

LCA

Leaving Certificate Applied
Ardteistiméireacht Fheidhmeach

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Newport College 2025-26



Leaving Certificate Applied

...a different way



Two Year Practical Leaving Certificate

- Continuous assessment ◀
- Individual talents recognised ◀
- Community as classroom ◀
- Work & career focus ◀
- Success & achievement ◀
- Different ways of learning ◀
- Pathway to further education & training ◀

What is Leaving Certificate Applied?



Two year course



Preparation for adult and working life



Access to apprenticeships



Offers opportunity to prepare for and progress to further education

Rationale for LCA

1. Prepares learners adult and working life.
2. Recognises talents of all learners
3. Self-esteem
4. Communication and decision making
5. Independent and enterprising





Who would benefit most from the Leaving Certificate Applied?

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

Timeline



YEAR ONE

Session 1

Sept – Jan

Session 2

Feb - June

YEAR TWO

Session 3

Sept - Jan

Session 4

Feb - June



WORK EXPERIENCE



Work Placement

One day per week
(Thursday)



Work Experience Class

Job seeking skills
Reflection on
placement as a
learning experience



Four Work Placement Opportunities

One per session





SUBJECTS

Vocational Preparation

- Vocational Preparation & Guidance
- Jobsearch
- *Work Experience*
- *Community Work*
- *Enterprise Education*
- English & Communications

Vocational Education

- Mathematical Applications
- Vocational Specialisms
- *Agriculture and Horticulture*
- *Graphics and Construction*
- *Hotel Catering and Tourism*
- Information Communication Technology

General Education

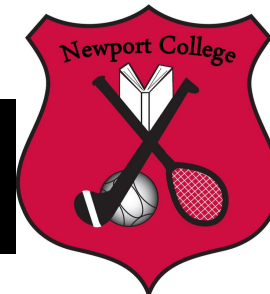
- Arts Education (*Drama, Dance, Visual Arts, Music*)
- Social Education
- Languages (Gaeilge and French)
- Leisure & Recreation (*including Physical Education*)

ASSESSMENT & CERTIFICATION



Certificate awarded at 3 levels:

Pass	120 - 139 credits	60-69%
Merit	140 - 169 credits	70-84%
Distinction	170 - 200 credits	85-100%



Summary of Options

	Traditional Leaving Cert	Leaving Cert Applied (LCA)
CAO Points	✓	✗
Can Apply for Apprenticeships	✓	Most
Can Apply for PLC Courses	✓	✓
Can Apply directly to IT's and Universities	✓	✗
Work Experience	✓ (1 week through LCVP)	✓ (1 day per week)- 4 placements over 2 years
Direct Employment	✓	✓



Progression Options



Colleges of Further Education

- Also known as PLC Courses
- Direct Entry- Application- Interview

Apprenticeships

- Direct Application
- Possible aptitude tests/assessments

Teagasc

- Green Cert

Employment

Opening up New Options



The Leaving Certificate Applied Route Map



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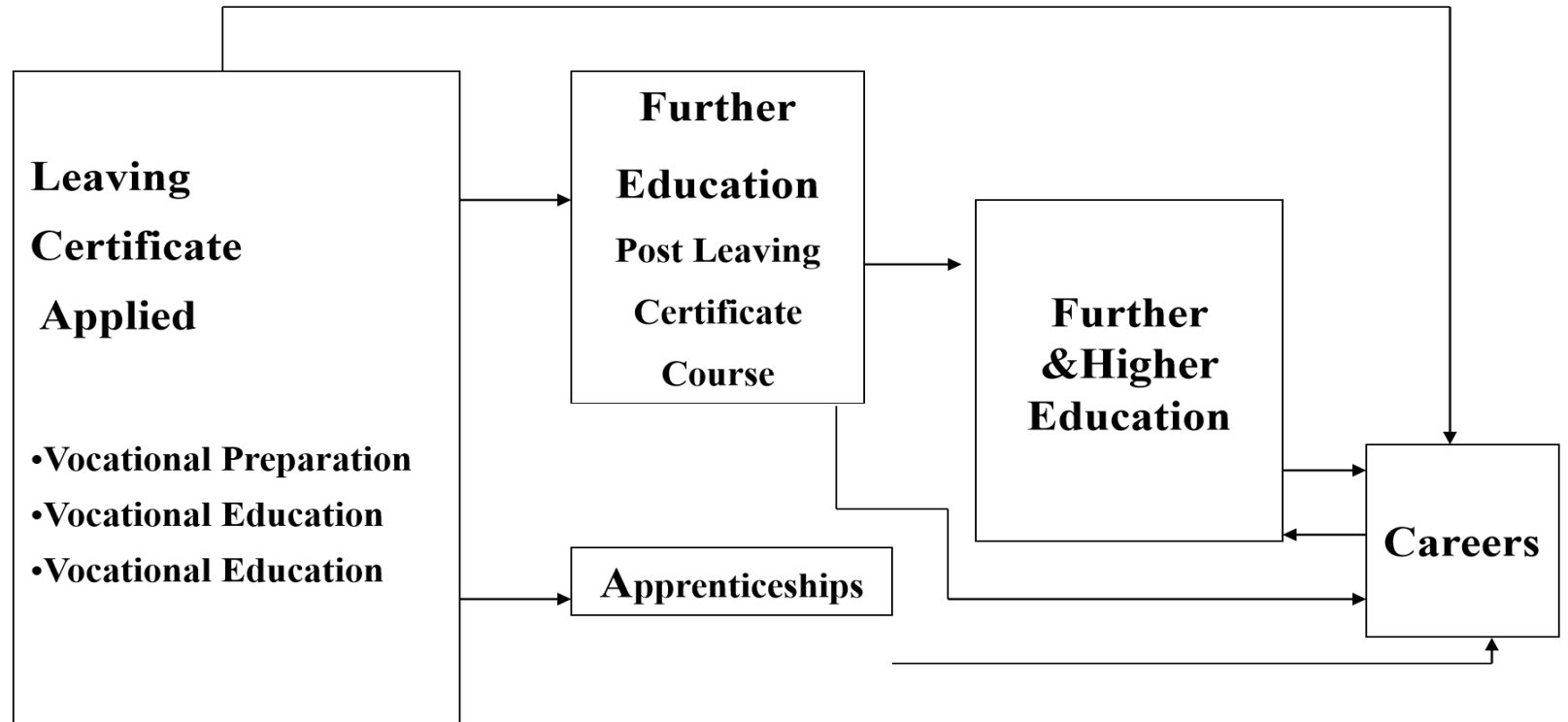
- Vocational Preparation
- Vocational Education
- Vocational Education

**Further
Education
Post Leaving
Certificate
Course**

Apprenticeships

**Further
& Higher
Education**

Careers





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