

# Leaving Certificate Applied Overview



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Professional  
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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

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

# Leaving Certificate Applied Qualification

## Certificate awarded at three levels:

<b>Pass</b>	60-69 %	(120 - 139 credits)
<b>Merit</b>	70-84 %	(140 - 169 credits)
<b>Distinction</b>	85-100 %	(170 - 200 credits)

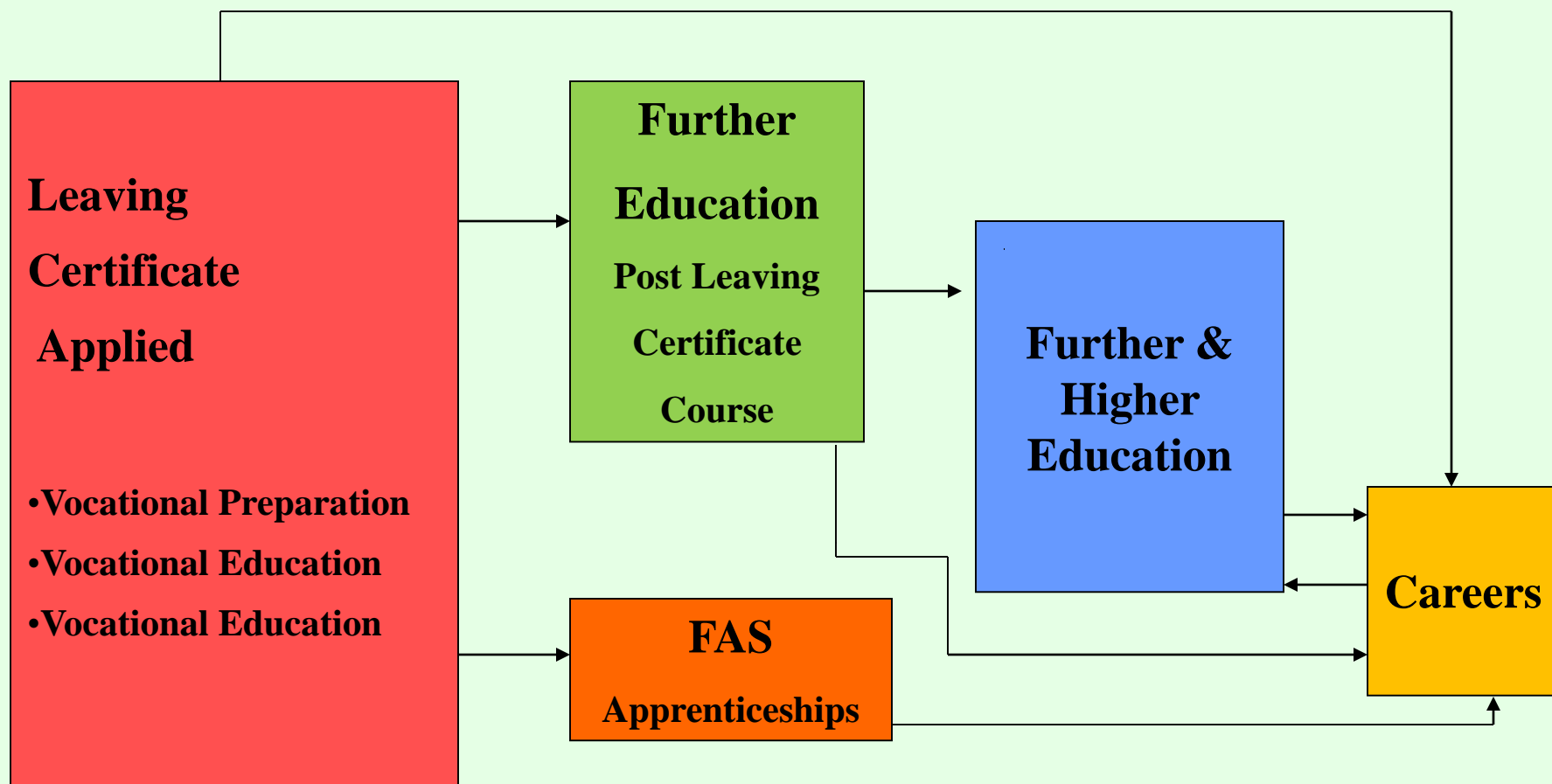
# Assessment

## 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>

# Opening up New Options

## The Leaving Certificate Applied Route Map





# National Survey of Leaving Certificate Applied Graduates 2008

What did these graduates do when they finished the programme?

Education/Training	62.2%
PLCs	36.9%
FAS Apprenticeships	4.5%
Employment	27.5%
Seeking/unavailable etc.	8.7%

# How LCA helped me

"I just feel with LCA you get better one on one teaching"

"It taught me about hidden skills and talents I had and it set me on The right career path"

"I think it matures you a bit more and it really prepares you for when you leave school"

"You also get to learn more about your self and what you're capable of doing."

"it was my foundation and helped me become what I am today"

"I really loved the 4 sessions of work experience"

# 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. Cathy*

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

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

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

*I loved the idea of doing projects and assignments in LCA so that's why I chose to do it. Darren*

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

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