

Can a student go to further education and training?

Yes. The Leaving Certificate Applied is accepted for a wide range of Post Leaving Certificate (PLC) courses at FETAC Level 5. It also provides access to most apprenticeships and other vocational training awards.

Can a student go to Higher Education?

Graduates of Leaving Certificate Applied **do not have direct access** to Higher Education through the Central Applications Office (CAO).

However, achieving an appropriate further education award e.g. FETAC Level 5 may provide access for those who wish to apply to courses in Third Level colleges.

Who should consider Leaving Certificate Applied?

- ▶ Someone who wants to stay in school and get a Leaving Certificate
- ▶ Someone who prefers learning by doing
- ▶ Someone who would be motivated by continuous assessment
- ▶ Someone who wants to get work experience to help them with their career choice
- ▶ Someone who wants to develop skills which help them in their future career

Develop skills for work and for life

- ▶ Communication
- ▶ Team Work
- ▶ Enterprise
- ▶ Organisation
- ▶ Self-Awareness
- ▶ Confidence
- ▶ Self-Esteem
- ▶ Motivation
- ▶ Initiative
- ▶ Planning

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Leaving Certificate Applied

...a different way

What is Leaving Certificate Applied?

The Leaving Certificate Applied is a **two year Leaving Certificate** available to students who wish to follow a **practical** Leaving Certificate programme with a **vocational focus**.

What is different about Leaving Certificate Applied?

It is a **practical Leaving Certificate programme** which places particular emphasis on preparation for the world of work and life-long learning.

Work experience is a significant component of the programme and students get to sample a range of jobs and get first hand experience of the world of work.

The learning experiences are **active** and **practical** where students apply their knowledge, skills and experience to real life situations in the school, in the workplace and in the wider community.

The programme provides a wealth of opportunities which enhance the self esteem and confidence of students.

There is **less emphasis on the final examinations** as course work is assessed throughout the two years and students' gain 'credits' as they go along.

Students' work and skill development is assessed in different ways including interviews, written, oral and practical components.

Four times throughout the two years students get a statement of their results from the State Examinations Commission. In this way they experience regular feedback on their success and achievement.

What are 'credits'?

As students complete and submit their Leaving Certificate Applied course work they are awarded what are called 'credits'. There are 200 credits available in total which are awarded as follows:

62 Credits:	31%	Ongoing attendance, class work and assignments
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70 Credits:	35%	7 Student Tasks (Project Work)
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68 Credits:	34%	7 Final Examinations
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TOTAL:
200 Credits: 100%

How is the Leaving Certificate Applied awarded?

The Leaving Certificate Applied is awarded at three levels:

Pass:	120-139 Credits	(60%-69%)
Merit:	140-169 Credits	(70%-84%)
Distinction:	170-200 Credits	(85%-100%)

(Students who accumulate fewer than 120 credits receive a Record of Experience)

What courses (subjects) are offered in Leaving Certificate Applied?

All students of Leaving Certificate Applied take the following subjects:

- ▶ Vocational Preparation and Guidance
- ▶ English and Communication
- ▶ Mathematical Applications
- ▶ Information and Communication Technology
- ▶ Arts Education
- ▶ Social Education
- ▶ Gaeilge Chumarsáideach
- ▶ Modern Language
- ▶ Leisure and Recreation
- ▶ Elective Modules

In addition to the above, students complete two specialist vocational courses. These Vocational Specialisms develop specific skills and knowledge relevant to a range of careers.

Schools/centres choose two Vocational Specialism options from the following list:

- ▶ Active Leisure Studies
- ▶ Agriculture/Horticulture
- ▶ Childcare/Community Care
- ▶ Craft and Design
- ▶ Engineering
- ▶ Graphics and Construction Studies
- ▶ Hair and Beauty
- ▶ Hotel Catering and Tourism
- ▶ Information and Communication Technology
- ▶ Office Administration and Customer Care
- ▶ Technology