of the second-level examinations of the Irish state: the Junior Certificate and the Leaving Certificate. The State Examinations Commission is based at Cornamaddy, Athlone, Co. Westmeath.

The SEC employs some 185 permanent staff; this number is supplemented by 90 temporary staff to assist in key seasonal functions such as the packing and distribution of examination material and the examination resulting process.

It is anticipated that this year's examinations will involve:

- 114,000 candidates in four examination programmes; the Junior Certificate, Leaving Certificate (established), Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme and Leaving Certificate Applied
- 90 examination subjects
- 250 different test components - oral, aural, practical, project and portfolio items as well as the written examination papers
- 1.8 million individual test items to be examined
- 4,600 ordinary examination centres
- 4,500 special examination centres
- 3 million examination papers made up of 34 million A4 pages
- 11,000 contract staff as follows:
  - 4,600 superintendents
  - 6,000 examiners (4,000 written examiners, 1000 oral examiners and 1000 practical examiners)
  - 575 drafters, setters and translators
- 85,000 oral test recordings
- 320,000 marked Leaving Cert scripts to be returned for viewing

## Examination Costs and Fees

The overall cost of running the examinations in the period 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2005 to 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2005 was €8 million, of which €3.5 million was collected in fees.

The main running costs associated with the examinations are the fees paid to superintendents, examiners, drafters and setters, and their associated travel and subsistence costs. The cost of printing, packing and posting examination materials is also significant. Examination materials; past papers, aural tests, marking schemes, etc; are provided free of charge to schools and candidates in a variety of different formats including paper, CD, CD-ROM and on our website.

## Key Costs in 2005

	€m.
Fees paid to Examiners, Superintendents and other Contract Personnel	28.4
Staff Salaries	10.3
Travel & Subsistence (Contract and Staff)	11.0

## 2006 Examination Fees

Students who hold a medical card or who are dependant on a Parent or Guardian who is the holder of a Medical Card are exempt from examination fees. For other candidates the lists of fees for the 2006 examinations are listed below.

### School Candidates

Leaving Certificate (Established and LCVP)	€2
Leaving Certificate Applied Programme	€2
Junior Certificate	€8
Repeat Leaving Certificate	€42
Post Leaving Certificate course (per subject)	€7

### VTOS and Analogous Candidates

Leaving Certificate (3+subjects)	€2
Mix of LC/JC subjects (3+)	€2
Junior Certificate (3+subjects)	€8
1 or 2 subjects – LC/JC/mix	€7

### External Candidates

#### Ordinary Fees

First time entry (3+ subjects)	€2
First time entry (1 or 2 subjects)	€7
Repeat entry (3+ subjects)	€61
Repeat entry (2 subjects)	€168
Repeat entry (1 subject)	€2

**Late Fees**

Received 4th to 17 <sup>th</sup> February	an additional €26.00 per subject
Received on/after 18 <sup>th</sup> February	an additional €41.00 per subject

**Appeal Fees**

The fee for appealing a result in a subject in the certificate examinations is as follows:

Junior Certificate	€30 per subject
Leaving Certificate Established	€37 per subject
Leaving Certificate Applied	€14.50 per subject

Appeal fees are refunded where discrepancies are discovered and where candidates merit upgrades. Refunds are made through the school system in the case of school candidates and directly to the external candidates.



## **Examination Components**

Each year the state examinations involve the preparation of 250 different test components in 90 subjects. These components include oral tests, practical tests, aural tests, project briefs, practical coursework specifications, journals, reports and portfolios as well as the written exam papers.

A total of approximately 1.8 million individual test items are examined leading to the award of 980,000 grades.

## **Leaving Certificate**

The Leaving Certificate subjects examined entirely by written examination are English, Mathematics, Latin, Ancient Greek, Classical Studies, Hebrew, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Accounting, Business, Economics, Arabic and the Non-curricular EU languages.

The subjects with oral and aural components are Irish, French, German, Spanish, Italian, Japanese and Russian. Music has an aural component.

The Leaving Certificate subjects Agricultural Science, Agricultural Economics, Construction Studies, Engineering, Home Economics, Links Modules, Music, History, Geography and Religious Education have practical coursework components.

There are also practical examinations in Art, Engineering, Construction Studies, Music and Home Economics.

## **Junior Certificate**

The Junior Certificate subjects examined entirely by written examination are English, Mathematics, Ancient Greek, Business Studies, Classical Studies, French, German, Geography, History, Italian, Latin, Science(1989 syllabus), Spanish and Technical Graphics.

Junior Certificate Irish has an aural component. There are also optional oral tests in the Junior Certificate language subjects which are taken by a small number of candidates each year.

The Junior Certificate subjects Art, Craft & Design, Home Economics, Materials Technology (Wood), Metalwork, Religious Education, Science (Revised syllabus), Science with Local Studies, Environmental and Social Studies (ESS), Technology and Civic, Social and Political Education have practical coursework components.

There are also practical examinations in Art, Craft & Design, Home Economics, Music, Metalwork, and Typewriting.

There are no written examinations in Junior Certificate Art, Craft & Design or Typewriting.

## **Examinations Changes 2006**

Revised syllabuses in Leaving Certificate History and Geography will be examined for the first time in 2006. At Junior Certificate, the revised Science syllabus will be assessed for the first time. The new examinations typify the diversity in assessment modalities that is now a regular feature of the examinations. In addition to the written examination, candidates will be assessed on their practical coursework.

The SEC has provided detailed information to assist teachers and candidates in preparing for the new examinations. Circulars have been issued setting out the detailed arrangements for the presentation and assessment of the coursework in the three subjects. Sample written examination papers and sets of marking indicators have also been provided.

### **Leaving Certificate History**

The History syllabus replaces the previous Leaving Certificate History syllabus, which had been in place since 1971. It also subsumes Economic History, which was examined for the last time in 2005. The revised History syllabus offers candidates a choice of two Fields of Study:

- Early Modern (Ireland, 1494-1815 and Europe and the wider world, 1492-1815)
- Later Modern (Ireland, 1815-1993 and Europe and the wider world, 1815-1992).

A *Research Study Report* will attract up to 20% of total marks available for the examination. The coursework, which had to be completed by 28<sup>th</sup> April 2006, will be retained in schools and returned to the SEC with the written examination scripts in June. The same examiner will assess the coursework and the written examination.

### **Leaving Certificate Geography**

The new assessment involves both a written examination and coursework. It is the first time that coursework is a mandatory element of the Geography examination. Candidates are required to prepare and submit a report on a geographical investigation topic from a list prescribed by the SEC.

The *Geographical Investigation Report* will attract up to 20% of total marks available for the examination. The coursework, which had to be completed by 28<sup>th</sup> April 2006, will be retained in schools and returned to the SEC with the written examination scripts in June. The same examiner will assess the coursework and the written examination.

### **Junior Certificate Science**

At Junior Certificate, the revised Science syllabus will be assessed for the first time in 2006. The revised syllabus will be assessed at both Ordinary Level and Higher Level by means of a written examination, worth 65% of the total examinations marks and coursework worth 35%. The previous Science syllabus, including the Science with Local Studies option, will be examined for the last time in 2007. In 2006 and in 2007 the SEC will provide three distinct examination papers at both Higher Level and Ordinary Level for Junior Certificate Science.

## **Leaving Certificate Irish**

In the Leaving Certificate Irish examination, from 2006 onwards, there will be a change on the literature section of both Higher and Ordinary Level papers with a new optional section involving the study of drama and film. Circulars explaining this change and sample questions have been issued to schools and published on the website.

## **Leaving Certificate Russian**

From 2006, the Russian written examination will be reduced in duration from three hours to two and a half hours and any instructions currently in English only on the examination papers will in future appear in both Irish and English. These changes will bring the written examination into line with most of the other modern language examinations. Circulars explaining this change and sample questions have been issued to schools and published on the website.

Sample Papers in Certificate History and Geography can be found at **Appendix B**. The full suite of sample papers and marking indicators for all of these subjects are available on our website [www.examinations.ie](http://www.examinations.ie) in the Examination Information section.

## Non-Curricular EU Language Subjects

The list of subjects for the Leaving Certificate examination includes the following language subjects: Irish, English, Ancient Greek, Arabic, French, German, Hebrew Studies, Italian, Japanese, Spanish and Russian.

The State Examinations Commission also provides examinations in a range of subjects in the language area referred to as the non-curricular EU languages. These are languages which do not appear as part of the normal school curriculum but which students may opt to be examined in if they meet certain criteria. Chief among these conditions are the requirements that candidates for these examinations;

- Be from a member state of the European Union
- Speak the language in which they opt to be examined in as a mother tongue
- Have followed a programme of study leading to the Leaving Certificate Be taking Leaving Certificate English

Another condition is that candidates may undertake examination in one non-curricular language subject only.

For the 2006 Leaving Certificate examinations, candidates will be examined in the following non-curricular language subjects:

- |            |                  |              |
|------------|------------------|--------------|
| • Czech    | • Greek (Modern) | • Portuguese |
| • Dutch    | • Hungarian      | • Slovakian  |
| • Danish   | • Latvian        | • Swedish    |
| • Estonian | • Lithuanian     |              |
| • Finnish  | • Polish         |              |

Latvian, Lithuanian, Hungarian and Slovakian are being examined for the first time this year.

The development of the examinations in these languages has evolved over time. From time to time the SEC, and prior to 2003 the Department of Education and Science, have received requests to provide examinations for native speakers in their mother tongue. The policy has been to accede to these requests in the case of the national languages of EU states in line with the commitment made by member states under Article 149 of the Treaty of Nice. This states that "Community action shall be aimed at developing the European dimension in education, particularly through the teaching and dissemination of the languages of the Member States."

The model for the non-curricular language examination papers is based on the First Foreign Language final written paper of the European Baccalaureate.

## **Arrangements for Candidates with Special Needs**

### **Scheme of Reasonable Accommodations**

The SEC is fully committed to providing an examination and assessment system with the highest standards of equity and fairness and which enables all candidates to display their achievements. The SEC provides a range of measures in order to facilitate candidates with particular needs under its scheme of reasonable accommodations. These reasonable accommodations are intended to diminish, as far as possible, the impact of a physical or learning difficulty on a candidate's performance and thus enable a candidate to demonstrate his or her level of attainment. They are not intended to compensate for lack of attainment.

The SEC provides a range of measures to facilitate candidates with particular needs. The arrangements that can be made include, where appropriate, the provision of readers and scribes, an exemption or waiver in a particular component, the production of modified papers, Braille and enlarged papers, the use of tape recorders and personal computers. Some of these measures require the establishment of special examination centres. In keeping with the SEC's commitment to transparency in its decision-making, all decisions made by the SEC in relation to the provision of reasonable accommodations are open to appeal to a Reasonable Accommodations Independent Appeals Panel.

In 2005, reasonable accommodations were made for over 10,500 candidates in the certificate examinations.

Further information on the operation of the scheme of reasonable accommodations is available in the Candidates section of our website.

### **Emergencies during the Examinations**

Each year brings a number of events which impact in significant ways on individual candidates or on groups of candidates as they prepare for and take their examinations. Events such as serious illness, accidents and death are deeply upsetting when they involve a close relative or friend and can be felt with particular intensity at the time of an examination - itself a stressful event for most. Reasonable accommodations can be made in order to assist candidates affected by such emergencies in continuing their examinations.

The SEC is anxious to provide all the assistance it can to schools and to candidates to help them through their examinations at what is for them a most difficult time while being careful to maintain the highest standards of fairness and equity in the interests of the generality of candidates and of society as a whole.

The National Educational Psychological Service (NEPS) provide assistance to schools and candidates in crisis situations during the examinations.

A candidate who is unable to take the examinations in their normal centre may be permitted take them in a special room in the school or in a hospital. Other arrangements can also be made depending on the individual circumstances. Where an emergency occurs, the school is likely to be in the best position to make the necessary alternative arrangements at short notice. In addition the school is authorised to make certain specified arrangements without advising the SEC.

### ***Remit of Schools***

Schools have the authority to make a number of specified arrangements to facilitate examination candidates based on local knowledge of what is in the best interest of the candidate and without requesting advance permission from the SEC. The specified arrangements include granting breaks or rest periods in each examination session that are warranted by the physical or medical condition of the candidate; allowing candidates to take medicine, food or drinks into the examination centre where this is required for medical reasons; allowing the candidate to move within the centre; allowing the use of a special desk or chair; allowing the use of low vision aids used normally in the classroom; ensuring that a candidate with a hearing impairment is positioned close to the superintendent.

### ***How to Get Help***

Throughout the examination period SEC personnel are generally on hand from 8.30 a.m. to 9.30 p.m. on examination days, and often outside of those hours, and at week-ends. Contact may be made through the main number 090 - 6442700 on a 24 hour basis and a brief message can be left with the security staff if the office is closed. Alternatively details can be faxed to 090-6442744.

## Other Useful Information

### Chief Examiners' Reports 2005

Chief Examiners' Reports provide a review of the performance of candidates in the examinations and detailed analysis of the standards of answering. Chief Examiners' Reports on the 2005 examinations have been published in the following subjects and programmes. The reports are accessible in the Examination Material Archive on the Commission's website [www.examinations.ie](http://www.examinations.ie).

JUNIOR CERTIFICATE	LEAVING CERTIFICATE
CSPE	Agricultural Science
ESS	Art
French	Business
German	Chemistry
History	Construction Studies
Italian	Economics
	English
	Italian
	Leaving Certificate Applied
	Links Modules
	Mathematics
	Physics
	Technical Drawing

### Viewing of Leaving Certificate Scripts

Candidates in the Leaving Certificate and Leaving Certificate Applied examinations are afforded an opportunity to view their own marked scripts after the initial marking process. The viewing allows candidates to satisfy themselves that the marking scheme has been applied correctly to their work and, in addition to enhancing transparency, is designed to assist candidates in making a decision to appeal a result in a subject or subjects. This year the viewing will take place, in schools, on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> and Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2006.

Examination and Assessment Managers monitor the viewing centres to ensure that the viewing process conforms to the strict regulations that apply. To protect the integrity of the process only the organising superintendent is allowed to bring writing material or instruments into the viewing centre, or to remove scripts from the centre.

### External Candidates

A candidate who is not a recognised pupil in a post-primary schools and who is not following a course of study organised under the Vocational Training Opportunities Scheme, the Adult Literacy and Community Education Scheme, the Department of Social, Community and Family Affairs second-level scheme for the unemployed, or other similar course, may enter for the Leaving Certificate examination as an external candidate.

This year 3,939 students have entered as external candidates.

## Grading Structure for the Leaving Certificate Examination

(Introduced 1992)

Grades	Percentage Range
A1	90+
A2	85>90
B1	80>85
B2	75>80
B3	70>75
C1	65>70
C2	60>75

Grade	Percentage Range
C3	55>60
D1	50>55
D2	45>50
D3	40>45
E	25>40
F	10>25
No Grade	0>10

## Grading Structure for the Leaving Certificate Applied Examination

The Leaving Certificate Applied programme consists of a range of courses each designed on a modular basis. The number of modules depends on the course. Each year of the two year programme is divided into two sessions; September to January, and February to June. A module within a given course is usually completed within one session. Over the two year duration of the programme, participants complete 44 modules. Credits towards the final award are accumulated throughout the two years of the programme through:

- 1.) Satisfactory completion of modules. (Maximum of 62 credits)
- 2.) Performance of student tasks. (Maximum of 70 credits)
- 3.) Performance in the final examinations. (Maximum of 68 credits)

This LCA Certificate is awarded at three levels. Each level represents a percentage range of marks as follows

Level	Percentage Range	Credits
Distinction	85+	170 - 200 credits
Merit	70>85	140 - 169 credits
Pass	60>70	120 - 139 credits

Candidates who acquire less than 120 credits or who leave before the end of the programme receive a Record of Credits.

## Grading Structure for the Junior Certificate Examination

Grade	Percentage Range
A	85+
B	70>85
C	55>70
D	40>55
E	25>40
F	10>25
No Grade	0>10



## **Award of Bonus Marks for Answering Through Irish**

**(Extracted from Section V Paragraph 29 of the Rules and Programmes for Secondary Schools)**

At the Certificate Examinations candidates shall, except where otherwise directed, have the option of answering either in Irish or in English, except in the case of the subjects Irish and English and questions in other language subjects where the use of the target language is specified. Candidates will be supplied with Irish or English versions of the examination papers as indicated on their entry forms.

A candidate who answers in Irish at the **written examination** in the various subjects as set out below may be given bonus marks in addition to the marks gained in the subject.

Bonus marks at the rate of 10 per cent of the marks obtained will be given to a candidate who obtains less than 75 per cent of the total marks in the case of the following subjects:- Latin, Ancient Greek, Classical Studies, Hebrew Studies, History, Geography, Physics, Chemistry, Physics and Chemistry, Biology, Science, Business, Economics, Agricultural Science, Agricultural Economics, Home Economics, Music, Business Studies, History and Appreciation of Art, Civic, Social and Political Education, Religious Education, Arabic, Links Modules-Written Component only.

Bonus marks at the rate of 5 per cent will be given to a candidate who obtains less than 75 per cent of the total marks in the case of the following subjects:- French, German, Italian, Spanish, Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Accounting, Engineering, Construction Studies, Materials Technology (Wood), Metalwork, Technology, Typewriting, Russian, Japanese.

Bonus marks at the rate of 3 per cent will be given to a candidate who obtains less than 75 per cent of the total marks in the case of the subject Art, Craft, Design (Junior Certificate).

Above 75 per cent the bonus will be subjected to a uniform reduction until the candidate who scores 100 per cent gets no bonus.

No bonus will be given in the case of the following subjects:- Technical Graphics, Technical Drawing, Leaving Certificate Art (other than History and Appreciation of Art).

For the purpose of the award of bonus marks, Mathematics, Paper I and Paper II, will be treated as separate subjects.

Candidates who answer partly in Irish and partly in English will receive no bonus marks.

## Website Services for the 2006 Examinations. [www.examinations.ie](http://www.examinations.ie)

- The media may, by prior arrangement with the press office of the SEC, access each day's examination papers via a secure web-based service. This service allows access to the exam papers twice daily as soon as possible after the end of the examination session.
- Otherwise all written examination papers in this year's examinations will be published on the website on the evening that the examination is completed.
- A daily bulletin board will provide information on items of interest that arise during the examination period.
- Leaving Certificate results will be issued on **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2006** and Junior Certificate results will be issued in mid-September.
- The on-line Results Service will be available from 12 noon on the day that the examinations results are issued for Leaving Certificate candidates and from 4 pm for Junior Certificate candidates.
- Detailed contact information, including e-mail, phone and fax details for all key business areas of the SEC, is available in the Contacts Directory.

Other features of the website are:

- A directory of current circulars and forms in the Schools Section.
- Detailed information for candidates on the operation of the examinations, including the Scheme of Reasonable Accommodations, in the Candidates Section.
- All examination timetables and schedules of significant dates in the 2006 Examination Information section.
- Examinations papers and marking schemes for past years and access to Chief Examiners' Reports for the past seven years in the Examination Material Archive.
- The on-line Appeal Payment Service will be available shortly after the release of the results.

## Statistical Tables

### 1. Examination Entries and Sits 1926-2006

Year	Entered	Sat
1926		672 (441m/231f)
1927		823 (516m/307f)
1935		2165 (1325m/840f)
1955		6098 (3153m/2945f)
1966		12,573
1967		13,590
1975		29,206
1980		36,539
1984		45,773
1985		47,736
1986		47,857 (school)
1987		50,446 (school)
1988		51,159 (school)
1989		58,435 (incl. 4,397 External)
1990		60,074 (incl. 4,928 External)
1991	64,144 LC	61,333 (incl. 5,693 External & 6,605 repeats)
1992	60,919 LC	59,509 (incl. 4,326 External & 6,599 repeats)
1993	63,234	61,561 (incl. 4,332 External & 6,330 repeats)
1994	66,033 LC (incl. 4,845 External)	64,033 (incl. 4,120 External & 7,748 repeats)
1995	68,492 LC (incl. 4,865 External & 7,819 repeats)	66,304 (incl. 4,292 External)
1996	62,277 LC (incl. 5,087 External, 7,540 repeats) 1,278 LCA	59,176 (incl. 4,558 External)
1997	65,881 LC (incl. 4,597 External, 4,674 repeats) 1,056 LCA	63,234 (incl. 4,181 External) 750 LCA
1998	65,584 LC (incl. 4,621 External 5,226 repeats) 2,450 LCA	64,155 (incl. 4,137 External) 1,700 LCA
1999	64,761 LC (incl. 4,574 External 5,013 repeats) 2,499 LCA	62,844 (incl. 4,089 External) 2,092 LCA
2000	62,235 LC (incl. 4,614 External, 3,889 repeats) 2,821 LCA	60,737 (incl. 4,053 External) 2,682 LCA
2001	58,388 LC (incl. 4,420 External, 2,786 repeats) 2,928 LCA (final year exam)	56,670 (incl. 3,970 External) 2,815 LCA
2002	56,837 LC (incl. 5,014 External 3,384 repeats) 3,130 LCA	55,435 (incl. 4,490 External, 3,217 repeats)
2003	57,722 LC (incl. 4,749 External, 3,298 repeats) 4,763 LCA	56,237 (incl. 4,261 External, 3,298 repeats) 3,299 LCA
2004	56,124 LC (incl. 4,331 External, 3,004 repeats) 3,620 LCA (final year exams) 57,378 Junior Certificate	55,222 (incl. 3,946 External, 2,818 repeats) 3,520 LCA (final year exams) 56,864
2005	55,467 LC (incl. 4,065 External, 2,704 repeats) 3,404 LCA 57,104 Junior Certificate	54,073 (incl. 3,732 external, 2,523 repeat) 3,318 LCA 56,640 Junior Certificate
2006	52,050 LC (incl. 3,939 External, 2,099 repeats) 3,282 LCA 58,212 Junior Certificate	

## 2. Predicted Leaving Certificate Entries by County and Gender 2006

County	Female	Male	Total
Carlow	396	334	730
Cavan	383	318	701
Clare	607	605	1,212
Cork	2,960	2,838	5,798
Donegal	1,125	841	1,966
Dublin	7,157	6,540	13,697
Galway	1,618	1,486	3,104
Kerry	1,006	865	1,871
Kildare	1,108	1,015	2,123
Kilkenny	494	456	950
Laois	422	380	802
Leitrim	258	223	481
Libya	32	24	56
Limerick	1,246	1,181	2,427
Longford	296	286	582
Louth	856	733	1,589
Mayo	916	881	1,797
Meath	752	736	1,488
Monaghan	462	346	808
Offaly	419	392	811
Roscommon	249	226	475
Sligo	508	380	888
Tipperary N.R	474	468	942
Tipperary S.R	555	490	1,045
Waterford	760	685	1,445
Westmeath	694	659	1,353
Wexford	834	746	1,580
Wicklow	648	681	1,329
<b>Total</b>	<b>27,235</b>	<b>24,815</b>	<b>52,050</b>

### 3. Predicted Leaving Certificate Entries by Subject and Gender 2006

Subject	Female	Male	Total
Irish	23,742	21,080	44,822
English	25,740	23,479	49,219
Mathematics	26,061	24,165	50,226
Accounting	3,850	3,251	7,101
Agricultural Economics	41	44	85
Agricultural Science	1,331	2,684	4,015
Ancient Greek	--	--	<10
Applied Mathematics	337	1,085	1,422
Arabic	55	74	129
Art	6,539	3,753	10,292
Biology	17,101	8,424	25,525
Business	11,150	8,838	19,988
Chemistry	3,999	3,286	7,285
Classical Studies	354	486	840
Construction Studies	571	8,223	8,794
Czech	--	--	<10
Danish	--	--	<10
Dutch	14	11	25
Economics	1,634	2,846	4,480
Engineering	263	4,643	4,906
Estonian	--	--	<10
Finnish	--	--	<10
French	16,703	11,746	28,449
Geography	11,889	13,310	25,199
German	4,400	3,514	7,914
Hebrew Studies	--	--	<10
History	4,950	6,120	11,070
Home Economics	11,253	1,310	12,563
Hungarian	--	--	<10
Italian	182	67	249
Japanese	41	29	70
Latin	28	94	122
Latvian	--	--	13
Link Modules (LCVP)	8,319	6,424	14,743
Lithuanian	30	15	45
Modern Greek	--	--	<10
Music	3,488	1,336	4,824
Physics	1,986	5,542	7,528
Physics & Chemistry	216	401	617
Polish	--	--	24
Portuguese	11	11	22
Religious Education	274	105	379
Russian	105	78	183
Slovakian	--	--	<10
Spanish	1,640	771	2,411
Swedish	--	--	<10
Technical Drawing	442	4,989	5,431

Note: In order to protect the privacy of candidates the SEC does not to publish figures that refer to a cohort of 10 candidates or fewer.

#### 4. Predicted Leaving Certificate Entries by Subject and Level 2006

	Higher	Ordinary	Foundation	Total
Irish	14,730	26,401	3,691	44,822
English	32,167	17,052		49,219
Mathematics	11,098	36,648	2,480	50,226
Accounting	5,514	1,587		7,101
Agricultural Economics	--	--		85
Agricultural Science	3,490	525		4,015
Ancient Greek	--	--		<10
Applied Mathematics	1,378	44		1,422
Arabic	115	14		129
Art- History & Appreciation	8,126	2,166		10,292
Biology	19,942	5,583		25,525
Business	15,766	4,222		19,988
Chemistry	6,691	594		7,285
Classical Studies	800	40		840
Construction Studies	7,313	1,481		8,794
Economics	3,934	546		4,480
Engineering	3,797	1,109		4,906
French	16,206	12,243		28,449
Geography	20,516	4,683		25,199
German	5,520	2,394		7,914
Hebrew Studies	--	--		<10
History	8,176	2,894		11,070
Home Economics	9,918	2,645		12,563
Italian	175	74		249
Japanese	--	--		70
Latin	--	--		122
Link Modules (Common Level)	14,743			14,743
Music	4,456	368		4,824
Physics	6,344	1,184		7,528
Physics & Chemistry	542	75		617
Religious Education	334	45		379
Russian	162	21		183
Spanish	1,613	798		2,411
Technical Drawing	3,470	1,961		5,431

The non-curricular EU languages are not shown on the table above as they are offered at Higher Level only.

## 5. Leaving Certificate Appeals 2005

Following the release of the 2005 Leaving Certificate result appeals were made against 11,582 grades leading to 2,651 upgrades and 9 downgrades.

SUBJECT	LEVEL	GRADES	APPEALS	UPGRADES
English	H	32,351	2,153	423
Biology	H	17,485	1,216	326
Geography	H	20,939	1,076	318
Irish	H	14,358	731	208
Business	H	13,406	676	147
French	H	14,611	648	128
Mathematics	H	9,843	592	128
Mathematics	O	36,773	459	83
History	H	6,381	452	167
Chemistry	H	6,033	448	69
Physics	H	5,508	442	44
Art	H	7,632	367	70
Links Modules (LCVP)	C	14,253	277	61
Home Economics	H	9,712	272	47
Accounting	H	5,091	249	67
Economics	H	3,682	246	36
German	H	4,688	151	43
Irish	O	28,066	124	13
Music	H	4,227	124	25
Agricultural Science	H	2,623	109	45
Technical Drawing	H	3,060	109	18
Construction Studies	H	6,719	82	27
Spanish	H	1,135	75	14
English	O	19,173	73	36
Applied Mathematics	H	1,292	68	15
Italian	H	167	15	11

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

Small numbers of appeals were also processed in:

Ordinary Level Accounting, Agricultural Science, Art, Business, Chemistry, Construction Studies, Economics, Economic History, Engineering, French, Geography, German, History, Home Economics, Italian, Physics, Physics & Chemistry, Spanish and Technical Drawing;

Higher Level Agricultural Economics, Classical Studies, Economic History, Engineering, Latin and Religious Education;

Foundation Level Irish and Mathematics.

## 6. Predicted Leaving Certificate Applied Entries by County and Gender

County	Female	Male	Total
Carlow	11	20	31
Cavan	21	19	40
Clare	75	57	132
Cork	163	141	304
Donegal	58	80	138
Dublin	533	429	962
Galway	44	53	97
Kerry	47	37	84
Kildare	59	79	138
Kilkenny	--	--	24
Laois	--	--	19
Leitrim	--	--	12
Limerick	94	77	171
Longford	20	19	39
Louth	81	44	125
Mayo	51	89	140
Meath	54	63	117
Monaghan	--	--	40
Offaly	62	31	93
Roscommon	16	14	30
Sligo	19	28	47
Tipperary N.R	32	30	62
Tipperary S.R	38	46	84
Waterford	41	53	94
Westmeath	38	15	53
Wexford	53	77	130
Wicklow	33	43	76
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,668</b>	<b>1,614</b>	<b>3,282</b>



## 7. Predicted Leaving Certificate Applied Entries by Subject and Gender

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Total</b>
French	671	732	1,403
German	147	169	316
Spanish	347	208	555
Italian	152	146	298
Gaeilge Chumarsáideach	700	585	1,285
English and Communication	1,664	1,610	3,275
Social Education	1,668	1,614	3,282
Mathematic Applications	1,668	1,614	3,282
Agriculture / Horticulture	48	98	146
Hotel Catering & Tourism	1,017	668	1,685
Crafts & Design	306	248	554
Engineering	86	425	511
Technology	17	53	70
Graphics and Construction Studies	303	875	1,178
Childcare / Community Care	383	35	418
Office Administration and Customer Care	206	107	313
Active Leisure Studies	68	143	211
Hair and Beauty	138	10	148

## 8. Predicted Junior Certificate Entries by County and Gender 2006

County	Female	Male	Total
Carlow	395	453	848
Cavan	393	429	822
Clare	702	657	1,359
Cork	3,315	3,277	6,592
Donegal	1,097	1,167	2,264
Dublin	7,490	7,580	15,070
Galway	1,571	1,716	3,287
Kerry	946	1,030	1,976
Kildare	1,203	1,315	2,518
Kilkenny	548	567	1,115
Laois	435	425	860
Leitrim	195	216	411
Limerick	1,322	1,385	2,707
Longford	309	338	647
Louth	913	957	1,870
Mayo	966	919	1,885
Meath	958	924	1,882
Monaghan	450	448	898
Offaly	504	532	1,036
Roscommon	276	266	542
Sligo	425	403	828
Tipperary N.R	589	570	1,159
Tipperary S.R	575	599	1,174
Waterford	790	788	1,578
Westmeath	652	663	1,315
Wexford	933	1,025	1,958
Wicklow	755	856	1,611
<b>Total</b>	<b>28,707</b>	<b>29,505</b>	<b>58,212</b>

## 9. Predicted Junior Certificate Entries by Subject and Gender 2006

Subject	Female	Male	Total
Irish	25,888	25,662	51,550
English	28,468	29,253	57,721
Mathematics	28,342	29,189	57,531
Ancient Greek	--	--	20
Art, Craft, Design	13,434	8,756	22,190
Business Studies	17,803	16,311	34,114
C.S.P.E	28,003	28,744	56,747
Classical Studies	258	477	735
Environmental & Social Studies	290	470	760
French	18,978	17,039	36,017
Geography	26,246	26,476	52,722
German	5,290	5,371	10,661
Hebrew Studies	--	--	<10
History	25,920	25,892	51,812
Home Economics	17,806	2,739	20,545
Italian	211	83	294
Latin	93	377	470
Material Technology (Wood)	1,989	14,154	16,143
Metalwork	720	7,451	8,171
Music	7,382	2,352	9,734
Religious Education	12,913	11,153	24,066
Science (1989 Syllabus)	2,040	2,773	4,813
Science (Revised Syllabus)	21,765	23,929	45,694
Science (1989 / Local Studies)	--	--	21
Spanish	2,315	1,623	3,938
Technical Graphics	1,599	11,417	13,016
Technology	639	2,094	2,733
Typewriting	383	51	435

### 10. Predicted Junior Certificate Entries by Subject and Level 2006

Subject	Higher	Ordinary	Foundation	Total
Irish	22,776	25,261	3,513	51,550
English	37,792	17,597	2,332	57,721
Mathematics	25,098	26,870	5,563	57,531
Ancient Greek	--	--		20
Art, Craft, Design	15,457	6,733		22,190
Business Studies	24,494	9,620		34,114
C.S.P.E (Common Level)				56,747
Classical Studies	612	123		735
Environmental & Social Studies	104	656		760
French	24,807	11,210		36,017
Geography	40,855	11,867		52,722
German	7,732	2,929		10,661
Hebrew Studies	--	--		<10
History	36,199	15,613		51,812
Home Economics	15,694	4,851		20,545
Italian	200	94		294
Latin	440	30		470
Material Technology (Wood)	11,557	4,586		16,143
Metalwork	5,686	2,485		8,171
Music	7,736	1,998		9,734
Religious Education	18,638	5,428		24,066
Science (1989 Syllabus)	3,228	1,585		4,813
Science (1989/Local Studies)	--	--		21
Science (Revised Syllabus)	31,535	14,159		45,694
Spanish	2,821	1,117		3,938
Technical Graphics	7,855	5,161		13,016
Technology	2,090	643		2,733
Typewriting	158	277		435

## 11. Junior Certificate Appeals 2005

Following the release of the 2005 Junior Certificate results appeals were made against 2,113 grades leading to 638 upgrades.

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>No. of Candidates</b>	<b>Appeals</b>	<b>Upgrades</b>
Irish	Higher	21,736	206	27
Irish	Ordinary	24,991	21	8
English	Higher	36,161	549	231
Mathematics	Higher	23,388	137	30
Art, Craft, Design	Higher	13,504	239	100
Business Studies	Higher	22,792	72	16
C.S.P.E	Common	55,066	59	22
French	Higher	25,208	94	17
Geography	Higher	38,300	154	33
History	Higher	33,326	175	58
Religious Education	Higher	15,479	23	11
Science	Higher	30,650	132	29

Small numbers of appeals were also processed in the following subjects:

Higher Level Classical Studies, German, Home Economics, Latin, Materials Technology (Wood), Metalwork, Music, Spanish, Technical Graphics, Technology;

Ordinary Level English, Mathematics Art, Craft & Design, Business Studies, French, Home Economics, Materials Technology (Wood), Technical Graphics;

Foundation Level English and Mathematics;

## **Appendix A – Timetables and Schedules**

1. The timetable for the Leaving Certificate and Leaving Certificate Applied written examinations in June 2006.
2. An additional Leaving Certificate timetable giving the dates for Russian, Japanese and the non-curricular EU languages
3. The timetable for the Junior Certificate written examinations in June 2006.
4. A schedule of examination dates for the non-written examinations at the Leaving Certificate, Leaving Certificate Applied and Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme.
5. A schedule of examination dates for non-written examinations at Junior Certificate.

## **Appendix B – Sample Papers**

1. Leaving Certificate History Higher Level Sample Paper – Early Modern Period
2. Leaving Certificate History Higher Level Sample Paper – Later Modern Period
3. Leaving Certificate Geography Higher Level Sample Paper

Sample papers for these subjects at ordinary level and for Leaving Certificate Russian and Junior Certificate Science, as well as the sample marking indicators for all of these papers can be found on our website [www.examinations.ie](http://www.examinations.ie) in the Examination Information Section under Revised Syllabi/Sample Papers .