



Circular 0022/2008

**To: Management Authorities of Second-Level Schools**

## **Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme (LCVP) in 2008/09**

1. The Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme (**LCVP**) is one of the options within Senior Cycle. The programme has been introduced on a phased basis since September 1994. There are 504 schools providing the LCVP at present.
2. Schools currently approved to offer the Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme may cater for a further LCVP student intake in 2008/09 in accordance with the programme requirements outlined in the Appendix. The programme requirements must be met in full in a single school/centre for a student to be deemed an eligible LCVP student.

Schools wishing to offer the Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme **for the first time** in September 2008 are requested to complete the attached application form and return it to the Department. The **closing date** for the receipt of the application form is **28 March 2008**.

3. Inservice for continuing and new applicants will be provided by the Second Level Support Service in Blackrock Education Centre, Kill Avenue, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. The intensive phase of inservice provision, which has operated since the mid 1990's, has now concluded. The support service will therefore concentrate its resources on supporting schools new to the programme. Participation in the necessary inservice is a condition for approval for all new applicants. Details of all inservice arrangements and briefing sessions will be communicated to applicant schools by the Second Level Support Service.

**Co-ordinator,  
Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme Support,  
Navan Education Centre,  
Athlumney,  
Navan, Co. Meath.**

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e-mail: [office@lcvp.ie](mailto:office@lcvp.ie)**

4. The outline structure of the LCVP is set out in summary form in the Appendix to this circular.
  - The Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme and LCVP Link Modules Assessment Guidelines have been published on the web and may be accessed at [www.education.ie](http://www.education.ie) (Curriculum, Syllabus and Teaching Guides; LCVP). New schools can obtain copies from the Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme Support Service.
  - The portfolio item *My Own Place* requires that students engage in research and analysis of their local neighbourhood. While there is no difficulty with comparisons being made with other locales, the project must focus on current active research in the local neighbourhood in compliance with the published criteria.
5. Grants for the purchase of necessary equipment will be provided for schools in the free education scheme **commencing** the LCVP programme. This is part of an integrated equipment strategy for schools providing the Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme and/or the Leaving Certificate Applied. Guidelines for schools on these grant supports are enclosed with this Circular and are also available at [www.education.ie](http://www.education.ie) (Curriculum, Syllabus and Teaching Guides; LCVP).
6. Staffing for schools selected for the LCVP will be allocated on the basis of 1.25 teachers per group of 20 students based on the annual October list returns.
7. Please provide a copy of this circular to the appropriate representatives of parents and teachers for transmission to individual parents and teachers.

**Brigid McManus**  
**Secretary General**  
**February 2008**

[Download Application Form](#) (File Format Word 40KB)

## Appendix

### Summary Outline of Restructured LCVP including revised Vocational Subject Groupings

**Each student must take:**

- ❖ **Two** Leaving Certificate Subjects **from one** of the Vocational Subject Groupings (see Table below)
- ❖ A Leaving Certificate Modern European Language, or an ab-initio course in a Modern European Language or a Vocational Language Module<sup>#</sup>  
In cases where students are not following a Leaving Certificate or Junior Certificate programme in a Modern European Language schools must provide a minimum of one class per week over the two years, or equivalent, to meet the LCVP Modern European Language requirement. They may choose an LCA or FETAC option, or an alternative developed by the school. However, assessment will be at school level for such options, and national certification through the LCA and FETAC options will not be available.

- ❖ **Link Modules (as outlined below)\***

\* Pupils taking the LCVP examination are required to take the two revised Link Modules – **Preparation for the World of Work** and **Enterprise Education**.

- ❖ **Irish<sup>#</sup>** and **at least one other** Leaving Certificate Subject

<sup>#</sup> Pupils opting for an alternative to the Leaving Certificate Modern European Language, or who are exempt from studying Irish must take an additional subject to ensure a minimum of 5 Leaving Certificate subjects.

**TABLE**

Vocational Subject Groupings 2008/2009			
Specialist Groupings			
1.	Construction Studies 029 Engineering 027 Design & Communication Graphics 562 Technology 065	<b>(any two)</b>	
2.	Physics 021	<b>and</b>	Construction Studies 029 <b>or</b> Engineering 027 <b>or</b> Technology 065
3.	Agricultural Science 024	<b>and</b>	Construction Studies 029 <b>or</b> Engineering 027 <b>or</b> Technology 065
4.	Agricultural Science 024	<b>and</b>	Chemistry 022 <b>or</b> Physics 021 <b>or</b> Physics & Chemistry 023
5.	Home Economics (New Syllabus – Sci & Soc) 098 Agricultural Science 024 Biology 025	<b>(any two)</b>	
6.	Home Economics (New Syllabus – Sci & Soc) 098	<b>and</b>	Art with Design Option 071 <b>or</b> Art with Craftwork Option 072
7.	Accounting 032 Business 033 Economics 034	<b>(any two)</b>	
8.	Physics 021	<b>and</b>	Chemistry 022
9.	Biology 025	<b>and</b>	Chemistry 022 <b>or</b> Physics 021 <b>or</b> Physics & Chemistry 023
Services Groupings			
10.	Engineering 027 <b>or</b> Technology 065	<b>and</b>	Accounting 032 <b>or</b> Business 033 <b>or</b> Economics 034
11	Construction Studies 029	<b>and</b>	Accounting 032 <b>or</b> Business 033 <b>or</b> Economics 034
12.	Home Economics (New Syllabus – Sci & Soc) 098	<b>and</b>	Accounting 032 <b>or</b> Business 033 <b>or</b> Economics 034

13.	Agricultural Science 024	and	Accounting 032 or Business 033 or Economics 034
14.	Art with Design Option 071 or Art with Craftwork Option 072	and	Accounting 032 or Business 033 or Economics 034
15.	Music 067	and	Accounting 032 or Business 033 or Economics 034

**N.B. The programme requirements must be met in full in a single school/centre for a student to be deemed an eligible LCVP student. Changes of mind as to subject choice may be allowed only where they are formally notified to the Department no later than 31 October of Year 1 of the programme. Pupils (apart from repeat students) must be fully programme compliant over the remainder of the 2 year cycle in order to be eligible as LCVP students. In order to ensure the cross curricular components are delivered appropriately, all elements of the programme must be delivered in the school/centre the student is attending on a full-time basis.**

It will not be necessary for repeat Leaving Certificate students to comply with all the programmatic requirements of the LCVP in their repeat year, as long as they complied fully with the LCVP programme requirements over a 2 year period in their original Leaving Certificate programme.

**LEAVING CERTIFICATE VOCATIONAL PROGRAMME  
APPLICATION FORM 2008/09**

**This application form to be completed by schools planning to introduce the Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme (LCVP) for the first time in September 2008.**

(Schools currently approved to offer the LCVP may cater for a further LCVP student intake in 2008/09 in accordance with the programme requirements outlined in the Appendix. It is not necessary for such schools to complete this form.)

**Name of School:** \_\_\_\_\_

**School Roll No:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**LCVP Enrolment Expected 2008/2009**

	<b>Year 1</b> (i.e. completing LCVP course in June 2010)
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**Number of LCVP Students:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signed** \_\_\_\_\_ **(Principal) Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**This form should be returned completed to:**

Department of Education and Science,  
Post-Primary Administration,  
Portlaoise Road,  
Tullamore,  
Co. Offaly

**Before 28 March 2008 (Late applications cannot be accepted)**