



Comisiún na Scrúduithe
State Examinations Commission

State Exams
2026



- Colásite Pobail Setanta only facilitates the exams happening. We have no control over superintendents, reasonable accommodations or any other issues that may arise on the day.



Junior and Leaving Cert Students

All students must present in FULL
school uniform including footwear
and school jacket

Important Information: Missed Exams

- There will only be deferred exams for Leaving Cert students for
 - (i) close family bereavement
 - (ii) serious illness



Type of Serious Accident, Injury or Illness	Examples of conditions which will be considered	Examples of conditions which will not be considered*
Serious illness	Cancer, cardiac conditions.	Gastroenteritis, migraines.
Major surgery at or near the time of the examination	Non-elective major surgery, Transplant, appendectomy.	Any elective surgery.
Severe disease or severe condition event /episode	Sepsis, epilepsy, Crohn's disease, severe asthma attack resulting in hospitalisation.	Bronchitis, mild Asthma, Hay-fever.
Severe or permanent injury occurring at the time of the examination	Bones breaks requiring hospitalisation at the time of the examination, brain injury, amputation, spinal injury.	Sprains, minor burn injuries, tendon damage, bone breakages which can be accommodated within the existing provisions of the RACE Scheme (e.g. providing access to a recording device/scribe for a candidate with a broken arm).
Psychiatric illness	Life threatening mental health episode; detention in a hospital.	Stress, Anxiety, Non-medical trauma.

**Unless any of these conditions result in a period of unexpected hospitalisation at the time of the examinations.*

- Evidence will be required from a medical consultant or from a hospital consultant with a Medical Council Registration Number (MCRN). Other evidence, provided by a GP or other medical practitioner will not be considered.

Reasonable Accommodations

If you are unwell on the day of the exam
you are not entitled to a special center,
reader, scribe etc. You have 2 choices

1. Come in and do the exam as normal
2. Miss the exam

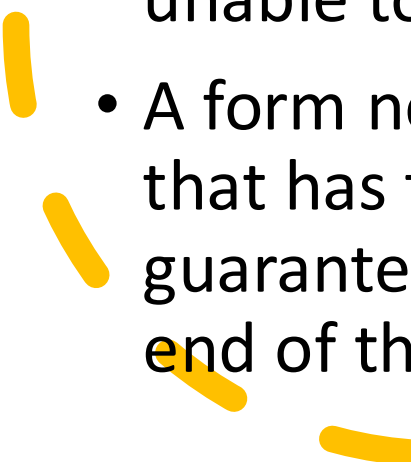


In Exceptional circumstances you may be entitled to rest breaks ,not exceeding 20 minutes per examination. A need for rest break must be **supported by a doctor's note** that must be given to the school prior to the exams

The total of the rest break(s) granted by the school must not exceed 20 minutes per examination

Candidates are not permitted to read, write or complete any other examination related activity during the rest break — rest breaks do not represent additional time in which to complete the examination. The clock is effectively stopped, and the time is added at the end of the examination

The candidate will be accommodated in the main examination centre and rest breaks must be supervised.

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- In EXCEPTIONAL (hospitalization, broken arm) circumstances Late reasonable accommodations may be allowed. This is all the discretion of the SEC not the school.
 - If something like this does arise you need to contact the school ASAP. You need to go to a doctor and get a doctor's note to say you are unable to write etc **BEFORE** you get to school.
 - A form needs to be filled out by you (and a parent if you are U18) that has to be sent to SEC where a decision will be made. This is not a guarantee. Any time missed sorting this out may not be given at the end of the paper.
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Direct Communication from SEC

The State Examinations Commission (SEC) would like to remind you that the closing date for the receipt of late applications for Reasonable Accommodations at the Certificate Examinations (RACE) for Leaving Certificate, Leaving Certificate Applied and Junior Cycle has now passed and the emergency application will be available on our website at the link below from the beginning of May 2023.

- ***The SEC expect that this application will only be used for actual emergencies that arise between now and the examinations in June and the SEC retains the right to decide what an actual true emergency is, e.g. broken limb, etc.***

- Late Reasonable Accommodations Application

- All students must present to the exam centre 30 mins before their first exam. After that you must be in your exam centre 15 mins before the exam.
- Some superintendents may not allow lucozade etc into the exam centre. That is at their discretion. If you need sweets (e.g. you are diabetic) it is important to let school know so they can inform the superintendent.





YOU WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO LEAVE THE EXAM ROOM WITHIN THE FIRST 30 MINS OR LAST 10.



IF YOU ARE MORE THAN 30 MINS LATE FOR THE EXAM YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE EXAM. THERE IS NOTHING THE SCHOOL CAN DO IN THIS CASE. PLEASE ENSURE TO BE ON TIME AND PLAN PROPERLY IF YOU DEPEND ON PUBLIC TRANSPORT ETC. TO GET YOU TO SCHOOL



IF YOU DECIDE NOT TO SIT ANY PAPERS, PLEASE LET THE SCHOOL KNOW ASAP. WE HAVE A LIMITED TIME TO CONTACT STUDENTS WHO MAY HAVE GENUINELY MISSED THE START OF THE EXAM, THE SMALLER THE NUMBER WE NEED TO CONTACT THE BETTER CHANCE WE HAVE OF CONTACTING A STUDENT WHO NEEDS IT.

Breach of Regulations



Where a candidate is found violating the Rules laid down for the conduct of the examinations, such as having any books, electronic devices or notes in his/her possession, obtaining aid from, or giving aid to another candidate etc., they will be warned that the alleged violation is being reported to the SEC and that his/her examination may be disallowed.



The superintendent's role is to report **every** incident, not determine whether or not the incident is or is not a potential breach of Regulations.

Mobile Phone/ Electronic Equipment



DO NOT bring your mobile/smart watch etc into the exam, even if it is switched off. There are door attendants on each door to supervise bags etc.



If an examiner **SEES** a mobile on your person in the exam they are entitled to record it as breach.



The superintendent is entitled to take your phone, SIM and PIN and send to the SEC for investigation. Refusal to do so will have an effect on your ability to continue exams.

Levels



All the exams that you are doing, and the level, is recorded on a sheet outside each exam room door. If you notice any issues with a subject or level, please let your Superintendent and School Exam Aides



Very little can be done after the exam if there is an issue.



Once you open a paper you can not change level.

Be Prepared

- You are not allowed share equipment on the day of the exam.
- The school will not be able to provide you with any equipment.
- Log tables are provided on the day





Best Of Luck!

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- Ms Synan is the school's exam aide and will be available on the days of the state exams.
 - She will be in the front office from 8:30 every morning so if there are any issues, find Ms Synan as soon as possible.