

OPTIONS AFTER JUNIOR CERTIFICATE

1) LEAVING CERTIFICATE

OR

2) LEAVING CERTIFICATE APPLIED



LEAVING CERT APPLIED (LCA)



What is the Leaving Certificate Applied?

- It is a two-year Leaving Certificate programme
- It is aimed at preparing students for adult and working life



Features of LCA

- Student centred curriculum
- Personal & Social Development
- Teamwork
- Literacy & Numeracy Development
- Active teaching/learning methodologies
- Community links
- Work experience



Why opt for LCA?



If you want to stay in school and get a Leaving Certificate Qualification

If you prefer learning by doing

If you would be happy with continuous assessment


If you would like to get work experience to help with career choice

If you want to develop your skills

All students must study

- English and Communications
- Languages (Italian/French & Irish)
- Mathematics
- Social Education
- Vocational Preparation and Guidance
- Practical Achievement

Option Subjects

- Hotel Catering and Tourism
 - Office Administration and Customer Care
 - Craft and Design
 - Information and Communications Technology
 - Science module
 - Horticulture
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Assessment



Satisfactory completion of Modules

62 credits (31%)



7 Student tasks

70 credits (35%)



Final examinations

68 credits (34%)



Total

200 credits (100%)




Note 66% of the final mark can be obtained before the final exams

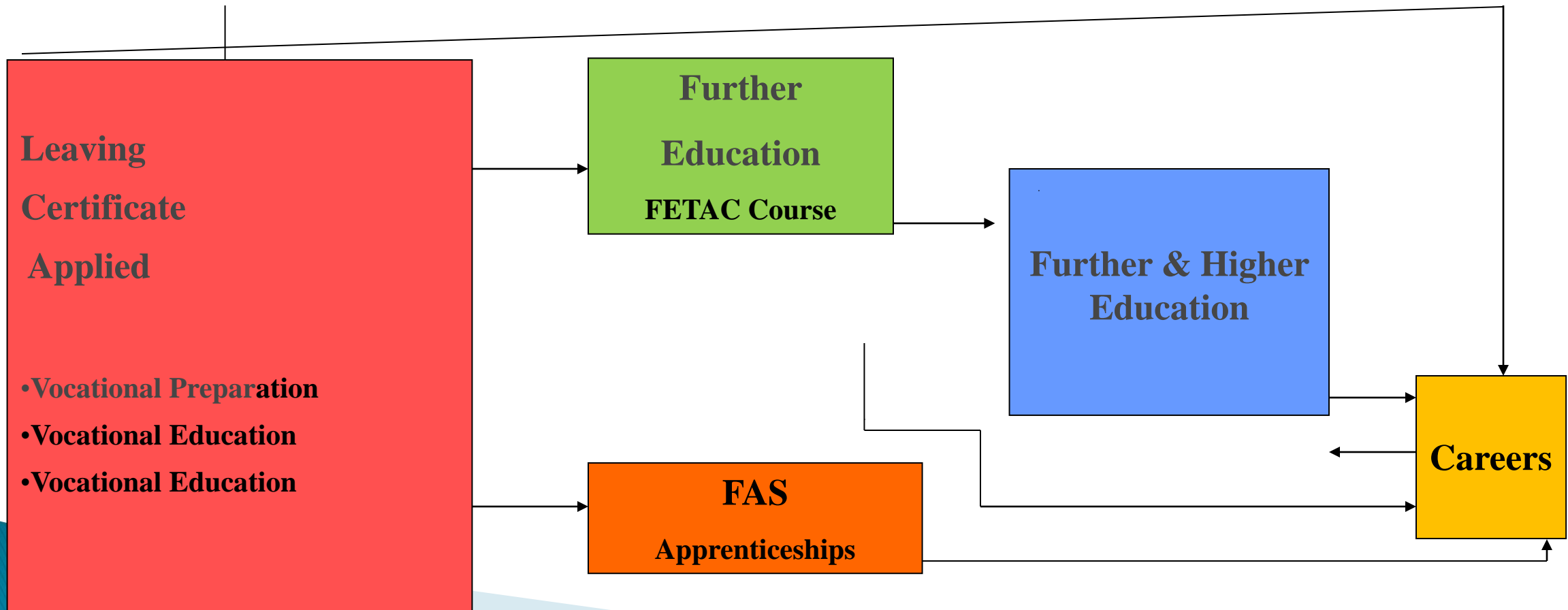
LCA Awards

Pass	60–69 %	120 – 139 credits
Merit	70–84 %	140 – 169 credits
Distinction	85–100%	170 – 200 credits

CAN I GO ON TO FURTHER EDUCATION?

- ▶ Yes.
 - ▶ The Leaving Certificate Applied is accepted for a wide range of Post Leaving Certificate (PLC) courses at FETAC Level 5.
 - ▶ It also provides access to most apprenticeships and other vocational training awards.
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The Leaving Certificate Applied Route Map



WHAT IS THE NFAQ?

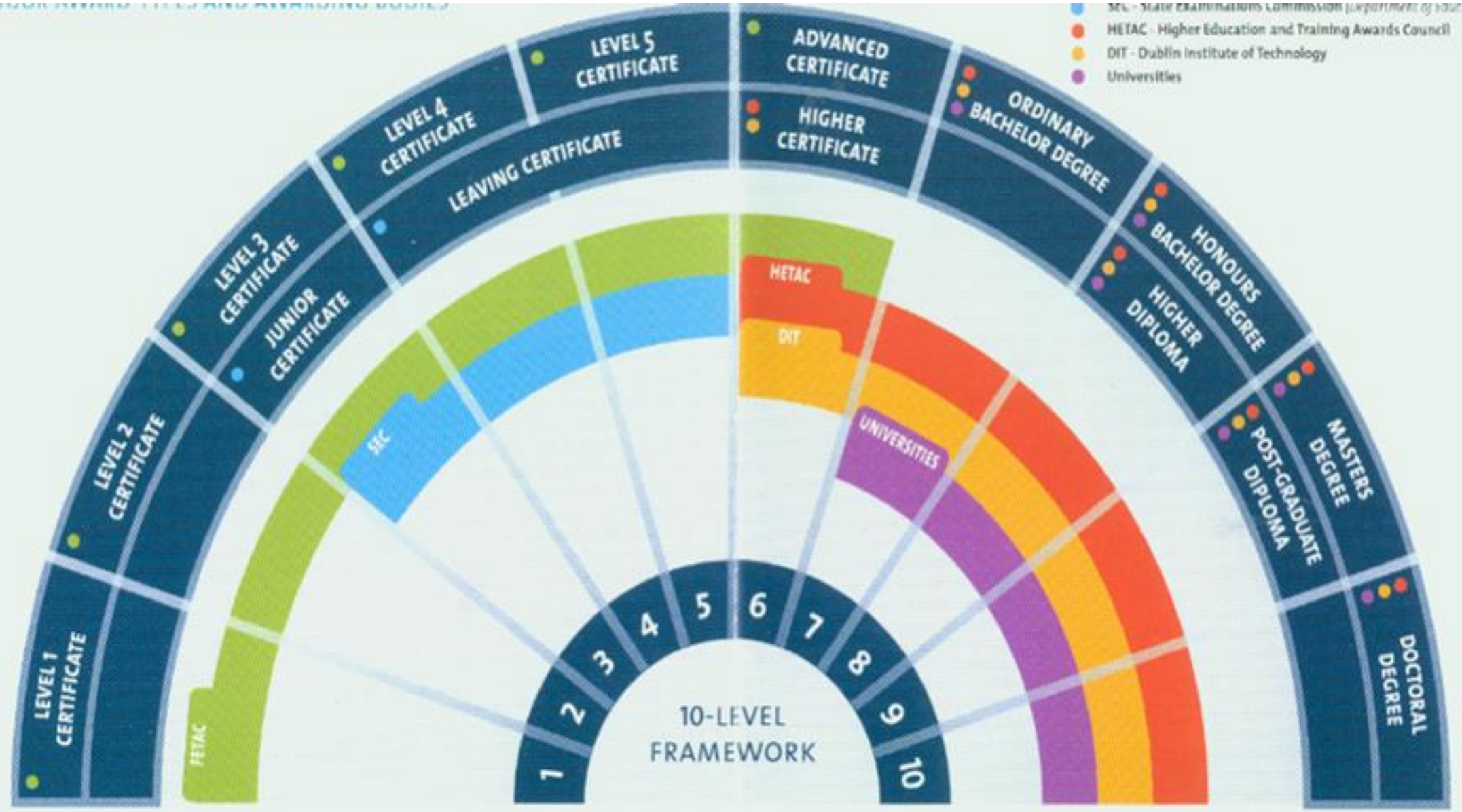
It is the National Framework Of qualifications

The framework is a structure of levels, designed to bring meaning of each type of qualification.

The framework comprises of TEN levels



- SEC - State Examinations Commission (Department of Education & Science)
- HETAC - Higher Education and Training Awards Council
- DIT - Dublin Institute of Technology
- Universities



What our students say

I like the continuous assessment – getting credits as I go

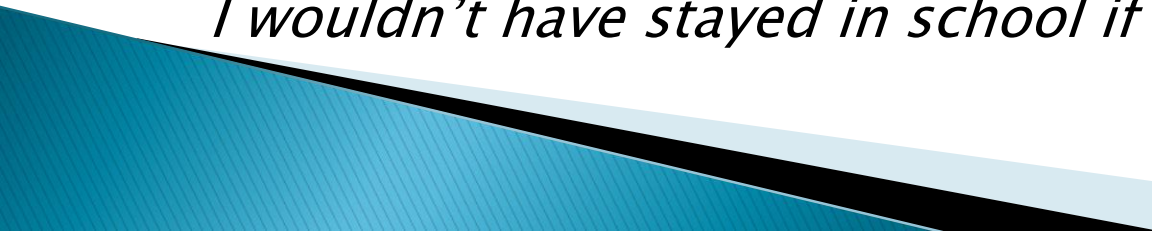
I like the credits for coming to school

I wanted to do an apprenticeship, and I started it sooner with my LCA completed

I like small classes and no homework

I like doing projects and not learning off notes

I wouldn't have stayed in school if I did not do LCA



LCA vs TY



LCA students are very much part of the TY year group



Attend assembly every day with the TY



Take part in modules every Monday & Thursday



Go on work experience with TY in February




Have PE classes with other TY classes



School Tour, Talks, Outings, Volunteer work – all open to LCA students too

How to Apply

- ← Application forms for LCA can be collected at 3rd Year Assembly
 - ← Deadline is 31st March
 - ← Forms to be returned at 3rd Year Assembly
 - ← Interviews for a place in LCA will take place after Easter
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Leaving Certificate Presentation

Choosing your subjects for LC

**Interest –
do I like it?**

Ability

Aptitude

Factors that may influence subject choice

Enjoying the subject

Being good at the subject


Needing the subject for career choice

Friends, parents, siblings – for or against!

Certain subjects perceived as being ‘easy’ or ‘hard’

Like or dislike of the teacher they think will be teaching

Subjects for ‘boys’ or ‘girls’



When students choose the wrong subject



**UNHAPPY IN CLASS = LACK
OF MOTIVATION**



**POOR GRADES = IMPACT ON
OVERALL ATTAINMENT**



**CAN HAVE AN IMPACT ON
FUTURE CAREER CHOICES**

How do you choose?



RESEARCH

DISCUSS

REFLECT

Research

- **Look at course textbooks**
- **Websites:**
www.careersportal.ie/school/subject_explorer.php



Discuss

Subject Teachers

Guidance
Counsellor

Current Pupils

Parents/Guardians,

Older Siblings

Reflect

What subjects do I enjoy the most?

How are my exam results?

How do I find my classwork and homework?



Core Subjects

All students will study all the following core subjects

- ▶ Irish
- ▶ English
- ▶ Mathematics
- ▶ Religion (Non Exam)
- ▶ P.E. (Non Exam)
- ▶ SPHE (Non Exam)
- ▶ Guidance (Non Exam)



OPTION SUBJECTS

Students will study 3 subjects

History

Geography

Design &
Communication
Graphics

Engineering

Home
Economics

Art

PE (Exam class)

Music

Biology

Chemistry

Physics

Accounting

Business

Construction
Studies

Language or Geography option

Students must choose between the following three options:

French

German

Geography


Languages....



**IF YOU CHOOSE TO OPT
OUT OF A LANGUAGE
REMEMBER YOU MAY BE
LIMITING YOUR THIRD LEVEL
CHOICES IN SOME
UNIVERSITIES.**

**PLEASE CHECK ENRTY
REQUIREMENTS FOR
COURSES YOU MAY BE
INTERESTED IN.**

Closing Doors

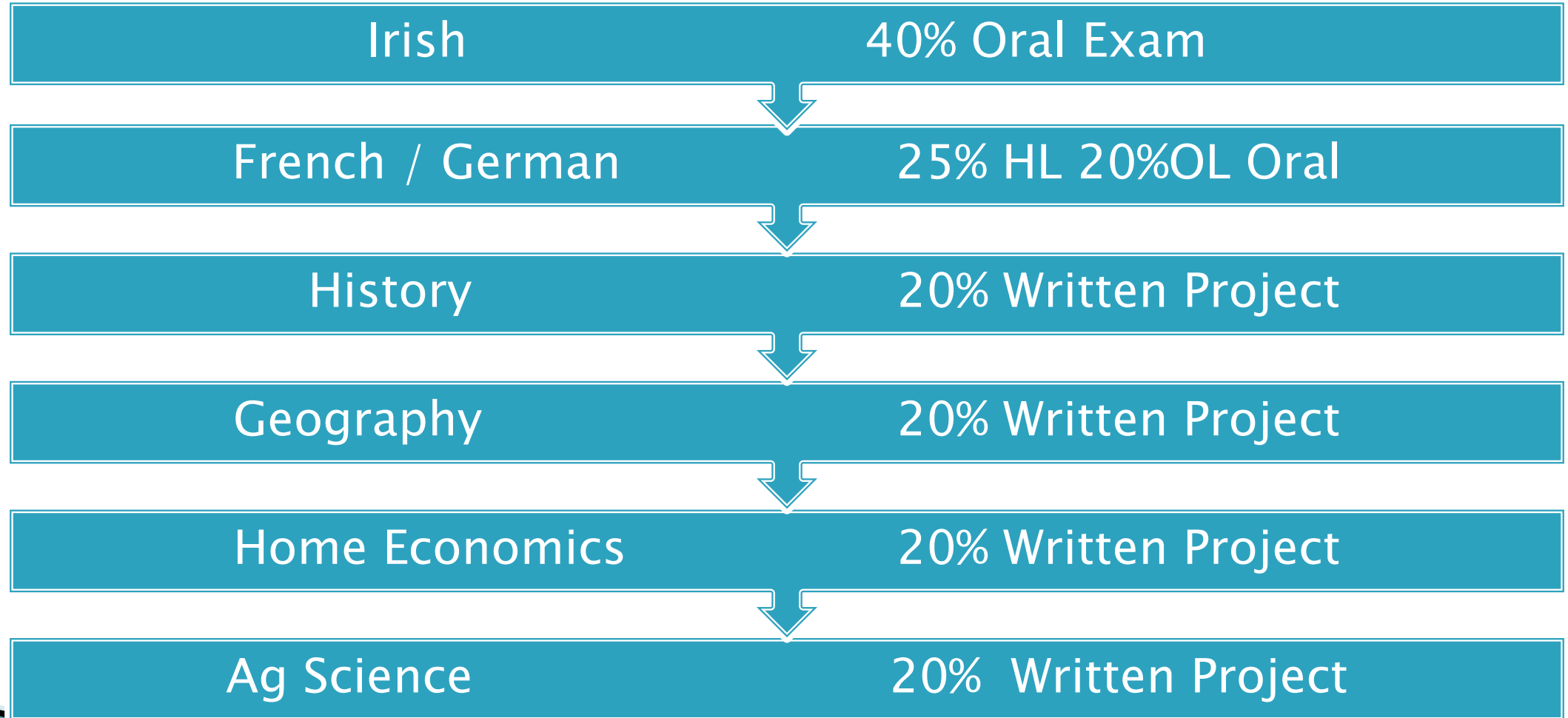
- ▶ Not choosing a science subject can close doors for college courses / careers.
 - ▶ If you would like to study something in health, science / engineering picking a science subject is important
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Why seven subjects?

CAO (Central Application Office)

- Award points based on the
- best SIX subjects
- The Seventh subject can be a safety net
&
- School timetable is structured on all students studying seven subjects

Subjects with projects



Subjects with projects



DCG

40% Project



Engineering

50% Project



Construction Studies

50% Project



Music

50% Project



Art (includes art history section)

70% Project



PE (30% Performance activity & 20% Written)

50% project

PE Exam subject



Places limited –must show sport/science interest



A lot of Science/chemistry with this subject.



Theory and physical classes.



NOTE: 30% of exam is practical

Leaving Cert Grades

- ▶ *No more descriptors*
- ▶ *Higher & Ordinary Levels – no common level*

Higher Level Grade

H1 (90–100)
H2 (80 < 90)
H3 (70 < 80)
H4 (60 < 70)
H5 (50 < 60)
H6 (40 < 50)
H7 (30 < 40)
H8 (0 < 30)

Ordinary Level Grade

O1 (90–100)
O2 (80 < 90)
O3 (70 < 80)
O4 (60 < 70)
O5 (50 < 60)
O6 (40 < 50)
O7 (30 < 40)
O8 (0 < 30)

For CAO
Each grade has Points

Higher Level Grade	Points	Ordinary Level Grade	Points
H1	100		
H2	88		
H3	77		
H4	66		
H5	56	O1	56
H6	46	O2	46
H7	37	O3	37
H8	0	O4	28
		O5	20
		O6	12
		O7	0
		O8	0

- Honours Maths
25 bonus points given for higher level mathematics, at grades H6 and above

Important change
*Grade H7
(Hons 30%– 40%) will
earn points in new
system*

Third Level ...what I need for entry

Students must meet 2 requirements in order to obtain a place on a third level course

1. **Minimum entry requirements** which are set out by the University
 2. Obtain the relevant **Points** on the **CAO**
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Minimum entry requirements


Primary school teacher – Higher level Irish

Dentist, Medicine & Veterinary Medicine – Higher level Chemistry and another higher level Science subject. Also, a foreign language

Engineering in UCC – Science subject

Nursing – Science subject

Note: Some subjects may not be needed for minimum entry requirements but are advisable example engineering as a subject if wishing to study engineering at University



THIS IS WHAT THE ONLINE OPTION FORM WILL LOOK LIKE.

	OPTION SUBJECTS Pool #1					Pool #2		
	Subject Set 1					Languages		
Student Name	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#1	#2	#3

YOUR NAME WILL BE
HERE

List options in order of preference and input 5 option subjects

Please note.....

Geography can only be
selected from one pool



What should I do next?

1. Research and talk with parents/guardians
2. Talk to subject teacher and/or guidance counsellor (Ms. Casey or Ms McKenna)
3. Read course content – what to expect to be studying for the next 3/4 years
4. Check out college prospectuses or job descriptions before making your choice.
5. Visit relevant websites

<https://www.curriculumonline.ie/Senior-cycle>

www.cao.ie

www.qualifax.ie




Deadline dates.

Vsware will open on March the 10th and will close on March the 27th.

REMEMBER you put in *5* option choices and you will get *3* of these options and fill in your *language/geography* decision.

Make sure they are **IN ORDER OF PREFERENCE** – Number 1 is your **favourite option** and so on.



Options After BCS

▶ Get a job

▶ **Apprenticeship:**

- Advisable to complete LC or LCA.
- Earn while you learn.
- Options for Construction Apprenticeships
- Options for other apprenticeships, account technician, auctioneering insurance

▶ **Further Education:**

- Third Level – Entry via CAO – with University/IT entry requirements and with CAO points
- Further Education L5 – Entry based on interview and passing LC

How do I get an Apprenticeship



Meet the entry requirements
– JC passed,
over 16years
old



Updated CV



Find employer
to take you on



Register to start
apprenticeship.



Complete all phases
(on site and college)
'earn while you
learn'

Questions?

