



Acronyms used

LCA	Leaving Certificate Applied
LCE	Leaving Certificate Established
LCVP	Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme

General questions

Q: Has the entire LCA Programme been revised?

A: No. This addendum modifies and supplements the Programme Statement to enable students following the LCA programme to access LCE Mathematics and/or a Modern Foreign Language only. Where the format and design of the Programme Statement has changed, the only change in the document contents is the addition of the addendum.

Q: Does the addendum to the Programme Statement now allow students who are following the Leaving Certificate Established or Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme to study Leaving Certificate Applied Modules?

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 from September 2022.

Q: Where can I access the addendum to the 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: Are students required to study both LCE Mathematics and LCA Mathematical Applications?

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

Option 1: Study LCE Mathematics instead of LCA Mathematical Applications

Q: Do I still need to include LCA Mathematical Applications on the timetable or do I just timetable Leaving Certificate Established Mathematics?

A: Regardless of the number of students wanting to access LCE Mathematics, if there are students who wish to continue following the LCA programme only, you will be required to timetable LCA Mathematical Applications.

Q: When should the reflection assignment be completed by students?

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

Q: If I am only teaching LCE subjects, how do I know when each of the sessions end?

A: The LCA coordinator will be able to share with you the session dates.

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

A: Yes. Where the summary page will stay the same, the areas the students reflect on will differ depending on the mathematical areas they have engaged with throughout the particular session.



Q: Who is responsible for carrying out the reflection with the student?

A: The LCE Mathematics teacher will be required to complete the reflection assignment with the student. The LCA coordinator will be required to liaise with the LCE Mathematics teacher to capture what credits are to be awarded in line with the school's process for capturing end of session credits.

Q: It says the reflection assignment can be carried out in any format appropriate for capturing the thoughts of the students. What does this look like?

A: The intention of the reflection task is that it will be a brief, moment in time exercise, that supports the student to reflect on:

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

The reflection can be carried out in any format appropriate for capturing the thoughts of the students. 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 not intended to be exhaustive but serves to offer suggestions as to the possible formats in how to student may complete the reflection assignment.

Q: If a student joins a LCE Mathematics class, can they later return to study the LCA Mathematical Applications if for whatever reason?

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



Q: Will the student still be required to have 90% attendance in the LCE Mathematics to be awarded credits for their reflection?

A: Yes but being cognisant of LCA programme and other school calendar events that the student may be required to attend.

Q: Will students be required to sit both the LCE Mathematics and LCA Mathematical Applications examinations?

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

Q: If a student decides to study both LCE Mathematics and LCA Mathematical Applications, are they required to do the key assignments in LCA Mathematical Applications and the reflection assignment in LCA Mathematical Applications?

A: Both the key assignments and reflection assignment are designed to support the student's learning and the decision can be made by the school if a student is to complete both. However, where a student studies both LCE Mathematics and LCA Mathematical Applications, when uploading the credits, it is the credits awarded from the key assignments obtained as part of the LCA Mathematical Applications key assignment that are recorded.

Modern Foreign Languages related questions

Q: Can a student study a LCE modern foreign language instead of their LCA modern European language?

A: No. A student may choose to study a LCE modern foreign language, but this will be in addition to the modern European language as part of their LCA programme.



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

A: Yes, once done so under the parameters of the addendum. **Q:** Can a student study the same languages in LCE and LCA? **A:** Yes, once done so under the parameters of the addendum.

Q: If a student studies the same language as part of LCE and the LCA programme, will they have to have to complete orals, aural, and written examinations in both?

A: Yes. If a student studies the same language as part of the LCE and the LCA programme, they will be required to complete all associated assessment work in both.

Q: Can a student study any of the languages as part of the LCE?

A: Yes, once done so under the parameters of the addendum.

Social Education and SPHE

Q: Is Social Education still to be timetabled as part of the LCA programme?

A: Yes. The LCA Social Education module descriptor has been updated to give guidance how to timetable SPHE and Social Education.

Q: Can students following LCA/LCE/LCVP be timetabled together for SPHE?

A: Where timetabling is a local decision made by schools, there is nothing to prevent this from happening.

Q: Has the examination been discounted for Social Education.

A: For student entering year one of the LCA programme in the school year 2026/26 will not be required to sit an examination in Social Education. Full details of the changes are available in the Social Education module descriptor and the updated LCA Programme Statement.



Q: Will students following the LCA programme still be required to accumulate credits for the participation in SPHE?

A: For students engaging with the senior cycle SPHE specification and following the LCA programme, teachers will continue the practice of recording credits for students. Credits previously awarded for the examination will be redistributed to key assignments in SPHE and the remainder to the Contemporary Issues Task. There will be four credits over the programme awarded to SPHE Key Assignments, two credits at the end of year one and two credits at the end of year two. For the remaining Social Education modules, credits will be awarded in line with non-examinable modules as per the LCA Programme Statement. Further information can be found in the Senior Cycle Social Personal and Health Education (SPHE): Guidelines to support the completion of Key Assignments.