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### DATES OF CERTIFICATE EXAMINATIONS 2026

**TO THE BOARDS OF MANAGEMENT/AUTHORITIES OF SECOND-LEVEL SCHOOLS AND CHIEF EXECUTIVES OF ETBS AND MANAGEMENT OF OTHER CENTRES OF EDUCATION PROVIDING LEAVING CERTIFICATE EXAMINATIONS IN 2026**

#### A. TIMETABLES AND SCHEDULES ENCLOSED

Following their publication on the State Examination Commission's (SEC) website, please now find enclosed for display in your school five documents setting out the dates of the 2026 Certificate Examinations.

It is important to note that there has been changes to the schedule of examination dates and deadlines previously published on the SEC website as follows;

#### Leaving Certificate Examination Schedule of Examination Dates 2026

Completion date for Leaving Certificate:

- Construction Studies Project Component is Friday 24 April 2026

#### Junior Cycle Examination Schedule of Examination Dates 2026

Completion date for Junior Cycle

- Wood Technology Coursework is Friday 24 April 2026

The schedule of examination dates and deadlines for the non-written examinations at Leaving Certificate and the Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme and the schedule of examination dates and deadlines for the non-written examinations at Junior Cycle has now been revised to reflect the change. Teachers and candidates are advised to review the updated timetable carefully and ensure they are aware of the amended completion date.

In addition, please note that the completion date for Leaving Certificate Technology Practical Coursework is Friday 17 April as set out in the enclosed Schedule of Examination Dates 2026 rather than Friday 27 March as indicated in the coursework instructions which were issued to your school in September 2025.

The documents enclosed are:

1. The timetable for the Leaving Certificate written examinations in June 2026.
2. The timetable for the Leaving Certificate Applied written examinations in June 2026 and the schedule of examination dates and deadlines for the non-written examinations at Leaving Certificate Applied. This schedule also includes the date for the LCA Information Technology (Specialism), practical, performance and written examination which takes place on Wednesday 13 May 2026.
3. The timetable for the Junior Cycle written examinations in June 2026.
4. The schedule of examination dates and deadlines for the non-written examinations at Leaving Certificate and the Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme. This schedule also includes the date of the Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme, Link Modules written examination which will be held on Wednesday 29 April 2026.
5. The schedule of examination dates and deadlines for the non-written examinations at Junior Cycle.

All of the documents are suitable for display on notice boards. Candidates can download their own personal copies from the Examination Information section of the State Examination Commission's website at [www.examinations.ie](http://www.examinations.ie).

## **B. SCHEDULES OF EXAMINATIONS DATES**

The Oral examinations will be conducted during the Easter Period on Saturday 28 March, Sunday 29 March, Monday 30 March, Tuesday 31 March, Wednesday 01 April and Thursday 02 April with two contingency days, should they be required. These examinations are the subject of a separate circular that will issue in the week following the February mid-term break. The Leaving Certificate Music Practical Examinations will take place from Monday 13 April to Friday 24 April.

The Leaving Certificate Engineering Practical examination will be on Tuesday 5, Wednesday 6 and Thursday 7 May while the Construction Studies Practical will be on Tuesday 28, Wednesday 29 and Thursday 30 April. The Computer Science written examination will be on Wednesday 20 May.

The Music Practical Performance Examinations for Junior Cycle will take place from Monday 02 March to Friday 13 March. The Home Economics Practical Performance Examinations will take place from Monday 13 April to Friday 24 April. Separate circulars have already issued on these and are available on our website.

## **C. POSTERS AND STICKERS ENCLOSED**

Candidates have their part to play in completing their details correctly on each script when they sit their examinations so that we can reconcile their information in the online marking system. Candidates are required to provide their examination number and full date of birth on all answerbooks and other stationery returned at the end of an examination session. The enclosed posters and stickers contain important information for candidates about completing the cover of the examination stationery.

We have enclosed 5 A2 posters and would appreciate your assistance in displaying them prominently where they will be seen by examination candidates. We have also enclosed a handy journal-sized sticker guide on how to complete the examination script cover which we would ask you to distribute to this year's Leaving Certificate, Leaving Certificate Applied and Junior Cycle candidates. With your continued assistance we can ensure that candidates are aware of the key requirements to ensure that their examination scripts are processed accurately.

Please ensure that the information contained in this circular is brought to the attention of candidates, teachers and other interested parties.

If you have any query in relation to this circular, please contact the State Examinations Commission by emailing [orals@examinations.ie](mailto:orals@examinations.ie). Alternatively, you can contact us by phone at (090) 6442741, 6442742.

Thank you for your co-operation.

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