



## Acronyms used

<b>LCA</b>	Leaving Certificate Applied
<b>LCE</b>	Leaving Certificate Established
<b>LCVP</b>	Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme

## General questions

**Q:** Has the entire LCA programme been revised?

**A:** No. A change was made to the Programme Statement in the form of an addendum to allow students following the LCA programme to study LCE Mathematics and/or a modern foreign language.

**Q:** Does the addendum to the Programme Statement now allow students who are following the LCE or LCVP to study modules from the LCA programme?

**A:** No. On 29 March 2022, the Minister for Education, Norma Foley, TD, announced that in the context of the LCA programme, students' options would be enhanced by providing access to LCE Mathematics and Modern Foreign Languages

**Q:** Where can I access the LCA Programme Statement?

**A:** The updated Programme Statement is available on the Curriculum Online website <https://www.curriculumonline.ie/Senior-Cycle/LCA>



## Mathematics related questions

**Q: Am I required to study both LCE Mathematics and LCA Mathematical Applications?**

**A:** Where you are not required to study both, you can do so if you wish. The addendum gives you two options to access LCE Mathematics:

Option 1: Study LCE Mathematics instead of LCA Mathematical Applications

Option 2: Study LCE Mathematics in addition to the LCA Mathematical Applications

Before making your choice, it would be best to speak to your guidance counsellors, parents/guardian and teachers on what option would work best.

**Q: Will LCA Mathematical Applications still be there for me to study?**

**A:** If you do not want to study LCE Mathematics and want to continue to study LCA Mathematics, it will be still be available for you to study.

**Q: If I decided to study LCE Mathematics, when will I have to do my reflection assignment?**

**A:** The reflection assignment needs to be completed at the end of each session of the LCA programme.

**Q: Is the single reflection assignment summary page published the same for each session?**

**A:** Yes. Where the summary page will stay the same, the areas you reflect on will change depending on the mathematical areas you have engaged with throughout the session.

**Q: Who will help me with my reflection assignment?**

**A:** Your LCE Mathematics teacher will be the best person to help you with your reflection assignment.



**Q:** It says my reflection assignment can be carried out in any format appropriate for capturing my thoughts. What way can I do this?

**A:** The idea is that the reflection task will be a brief, moment in time exercise, that supports you to reflect on:

1. topics you have made progress with and actions you took to help progress,
2. topics that you find challenging and questions you can ask your teacher to help make progress,
3. suitable next steps you can engage with to help you prepare for your next phase of learning.

The reflection can be carried out in any format appropriate for capturing your thoughts. For example:

- in written form, such as a diary entry or written report,
- in digital form, such as a blog, a video or slide presentation,
- in audio form, such as a podcast or a voice-over,
- in interview style.

The above list is only to give you an idea on how to complete the reflection assignment. It would be best to talk to your teacher and agree a format before starting.

**Q:** If for whatever reason it does not work out studying LCE Mathematics, can I go back to study LCE Mathematical Applications?

**A:** Yes. Where this happens, it should be done in consultation with your teachers and parent/guardian.

**Q:** Will I still need to have 90% attendance in the LCE Mathematics to get my credits for my reflection?

**A:** Yes, but other LCA programme or school events will not affect your 90% attendance.



**Q:** Will I have to sit both the LCE Mathematics and LCA Mathematical Applications examinations?

**A:** This will depend on what option you have taken. If you have opted to study LCE Mathematics instead of LCA Mathematical Applications, you do not need to sit the Mathematical Applications exam. If you have opted to study LCE Mathematics in addition to the LCA Mathematical Applications, then you must sit both examinations.

### Modern Foreign Languages related questions

**Q:** Can I study a LCE modern foreign language instead of my LCA modern European language?

**A:** No. You can choose to study a LCE modern foreign language, but this will be in addition to the modern European language as part of your LCA programme. Before making your choice, it would be best to speak to your guidance counsellors, parents/guardian and teachers on what option would work best.

**Q:** Can I study a different language in LCE and LCA? For example, French as part of LCA and Portuguese as part of the LCE?

**A:** Yes, but before making your choice, it would be best to speak to your guidance counsellors, parents/guardian and teachers on what would be required to do this.

**Q:** Can I study the same languages in LCE and LCA?

**A:** Yes, but before making your choice, it would be best to speak to your guidance counsellors, parents/guardian and teachers on what would be required to do this.

**Q:** If I study the same language as part of LCE and the LCA programme, will I have to have to complete orals, aural, and written examinations in both?

**A:** Yes. If you study the same language as part of the LCE and the LCA programme, you will be required to complete all associated assessment work in both.



**Q: Can I study any of the languages as part of the LCE?**

**A:** Yes, but before making your choice, it would be best to speak to your guidance counsellors, parents/guardian and teachers on what would be required to do this.

## Social Education and SPHE

**Q: Will I still have to study Social Education as part of my LCA programme?**

**A:** Yes. There are still four modules as part of the Social Education module that you will be required to study as part of your LCA programme.

**Q: Will I still have to sit an examination in Social Education?**

**A:** If you join year one of the LCA programme in the school year 2026/26 you will not be required to sit an examination in Social Education.

**Q: Will I still have key assignments to do in SPHE if I am following the LCA programme?**

**A:** Yes. There are set key assignments for SPHE. Your teacher will be able to talk you through these. Credits will also be awarded for successful completion of these key assignments.