Circular 0056/2010

Revised Syllabus in Leaving Certificate Irish, effective from September 2010, for first examination in 2012.

Circular 0042/2007 announced that the proportion of marks available for oral assessment in Irish would be increased to 40% with effect from the Junior Certificate voluntary oral examination in 2010, and the Leaving Certificate oral examination in 2012.


The revised syllabuses for Leaving Certificate Irish at Ordinary and Higher were also issued in hard copy to schools at Easter, and copies are also available on the Department’s website at www.education.ie These syllabuses apply with effect from September 2010 for first examination in 2012.

The revised syllabuses for the Leaving Certificate Applied subject Gaeilge Chumarsáideach and for Leaving Certificate Irish at Foundation Level are attached. These also apply from September 2010 for first examination in 2012. LCA students in Year 2 of the programme who will be undertaking final year examinations in 2011 are unaffected by the revised syllabus. However, the revised syllabus does apply to students embarking on the LCA programme from September 2010 and who take oral examinations at the end of Year 1.

Further information on the assessment arrangements for Leaving Certificate Irish will be issued to all schools by the State Examinations Commission.

Please bring this Circular to the attention of teachers of Irish. Please also provide a copy to the appropriate representatives of parents and teachers for transmission as appropriate to individual parents and teachers. This circular may also be accessed at www.education.ie

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