

# Leaving Certificate Applied

# Overview



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Professional  
Development  
Service for Teachers



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# 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

# Who would benefit most?

- Students who are not adequately catered for by other Leaving Certificate programmes
- Students who choose not to opt for those programmes

# Rationale

- Prepares students for adult and working life
- Recognises talents of all pupils
- Promotes communication and decision making skills
- Applies knowledge and skills to the solution of real problems

# CURRICULUM

<b>Vocational Preparation</b>	<b>Vocational Preparation &amp; Guidance (Work Experience)</b>  <b>English &amp; Communications</b>
<b>Vocational Education</b>	<b>Mathematical Applications</b>  <b>Vocational Specialisms</b>  <b>Information Communication Technology</b>
<b>General Education</b>	<b>Arts Education</b> <b>Social Education</b> <b>Languages</b> <b>Leisure &amp; Recreation</b> <b>Religious Education</b> <b>Science</b>

# Assessment

## 3 Modes

Satisfactory completion of modules	62 credits	(31%)
7 Student Tasks	70 credits	(35%)
Final Examinations	68 credits	(34%)
<b>Total</b>	<b>200 credits</b>	<b>(100%)</b>

# Leaving Certificate Applied Qualification

## Certificate awarded at three levels:

**Pass**                      60-69 %      (120 - 139 credits)

**Merit**                      70-84 %      (140 - 169 credits)

**Distinction**              85-100 %      (170 - 200 credits)

# Leaving Cert Applied Learning

- Active Learning
- Experiential Learning
- Interpersonal Learning
- Visual Learning





# Leaving Certificate Applied and the Local Community

**Learning in Leaving Certificate Applied involves students in many out-of-school activities including:**

- Work Experience
- Enterprise
- Visits outside school
- Investigations in the community
- Working with community groups
- Outings e.g. outdoor education etc.
- Interviews
- Surveys

# Leaving Certificate Applied In-School Learning Experiences

Learning in Leaving Certificate Applied involves students in new and different learning experiences in school including:

- Group work/Discussion
- Brainstorming
- Oral Presentations
- Visitor to the classroom
- Role Play
- Questionnaires/Surveys/Displays/Exhibitions

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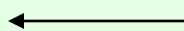
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# Leaving Cert Applied and the Community



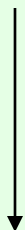
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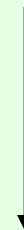
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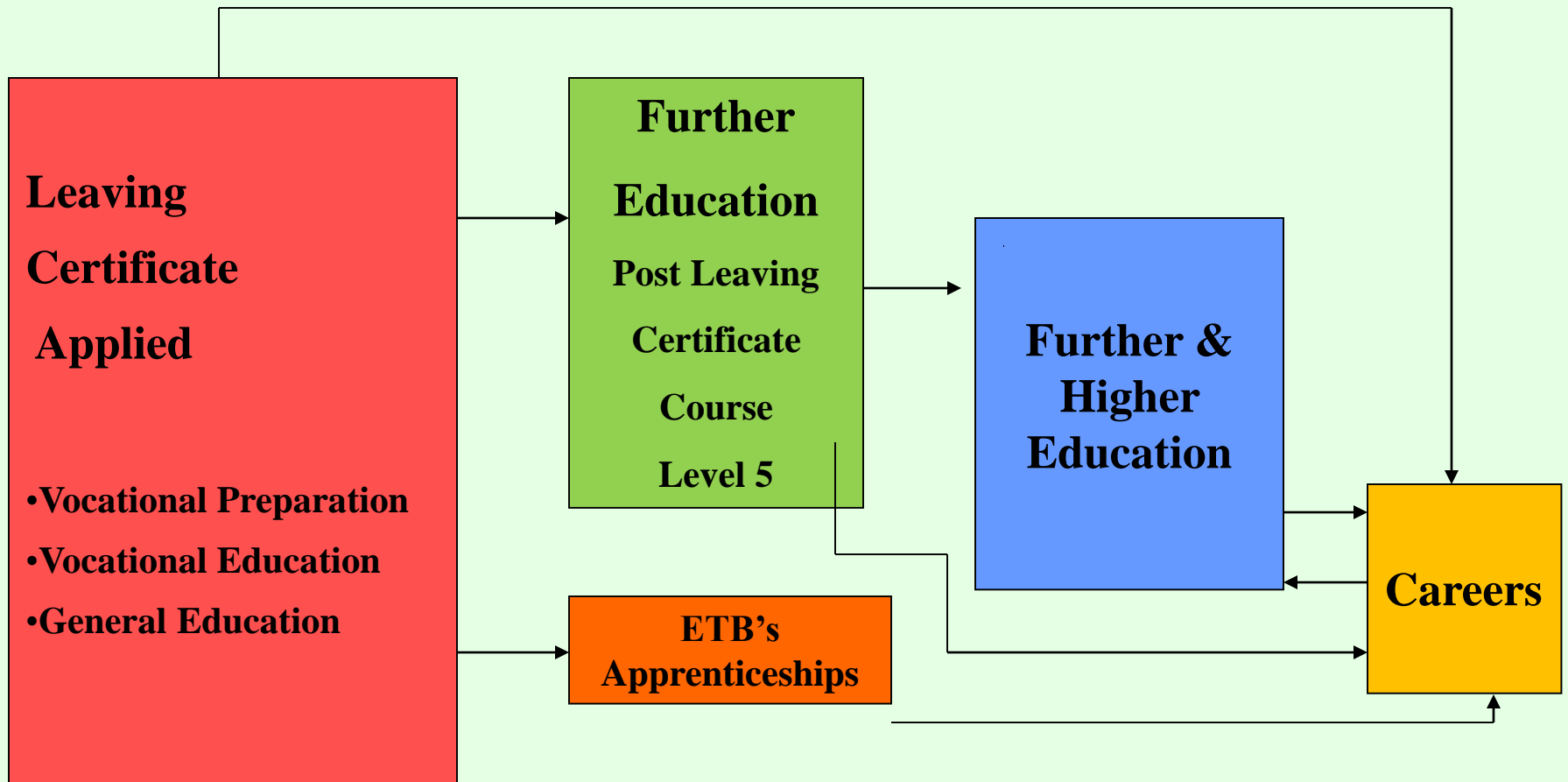
To engage in a different and new range of learning experiences both in and out of school



To take personal responsibility for their learning and to approach all activities in a mature, responsible fashion

# Opening up New Options

## The Leaving Certificate Applied Route Map



# Why I chose LCA

*I wanted to do LCA because it was a more active course and was very different from the Traditional Leaving Certificate.*

*I felt that there were more opportunities in LCA for me and I liked the idea of continual assessment.*

*What I liked about it was the fact that you got credits as you went along and I liked doing the tasks and assignments.*

*I chose to do LCA because I enjoyed doing project work and independent research.*

*I loved the idea of doing projects and assignments in LCA so that's why*

*I had heard that LCA was mainly based on continuous assessment. That was very appealing to me.*

*I decided to do LCA because I felt it would help me learn more about life today.*

# Further Information

- [www.pdst.ie/lca](http://www.pdst.ie/lca)
- **Contact me directly**

