

# State Examinations and Accredited Grades – Leaving Certificate 2021

Information for students, parents and guardians  
See [gov.ie/leavingcertificate](https://gov.ie/leavingcertificate) for more detailed information

## What candidates need to know

- You must **register** on the SEC candidate portal for examinations **and/or** SEC Accredited Grades
- You will be required to **log on again** at the end of **April/early May** to confirm your levels in each subject
- Continue to **engage with teaching, learning and assessment**
- There are **no fees** to pay for examinations or for SEC Accredited Grades
- If you opt for both you will have your **better grades in each subject** reflected in your results.



## Key dates

- The **SEC Candidate Portal** will open on **10 March** at **12 noon** and close on **16 March** at **6pm**
- LC **Oral** examinations: **26 March to 15 April**
- Portal reopens **April/May** to confirm levels (TBC)
- LC Applied orals: **3 May to 12 May**
- LCA practical **performance test**: **17 May to 21 May**.
- LCA practical coursework interview: week beginning **8 June**
- Written exams: **9 June to 29 June**



## SEC Accredited Grades

- These grades will be generated using the **estimated percentage marks** provided by schools
- Teacher **estimations** will be subject to **in-school alignment and oversight**
- After the **national standardisation process**, marks will be converted into **SEC Accredited Grades**
- Grades will be expressed in the **format H1/O1** etc.
- Parents/Guardians and students **must not contact** a teacher or other member of staff to discuss or try to influence the decision making process relating to the marks.

## Results

- On **results day**, you will get the **better of the two** results if you opted for both
- Shortly after, you will receive the **outcomes** of your Accredited Grades and/or examinations **at the same time**
- The final result (on final certificate) credited will be the **better of the two results** if you sit the examinations.

