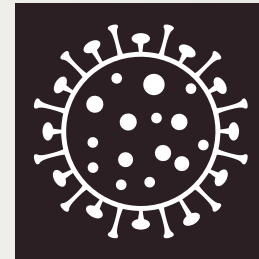


# Leaving Certificate 2020



Coronavirus  
**COVID-19**  
National  
Programme

**Covid-19 is having an enormous impact on the lives of everyone, including our young people. Junior Cycle examinations have already been cancelled. For a number of reasons it is not possible to hold the Leaving Certificate examinations this summer.**

**Fairness and certainty for our Leaving Certificate students is now paramount.**

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The Leaving Certificate will **not** be held in July/August, in the best interests of candidates.

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All candidates will be offered a State certificate of **Calculated Grades**, which they can use to progress to further or higher education, or employment.

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Calculated Grades are decided based on data on each candidate from schools.

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## How Calculated Grades work

# 1

**Estimation of Scores and Rankings**  
by Teacher

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The subject teacher estimates percentage mark the candidate is likely to have achieved in Leaving Certificate 2020

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The teacher estimates class ranking of each candidate in order of predicted level of achievement for each subject.

# 2

**In-school alignment**  
by Teachers

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Subject teachers review the estimated marks and rankings of students

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Teachers finalise their estimated marks and rankings following alignment process

# 3

**Oversight of Marks and Rankings**  
by School Principal

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The principal reviews estimated marks and rankings, and signs off on behalf of the school.

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The principal may return the estimated marks and rankings to the relevant group of teachers for further consideration.

# 4

**National Standardisation**  
by Department of Education & Skills

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Marks and rankings submitted by schools will be examined and may be adjusted using statistical methods to ensure a common national standard is applied.

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The CAO and further education processes will run as close as possible to their original dates. The new dates will be announced as soon as possible.

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All 2020 students will be given the opportunity to sit the conventional Leaving Certificate examination if they wish, at the earliest safe and practical time.

Find out more at [gov.ie/leavingcertificate](https://gov.ie/leavingcertificate)

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