

Leaving Certificate Applied (L.C.A)

Information Evening



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Leaving Certificate Applied



What is LCA?

The Leaving Cert Applied (LCA) is an alternative to the traditional Leaving Certificate. It is a two year Leaving Certificate Programme available to students who wish to follow a **practical** Leaving Certificate programme with a **vocational** focus. Core subjects such as English/Maths/languages/Religious Education are maintained, but delivered in a different manner.



What is different about LCA?

- It is a practical Leaving Certificate programme which places particular emphasis on preparation for the world of work and lifelong learning.
- There is less emphasis on the final examinations as coursework is assessed throughout the two years and students gain 'credits' as they go along.
- Four times throughout the two years students get a statement of their results from the State Examinations Commission.
- Work experience is a significant component of the programme and students get to sample a range of jobs throughout the two years.

What are Credits?

- Credits are Gained throughout the two years of the programme.



LCA Modes of Assessment

Satisfactory completion of modules + 90% attendance					62 credits	31%
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Evidence of completion of 4 key assignments for each module• One credit per course module in which there is a final exam• Two credits per course module in which there is NO final exam						
7 Student Tasks @ 10 credits each					70 credits	35%
Vocational Preparation		Vocational Education (x2)				
General Education		Contemporary Issue				
Personal Reflection		Practical Achievement				
Final Examinations					68 credits	34%
English & Communication	Vocational Specialisms (x2)	Languages (x2)	Social Education	Mathematical Applications		
12 credits	12 credits each	6 credits each	10 credits	10 credits		
Total					200 credits	100%

LCA Certification

Certification awarded at 3 levels

PASS	120 - 139 credits	60-69%
MERIT	140 - 169 credits	70-84%
DISTINCTION	170 - 200 credits	85-100%

Students who acquire less than 120 credits or who leave the programme early will receive a "Record of Experience".



Who should consider LCA?

- 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.

LCA Subjects

- **English & Communication :**
- **Irish :**
- **Maths :**
- **Social Education :**
- **Information Technology :**
- **Agriculture & Horticulture:**
- **Hotel & Catering:**
- **Vocational Prep & Guidance :**
- **Graphics & Construction :**
- **Art :**
- **Physical Education :**
- **Religion**
- **Tutor**

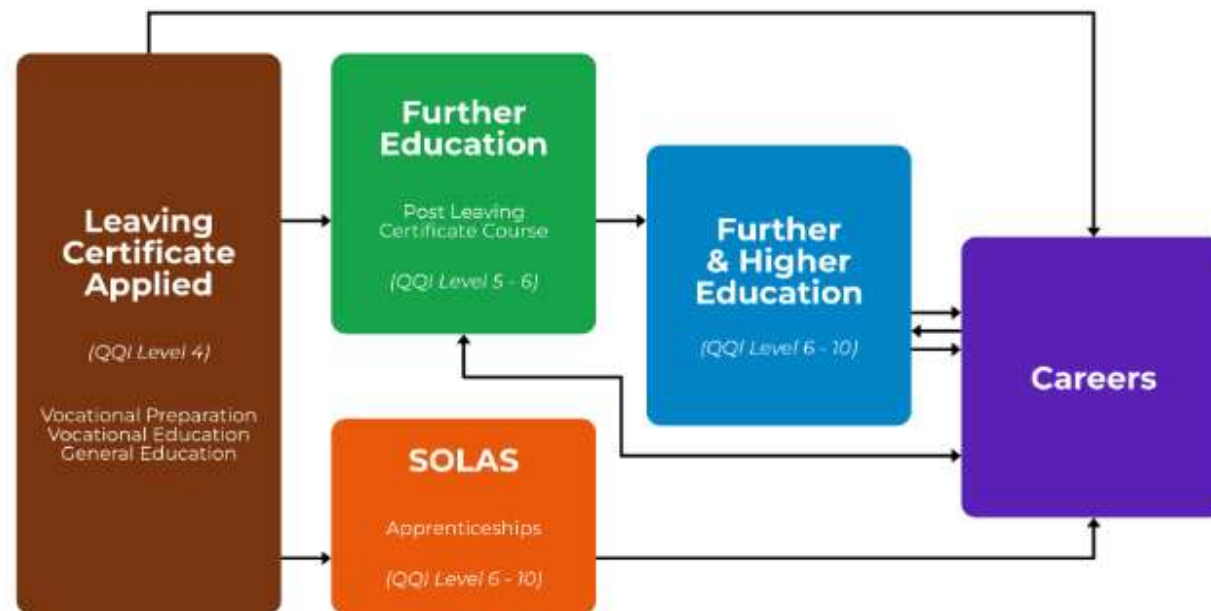


Can students go to further education and training?

YES

The LCA is accepted for a wide range of PLC courses at FETAC Level 5. It also provides access to a variety of apprenticeships and other vocational training awards.

Students who pursue the LCA have wide variety of career paths to follow.



Possible Career Options for LCA Graduates



Montessori Teacher

Secretary

Hairdresser

Prison Officer

Welder

Electrician

Butcher

Mechanic

Gardai

Beauty Technician



Application Process

1. Application Form

Application forms are available on our website. Applications will be submitted before February Mid-Term Break

2. Interview

Interviews will take place during March 2026



For more information please visit our website

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or visit

https://careersportal.ie/school/lca_programme2.php

<https://curriculumonline.ie/Senior-cycle/LCA/>