

Leaving Certificate Applied

AN OVERVIEW





LEAVING CERTIFICATE OPTIONS

The Leaving Certificate Applied is one of three Leaving Certificate options

- Established Leaving Certificate
- Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme
- Leaving Certificate Applied

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
- It offers students specific opportunity to prepare for and progress to further education and training

Structure of Programme

The LCA programme is structured around three main elements

- Vocational Preparation
- Vocational Education
- General Education





Vocational Preparation

- Guidance
- Work Experience - 3 sessions over two years
- Enterprise – involves setting up a mini-company
- English and Communications

Vocational Education

- Mathematical Applications
- Introduction to ICT
- Childcare
- ICT Specialism



General Education

- Arts Education
- Social Education
- Leisure & Recreation
- French
- Irish



Electives

Students also study 4 electives over the two years of the programme. This year our electives are:

- Hotel Catering and Tourism
- Beauty





Assessment

Assessment takes place over the two years under three headings:

- Satisfactory Completion of Modules
- Performance of Student Tasks
- Performance in the Terminal Examinations.



Satisfactory Completion of Modules

At the end of each Session students are credited on satisfactory completion of the appropriate modules. To be awarded credit students must:

- Attend classes and out-of-school activities related to the module
- Complete the key assignments related to the module.

A minimum attendance of **90%** is required.



Performance of Student Tasks

7 tasks are completed over the two years of programme

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| Session 1 | 1 Task |
| Session 2 | 2 Tasks |
| Session 3 | 3 Tasks |

Personal Reflection Task – over two years



Final examinations

At the end of Year 2 students take final examinations in the following subjects:

- English and Communication
- Vocational Specialisms (2)
- Mathematical Applications
- Languages (2)
- Social Education



Credits Percentages

Satisfactory Completion of Modules*

62 credits

31%

7 Student Tasks

70 credits

35%

Final Examinations

68 credits

34%

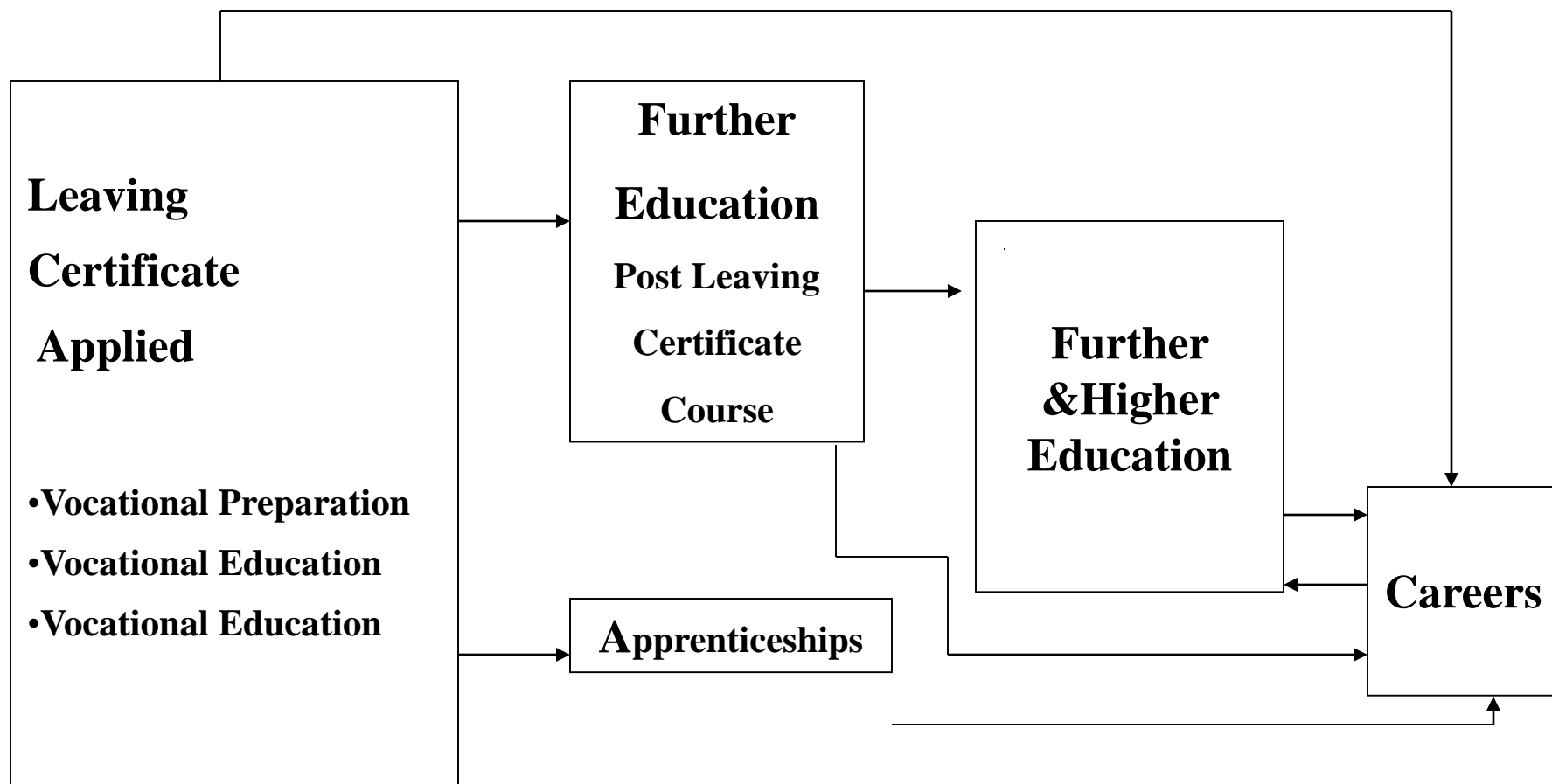


Award of LCA

| No. of Credits | Level of Award |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 170 – 200 Credits | Distinction |
| 140 – 169 Credits | Merit |
| 120 – 139 Credits | Pass |
| > 120 Credits | Record of Credits |

Opening up New Options

The Leaving Certificate Applied Route Map





Further Information

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