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SCHEDULE OF DATES - CERTIFICATE EXAMINATIONS 2022

To the Management Authorities of Post-Primary Schools and other Entities recognised by the SEC to hold examinations

Dear Principal

On 8th February of this year the State Examinations Commission (SEC) issued circular S06/22 to all schools outlining the timetable for the 2022 written certificate examinations.

This circular is a follow up to S06/22 and the purpose of this circular is to inform you that the Schedule of Examination Dates 2022 for Junior Cycle, Leaving Certificate/Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme and Leaving Certificate Applied have been published and are available [here](#).

The schedule of dates for each of the three examinations is presented as a stand-alone document. Schools are asked to arrange for local printing (in either A3 or A4 format) and display of the Schedule of Dates in schools with A3 format preferred for display on school notice boards. Candidates can download their own personal copies from the Examination Information section of the SEC's website at www.examinations.ie

1. Schedule of Dates

Leaving Certificate/Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme.

The schedule includes dates and deadlines for the non-written examinations and also includes the date of the written examinations for;

- Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme, Link Modules which will be held on Wednesday 4th May 2022
- Leaving Certificate Computer Science which will be held on Wednesday 25th May

Leaving Certificate Applied

The schedule includes dates and deadlines for the non-written examinations and also includes the date of the written examination for;

- Information Technology (Specialism), practical performance and written test which will be held on Wednesday 11th May

2. Leaving Certificate Oral and Music Practical Performance Tests

The Oral tests in Irish and the Modern Languages and the Practical performance tests examinations in Music will be conducted during a six-day period beginning on 9th April 2022. A separate circular has issued on this and further detail will be provided to your school in the near future.

3. Leaving Certificate Practical Tests (Day Practical) in Construction Studies and Engineering The arrangements which were introduced in 2018 for the conduct of the Leaving Certificate practical examinations in Engineering and Construction Studies (SEC Circular S95/17 refers) will continue for this year.

This change, which limits the flexibility of schools in the conduct of these examinations, has been made in order to safeguard the integrity of these examinations. This year the practical examinations in **Engineering are scheduled for Tuesday 26th April, Wednesday 27th April and Thursday 28th April followed by Construction Studies on Wednesday 4th, Thursday 5th and Friday 6th May.**

All of the above will be the subject of detailed circulars in due course.

4. Junior Cycle Home Economics and Music Practical Performance Tests

The practical performance tests in Junior Cycle Music will be conducted from Monday 9 May to Friday 20 May. This scheduling is to ensure that there is no disruption to teaching and learning for the Leaving Certificate music cohort in their preparation for their practical performance test which is being delivered in the Easter holiday period.

The Junior Cycle practical performance test in Home Economics will be conducted during the period from Monday 25 April to Friday 6 May excluding Bank Holiday Monday 2 May. Both of these Junior Cycle tests will be held during school time as will the related examiner training conferences.

The SEC absolutely relies on the co-operation of schools and school staff for the successful delivery of these practical tests each year. Firstly, the SEC needs suitably qualified teachers to apply for these positions in sufficient numbers. Secondly, the SEC needs school leaders to encourage their teachers to apply and to release them from their teaching duties if they are successful in their applications. As well as being of essential service to the education system, particularly to the students and their families, teachers have the opportunity to accrue benefits for their own professional development through engaging in this work. The successful delivery of these assessments will rely on the availability of teachers to work as examiners and the cooperation of schools in releasing teachers from schools to this important work. These tests can only be delivered provided that there are sufficient examiners available in the examination window. Recruitment of examiners for all Junior Cycle Practicals and coursework will commence immediately. Your cooperation and assistance in relation to this is greatly appreciated.

All of the above will be the subject of detailed circulars in due course.

5. Distribution and Enquiries

Please ensure that important information contained in this circular is brought to the attention of candidates, teachers and other interested parties. If you have any query in relation to this circular, please contact the State Examinations Commission by emailing practicals@examinations.ie. Alternatively, you can contact us by phone at (090) 644 2749/2752/2867

Thank you for your co-operation

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