

Leaving Certificate Applied 2022-2023



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This is a summary advice note for school management and teachers of LCA 2022/23. It sets out the key curriculum and assessment arrangements for LCA Year 1 and Year 2 students for the academic year 2022/23.

Arrangements for the satisfactory completion of Modules

LCA Year 2 for the academic year 2022/23

- Students should complete **a minimum of two Key Assignments** to achieve the credits available for each module and maintain a minimum of 90% attendance.

LCA Year 1 for the academic year 2022/23

- Students should completed **all four Key Assignments** and a minimum of 90% attendance should be maintained.

For both Year 1 and Year 2 LCA Students

- The learning outcomes for each module should be completed.
- If a student cannot attend the school due to a valid Covid-19 related restriction, the school should be flexible in its approach to monitoring and recording attendance.
- In the event of a localised closure where learning is progressed remotely, schools should ensure that an appropriate system is in place to track students' engagement.
- Credits for the satisfactory completion of modules are submitted to the SEC through the LCA portal, following normal arrangements.

Arrangements for the completion of Tasks

LCA Year 2 for the academic year 2022/23

- Session 3: Students should complete the Practical Achievement Task **AND** *either* the Vocational Education Task *or* the Contemporary Issues Task. This means that LCA Year 2 students have one less task to complete.
- Session 4: As normal, students should complete the Personal Reflection (Part Two).

LCA Year1 for the academic year 2022/23

- There is no change to the schedule for the completion of Student Tasks for LCA Year 1 students.

For both Year 1 and Year 2 LCA Students

- Student Tasks should be planned and considered in line with up-to-date public health advice.
- Arrangements for the examination of the tasks, to include interviews, will be based on the most up-to-date public health advice at the time.

Arrangements for the completion of Final Examinations

Written examinations:

- There will be no adjustment to the final examination papers.
- A scaling, by a factor of 1.15 will be applied to the mark awarded to the written examination component.

Additional components (practical coursework, practical performance tests and oral examinations):

- **Practical coursework** in the LCA vocational specialisms of Graphics/Construction, Engineering, Technology, Childcare/Community Care and Craft & Design all briefs that do not issue at the start of the year, will be issued earlier than normal.
- **Practical performance tests** will proceed as normal and will be conducted under examination conditions, subject to public health advice.
- **Oral examinations/tests** will be conducted under examination conditions.

Curriculum updates LCA Year 1 - LCA Modular Descriptors

Four revised LCA module descriptors were introduced in September 2021. These are:

- English and Communications
- Mathematical Applications
- Introduction to Information and Communication Technology
- Information and Communication Technology – Specialism

These modules can be accessed on <https://www.curriculumonline.ie/Senior-cycle/LCA/>
Continuing Professional Development support for the modules is provided through the PDST.

Planning for work experience for the academic year 2022/23

- The school week comprises a minimum 28 hours instruction time, inclusive of work experience. During the two-year programme, LCA students must complete a minimum of two mandatory modules in work experience.
- It is expected that students will complete work experience in a workplace environment. If access to work experience is delayed or a student encounters difficulties in sourcing a work experience placement due to COVID-19, it may be necessary to adapt how the key assignment is completed for the mandatory modules.
- Alternative approaches to work placement may be considered including Education partnerships, Mentoring and Online training.

Additional Supports

- The Professional Development Service for Teachers (PDST) has a range of LCA supports available for new coordinators and teachers.
- Further information can be found on www.pdst.ie