

Leaving Certificate Applied Overview



An tSeirbhís
um Fhorbairt
Ghairmiúil
do Mhúinteoirí

Professional
Development
Service for Teachers



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What is the Leaving Certificate Applied?

- It is a distinct, self-contained two-year Leaving Certificate programme aimed at preparing students for adult and working life
- It emphasises forms of achievement and excellence which the established Leaving Certificate has not recognised in the past

Who would benefit most?

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

Rationale

- Prepares students for adult and working life
- Recognises talents of all pupils
- Promotes communication and decision making skills
- Applies knowledge and skills to the solution of real problems

CURRICULUM

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| <p>Vocational Preparation</p> | <p>Vocational Preparation & Guidance</p> <p>English & Communications</p> |
| <p>Vocational Education</p> | <p>Mathematical Applications</p> <p>Vocational Specialisms</p> <p>Information Communication Technology</p> |
| <p>General Education</p> | <p>Arts Education</p> <p>Social Education</p> <p>Languages</p> <p>Leisure & Recreation</p> <p>Religious Education</p> <p>Science</p> |

Assessment

3 Modes

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| Satisfactory completion of modules | 62 credits | (31%) |
| 7 Student Tasks | 70 credits | (35%) |
| Final Examinations | 68 credits | (34%) |
| Total | 200 credits | (100%) |

Leaving Certificate Applied and the Local Community

Learning in Leaving Certificate Applied involves students in many out-of-school activities including:

- Work Experience
- Enterprise
- Visits outside school
- Investigations in the community
- Working with community groups
- Outings e.g. outdoor education etc.
- Interviews
- Surveys
- Visitors etc.

Leaving Certificate Applied In-School Learning Experiences

Learning in Leaving Certificate Applied involves students in new and different learning experiences in school including:

- Group work/Discussion
- Brainstorming
- Oral Presentations
- Visitor to the classroom
- Role Play
- Questionnaires/Surveys/Displays/Exhibitions

FREEDOM ←



To engage in a different and new range of learning experiences both in and out of school

**LEAVING
CERTIFICATE
APPLIED
STUDENTS**

→ *RESPONSIBILITY*



To take personal responsibility for their learning and to approach all activities in a mature, responsible fashion

Leaving Certificate Applied Qualification

Certificate awarded at three levels:

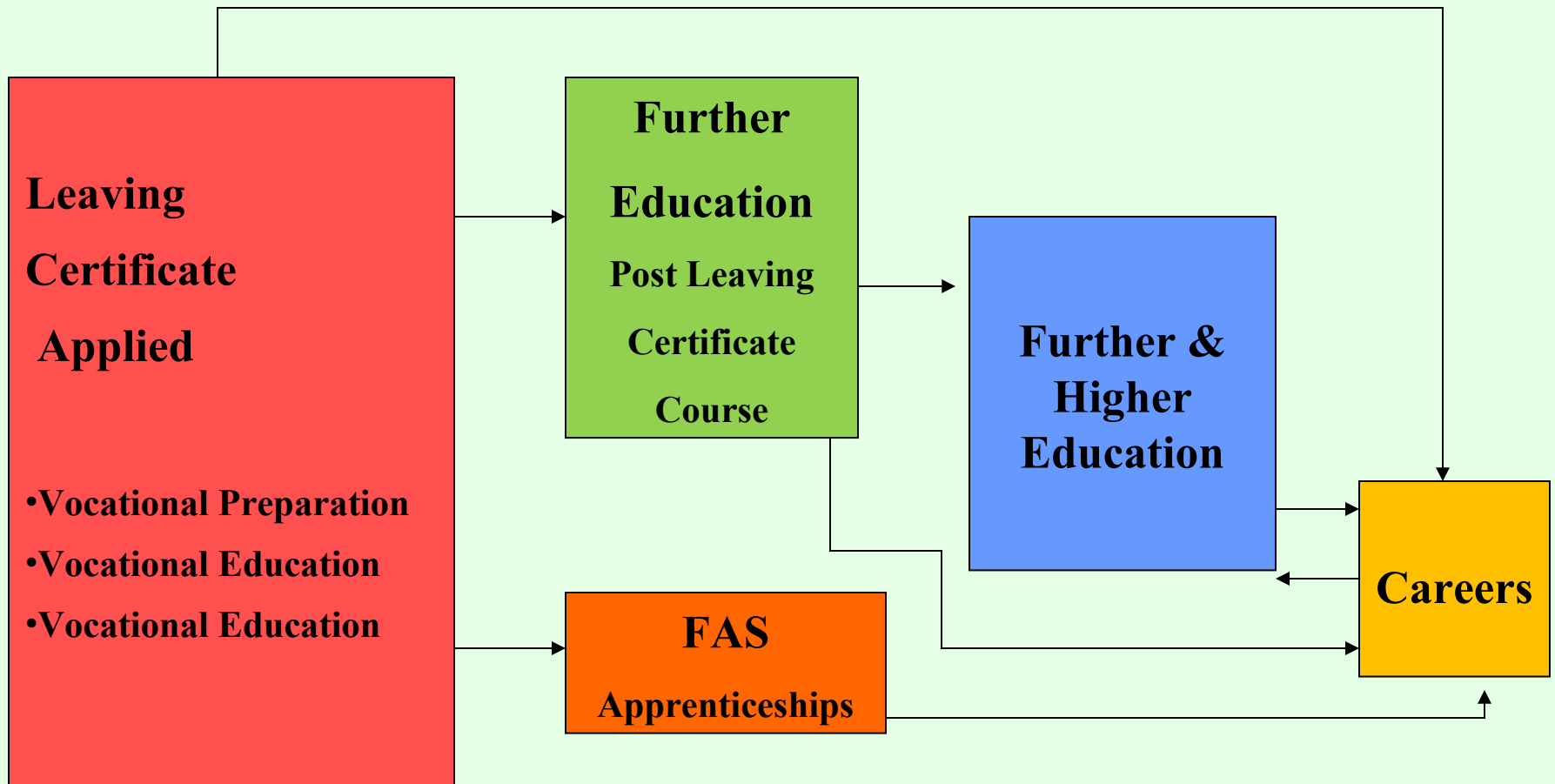
Pass 60-69 % (120 - 139
credits)

Merit 70-84 % (140 - 169
credits)

Distinction 85-100 % (170 - 200
credits)

Opening up New Options

The Leaving Certificate Applied Route Map



National Survey of Leaving Certificate Applied Graduates 2008

What did these graduates do when they finished the programme?

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|--------------------------|-------|
| Education/Training | 62.2% |
| PLC's | 36.9% |
| FAS Apprenticeships | 4.5% |
| Employment | 27.5% |
| Seeking/unavailable etc. | 8.7% |

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."

"it was my foundation and helped me become what I am today"

"I really loved the 4 sessions of work experience"

Why I chose LCA

I wanted to do LCA because it was a more active course and was very different from the Traditional Leaving Certificate. Cathy

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

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

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

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

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

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