



Coimisiún na Scrúduithe Stáit  
State Examinations Commission

LEAVING CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION  
LEAVING CERTIFICATE VOCATIONAL PROGRAMME  
SCHEDULE OF EXAMINATION DATES 2020

| SEP/OCT 2019   | NOVEMBER 2019  | JANUARY 2020  | FEBRUARY 2020  | MARCH 2020   |
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| <p><b>September 2019</b></p> <p><b>September</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Start date for Leaving Certificate Design and Communication Graphics Practical Coursework.</li> </ul> <p><b>October 2019</b></p> <p><b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Start date for Leaving Certificate Technology Coursework.</li> </ul> <p><b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Start date for Leaving Certificate Engineering Coursework (Practical and Project).</li> </ul> <p><b>October</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Start date for Leaving Certificate Construction Studies Project Component.</li> </ul>   | <p><b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Completion date for Food Studies Coursework in Leaving Certificate Home Economics, Scientific and Social.</li> </ul> | <p><b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Start date for Leaving Certificate Art Coursework (See Note 1)</li> <li>- Start date for Physical Education Performance Assessment (see Note 4)</li> <li>- Start date for Computer Science Coursework Project</li> </ul> <p><b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Finishing date for Leaving Certificate Design &amp; Communication Graphics Practical Coursework.</li> </ul>   | <p><b>Late Feb</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Submission date for Leaving Certificate Design &amp; Communication Graphics Practical Coursework. Specific date to be confirmed in due course following the issue of the candidate examination numbers.</li> </ul> | <p><b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Finishing date for Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme, Link Modules Portfolio.</li> </ul> <p><b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Finishing date for Leaving Certificate Engineering Project Component.</li> </ul> <p><b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Completion date for Computer Science Coursework Project</li> </ul> <p><b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Leaving Certificate Oral tests in Irish, French, German, Spanish, Italian, Russian and Japanese.</li> <li>- Leaving Certificate Music Practical Tests.</li> </ul> <p><b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Question Papers for Art Life Sketching Examination to be distributed to all candidates and published on <a href="http://www.examinations.ie">www.examinations.ie</a></li> </ul> <p><b>Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Completion date for Physical Education Performance Assessment</li> </ul>  |
| APRIL 2020   |  | MAY 2020  |  | JUNE 2020  |
| <p><b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Leaving Certificate Oral tests in Irish, French, German, Spanish, Italian, Russian and Japanese.</li> <li>- Leaving Certificate Music Practical Tests.</li> </ul> <p><b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Finishing date for Leaving Certificate Technology Practical Coursework.</li> </ul> <p><b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Finishing date for Art Coursework (see Note 1)</li> <li>- Finishing date for Leaving Certificate Agricultural Science Practical Coursework and Leaving Certificate Agricultural Economics Project work.</li> </ul> <p><b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April</b></p> <p>Finishing date for Leaving Certificate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Textile Studies Elective Coursework in Home Economics, Scientific and Social.</li> <li>- Construction Studies Project Component.</li> <li>- History Research Study Report.</li> <li>- Geographical Investigation Reporting Booklet.</li> <li>- Religious Education Practical Coursework Journal.</li> <li>- Music, Higher Level Elective in Composing.</li> <li>- Politics &amp; Society Citizenship Project Report</li> </ul> <p><b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Start date for monitoring Leaving Certificate Agricultural Science and Agricultural Economics.</li> </ul> <p><b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Leaving Certificate Art Life Sketching (see Note 1)</li> </ul> <p><b>Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Leaving Certificate Engineering Practical (see Note 2)</li> </ul> |  | <p><b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> and Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Leaving Certificate Construction Studies Practical (see Note 2)</li> </ul> <p><b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Finishing date for monitoring Leaving Certificate Agricultural Science and Agricultural Economics.</li> </ul> <p><b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme – Link Modules – Written Examination (10.00 – 12.30)</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Leaving Certificate Computer Science - Written Examination – Higher and Ordinary Level</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Section A &amp; B – 9.30 – 11.00    Section C – 11.30 – 12.30</b><br/>(see Note 3)</p> |  | <p><b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Start date for the monitoring of Leaving Certificate Construction Studies Practical Coursework.</li> <li>- Start date for the assessment of Leaving Certificate: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Engineering Practical Coursework.</li> <li>• Art Coursework/Practical.</li> <li>• Textile Studies, Elective Coursework in Leaving Certificate Home Economics Scientific and Social.</li> <li>• Technology Practical Coursework.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Start date of the written examinations.</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Finishing date for the assessment of Textile Studies Elective Coursework in Leaving Certificate Home Economics Scientific and Social.</li> </ul> <p><b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Finishing date for the monitoring of Leaving Certificate Construction Studies Practical Coursework.</li> <li>- Finishing date for the assessment of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Engineering Practical Coursework</li> <li>• Leaving Certificate Art Coursework/Practical</li> <li>• Leaving Certificate Technology Practical Coursework.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |

**Note 1.** In line with the revised assessment framework for Leaving Certificate Art, the 12 week period for the completion of the Art coursework commences on 6<sup>th</sup> January. Schools continue to have discretion to arrange the Art Life Sketching examination in the period 27<sup>th</sup> April – 8<sup>th</sup> May.

**Note 2.** New arrangements first introduced in 2018 apply for the conduct of the practical examinations in Construction Studies and Engineering. A circular setting out the detailed arrangements for the conduct of these examinations will issue in Spring 2020.

**Note 3.** The inaugural written examination in Computer Science will be held in the 40 phase one schools offering this subject on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

**Note 4.** Physical Education will be examined for the first time in 2020 in the 64 phase one schools offering this subject. The performance assessment will be completed during the period January – March 2020.