

13 March 2026

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I wish to bring to your attention important information in relation to the 2026 Certificate Examinations.

As you are aware, examination entry fees have been re-introduced for the 2026 state examinations.

Fees will be charged at the same rate as when they were last charged in 2019; that is €116 per entry for Leaving Certificate and Leaving Certificate Applied candidates and €109 per entry for Junior Cycle candidates. Candidates who hold a full medical card, or who are covered for all services on a parent or guardian's full medical card, are exempt from examination fees. The fee payable in respect of a school going candidate who is repeating the Leaving Certificate is €301.

The rate of examination fees which will apply for the 2026 examinations has not been increased since 2012. (Circular S27/2026 -Entry Fee for the 2026 Certificate Examinations)

The State Examinations Commission(SEC) will facilitate payment of fee/application for medical card exemption via an online portal – <https://fees.examinations.ie/> this portal will be open from 2pm on Thursday 19 March 2026 and will **close at 5pm Thursday 30 April 2026**. Each candidate will be provided with individual letters with logon details to access the portal. These letters will be available for schools to distributed to the students on **Monday the 16th of March**

Yours sincerely,



Brendan O'Sullivan
Principal