

# Leaving Certificate Applied Programme

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## What is the Leaving Certificate Applied Programme?

The aim of the Leaving Certificate Applied Programme is to prepare students for adult and working life through relevant learning experiences.

The L.C.A. Programme consists of 3 main elements:

1. General Education
2. Vocational Preparation - This element includes Work Experience
3. Vocational Education



## Structure of LCA

Subjects in LCA are taught on a modular basis. There are 2 sessions in each year:

**Session 1** September to January

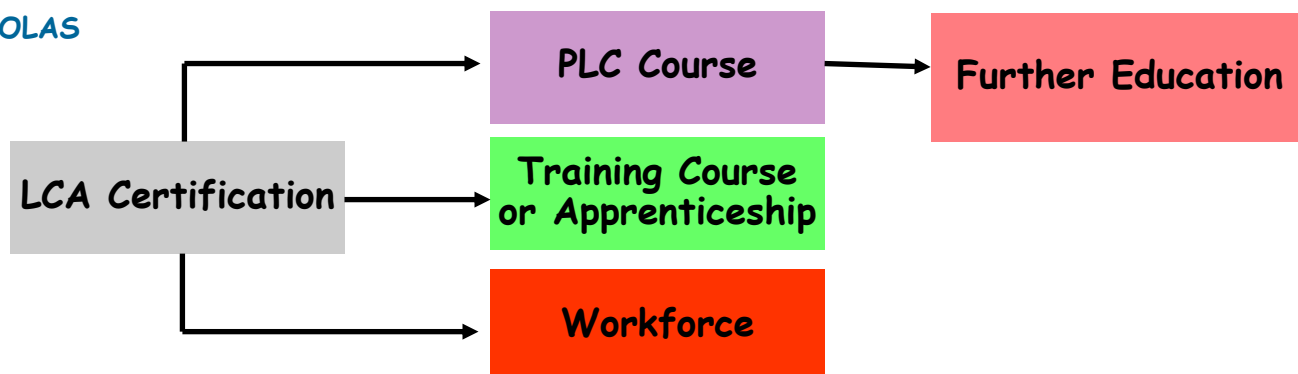
**Session 2** February to May



External assessment and awarding of credits takes place after each session.

## LCA Route Map

Students can proceed from LCA to Post Leaving Certificate Courses, to training courses or apprenticeships or straight into the workforce. Many training courses are provided through **SOLAS**



# Awarding of Credits

Students accumulate credits over the two years of the LCA programme.

Credits are awarded in three ways. These are:

1. Satisfactory Completion of Modules
2. Performance of Student Tasks
3. Performance in the Leaving Certificate exams



## 1. Satisfactory Completion of Modules

62 credits are available to students for the satisfactory completion of modules.

In order to achieve a module credit in this area the following are required of students:

- a) A minimum of 90% attendance at classes and all related activities
- b) Completion of Key Assignments

## 2. Performance of Student Tasks

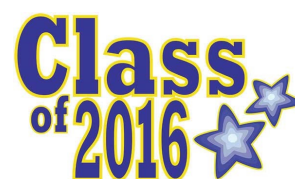
Each student is required to complete 7 assigned tasks over the 2-year period. A task is similar to a project and may be done on an individual or group basis depending on the nature of the task. Students are interviewed and assessed on this work by external examiners who visit the school. This assessment takes place in February and May each year.

Students can achieve a maximum of 70 credits from Tasks.

## 3. Performance in the Leaving Certificate exams

Students sit a Leaving Certificate exam in 7 subject areas in June of 6th year.

A student can earn 68 credits in this area.



# CERTIFICATION

The Leaving Certificate Applied will be awarded at 3 levels:

PASS	120 - 139 CREDITS
MERIT	140 - 169 CREDITS
DISTINCTION	170 - 200 CREDITS

Having completed the Leaving Certificate Applied Programme students are ready to enter the workforce or take a place on the many P.L.C. or training courses available