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# **What is the Leaving Certificate Applied?**

- It is a distinct, self-contained two-year Leaving Certificate programme aimed at preparing learners for adult and working life
- It offers learners specific opportunity to prepare for and progress to further education and training

# Who would benefit most?

- learners who are not adequately catered for by other Leaving Certificate programmes
- learners who choose not to opt for those programmes

## 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 will help them in their future career*

# **CURRICULUM**

<b>Vocational Preparation</b>	<b>Vocational Preparation &amp; Guidance</b>  <b>English &amp; Communications</b>
<b>Vocational Education</b>	<b>Mathematical Applications</b>  <b>Vocational Specialisms –(Subject to change)</b> Engineering Graphics & construction  <b>Information Communication Technology</b>
<b>General Education</b>	<b>Arts Education</b> <b>Social Education</b> <b>MFL - French</b> <b>Leisure &amp; Recreation</b> <b>Electives- Religious Education and Irish</b>

As of September 2025, students entering year one of the Leaving Certificate Applied (LCA) programme will be required to study the new Senior Cycle Social, Personal and Health Education (SPHE) curriculum specification. The new specification for Senior Cycle SPHE will replace Social Education modules 1 and 4. As a result, students following the LCA Programme will be entirely assessed in SPHE through the satisfactory completion of Key Assignments.

Where the final examination of Social Education will be discontinued for this cohort of students, they will continue to accumulate credits through the relevant Key Assignments and the Contemporary Issues Task.

# Assessment

## To be awarded Credits

- **90% attendance**
- Evidence of completion of 4 key assignments for each module

## Tasks- 7 Projects

Final examinations- Written, oral and practical in 6 subjects

## 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)

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.

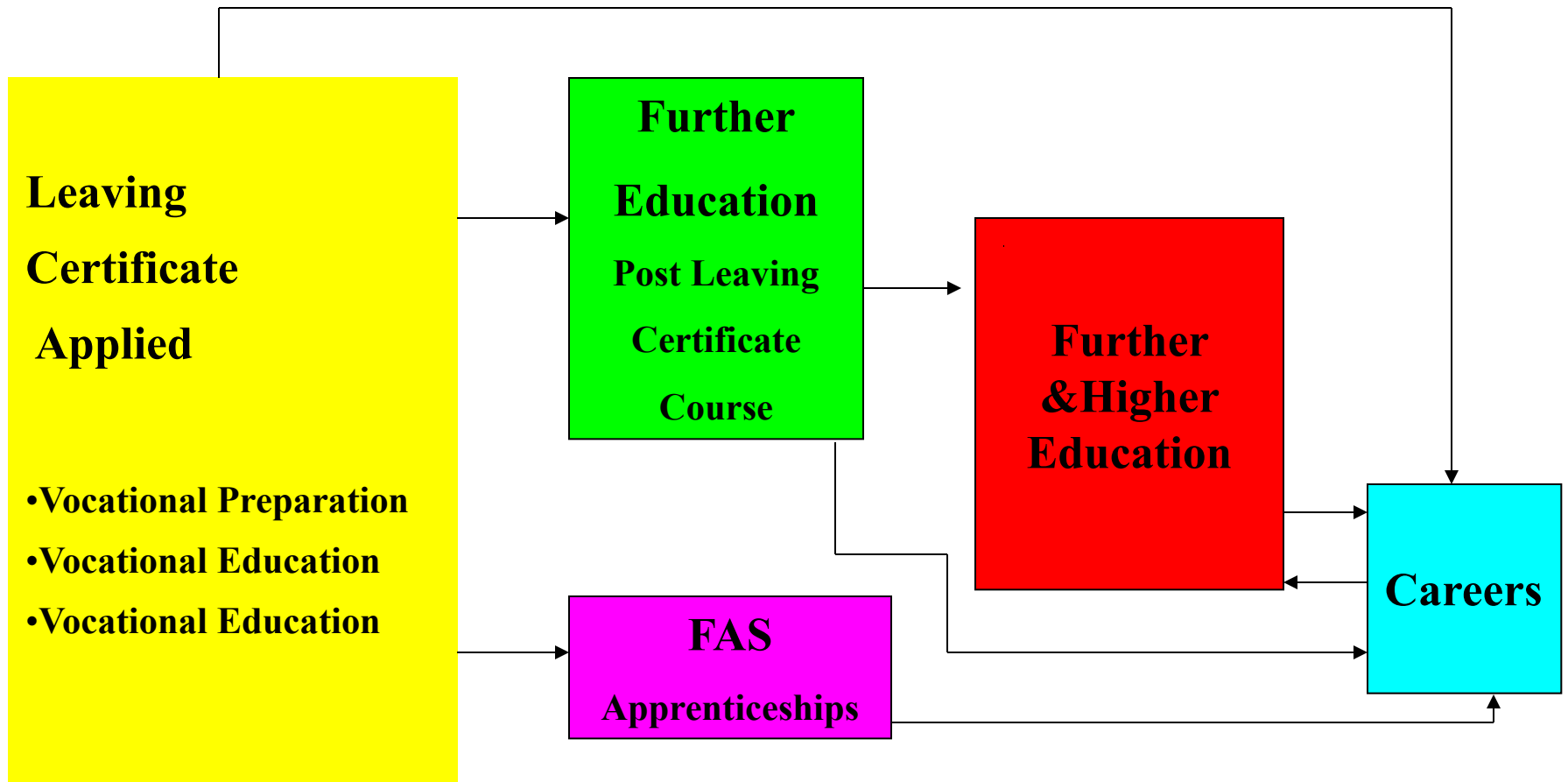
# Can a student go to Higher Education?

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.

# Opening up New Options

## The Leaving Certificate Applied Route Map



# How LCA helped me

"I just feel with LCA you get better one on one teaching"

"It taught me about hidden skills and talents I had and it set me on The right career path"

"I think it matures you a bit more and it really prepares you for when you leave school"

*"You also get to learn more about your self and what you're capable of doing."*

I wouldn't have stayed in school if I was in the traditional leaving cert class

*"I really loved the 4 sessions of work experience"*

## Why I chose LCA

I always found study and homework hard, I liked the idea of doing the majority of the work in school

I felt that there were more opportunities in LCA for me and I liked the idea of continual assessment.

*What I liked about it was the fact that you got credits as you went along and I liked doing the tasks and assignments.*

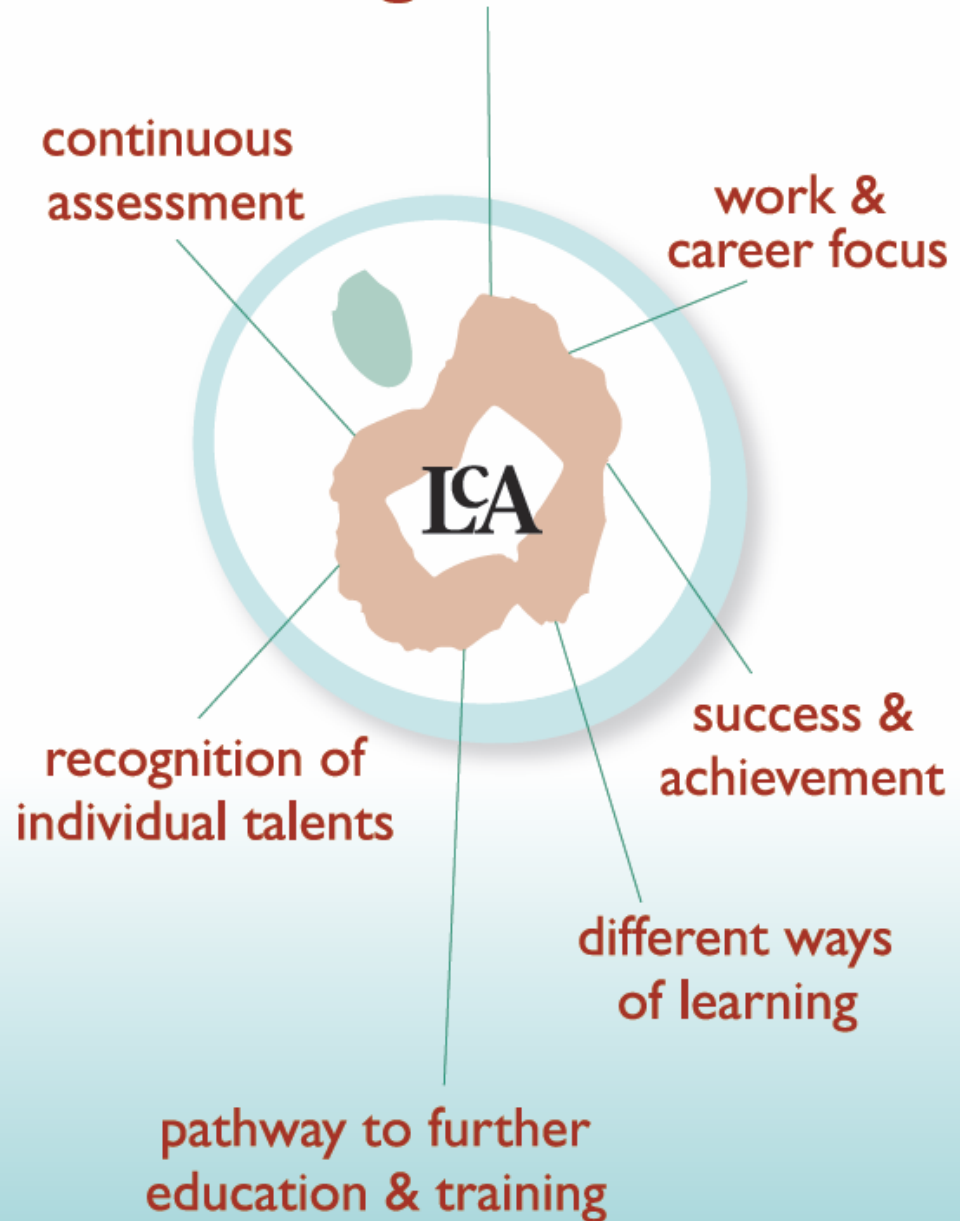
*I chose to do LCA because I enjoyed doing project work and independent research.*

*I loved the idea of doing projects and assignments in LCA so that's why I chose to do it.*

*I had heard that LCA was mainly based on continuous assessment. That was very appealing to me.*

*I decided to do LCA because I felt it would help me learn more about life today.*

# 2 Year Practical Leaving Certificate



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